

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, September 9, 1985

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Road Supervisors - Public Works Department.

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health - Continuation of Variance request of Bayview United Methodist Church to construct an on-site sewage disposal system with a reduced vertical separation to impervious soils (Section 12.04.050(3)b of the Skagit County Code).

10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Discussion/Resolution - Establishment of 1986 Solid Waste Disposal Fees.
2. Discussion - Solid Waste Status Report.
3. Discussion - Landfill Operation.
4. Signature - Contract for Professional Services.
5. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Bid Opening - Fir Island Road Project.
2. Bid Opening - Four New Truck Cab/Chassis Units.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - Continuation of Variance request of Bayview United Methodist Church to construct an on-site sewage disposal system with a reduced vertical separation to impervious soils (Section 12.04.050(3)b of the Skagit County Code).

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, reviewed this variance request with the Board. He stated that since the last meeting, he had met with representatives of the church and the Health Department. Mr. Karsh recommended that the applicant be allowed to install the sand filter sewage system in phases, more specifically described as follows:

1. Applicant will submit design from a Skagit County Certified Designer or Professional Engineer for a sand filter on-site sewage system. Design will show that the pump chamber and sand filter components

will be installed separately at a later date but will be compatible with the septic tank and drainfield initially installed.

2. Applicant agrees to complete sand filter system (install pump chamber(s) and sand filter) when average water use exceeds 120 gallons/day or 840 gallons/week. Applicant further agrees to provide water use documentation as requested by Health Officer.
3. Until such time as the system is completed, the applicant agrees to pump out the septic tank as often as necessary to prevent wastewater from entering the drainfield during the months of January, February, March and April. A certified sewage system pumper must provide documentation to the Health Officer that this is being done.
4. Applicant will remove and properly abandon the existing outhouse/pit privy.
5. Applicant will install low flow water use fixtures in church restrooms (1 gallon/flush toilets, automatic shut-offs on sink faucets), high water alarm in septic tank, fiber glass septic tank (or water-proofed concrete tank).

Mr. Karsh stated that both the Health Department and representatives from the church have agreed that the above described approach is a reasonable solution to the request.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the appeal request of the Bayview United Methodist Church to allow a sand filter sewage system to be installed in phases and subject to the aforementioned five conditions. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Carl Landerholm, pastor of the Bayview United Methodist Church, thanked the County for their cooperation in arriving at a reasonable solution to their request.

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John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, updated the Board on the petroleum pipeline leakage in the Conway vicinity. He stated that the Department of Ecology has not yet received results from tests of the private wells in the area; However, testing in the vicinity of the leakage has lead to the assumption that no petroleum has reached the private wells.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Discussion/Resolution - Establishment of 1986 Solid Waste Disposal Fees.

Mayor Jim Rice of Anacortes, Mayor Ray Reep of Mount Vernon, and City Supervisor Stan Kersey of Burlington were present for this discussion.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, reviewed the proposed 1986 fee schedule for solid waste disposal. He recommended the commercial rates be raised from \$10.00 per ton to \$22.80 per ton.

Stan Kersey asked if the 1986 budget was strictly with regard to the landfill with no incineration consideration.

Mr. Sampley concurred that incineration was not included in the budget for 1986.

Mayor Reep asked if the Board expected incineration to proceed in 1986.

Chairman Vaux stated that he expected the incineration operation to be functioning in early 1987 at the earliest.

Discussion followed regarding specifics of the proposed incineration project.

Mr. Sampley also reviewed the increase of demolition and industrial waste fees from \$20.00 per ton to \$30.00 per ton.

Mayor Reep asked how out-of-county contractors could be discouraged from dumping their waste at Skagit County's landfill.

Mr. Sampley stated that the Board recently requested landfill operators request identification from suspicious haulers.

Discussion followed regarding fees for compactor box sites. The Board concurred that there would not be any advantage to raising the rates for compactor box sites to the point where an attendant would need to be present on the site.

The Board concurred with Mr. Sampley's recommendations for increased solid waste rates and thanked Mr. Sampley for his presentation.

2. Discussion - Solid Waste Status Report.

Gene Sampley presented the Board with copies of the Solid Waste Status Report for September. Particular emphasis was given to the status of the Inman Landfill expansion project and the projected life of the existing landfill.

He also reviewed the solid waste incineration project, noting the meeting that the County had with the City of Burlington regarding leachate disposal.

In answer to a question from Mayor Jim Rice of Anacortes, Mr. Sampley explained that the County has contracted with Energy Resource Recovery to make the incineration plant fully operational. At that time, the County will assume ownership.

Mayor Rice also questioned whether the Board has begun an investigation into another landfill site to follow the expanded Inman Landfill site.

Chairman Vaux stated that nothing has been accomplished at this time, but he will be considering the matter.

3. Discussion - Landfill Operation.

Gene Sampley discussed with the Board the alternatives for operation of the new Inman Landfill once conversion takes place. He recommended it might be in the best interest of Skagit County to operate the landfill with day-labor forces. He explained that once the incineration begins, the County hopes to assume all operations of the landfill.

Charlie Tewalt, Superintendent - Operations Division, stated that the County's forces could absorb the extra work.

Chairman Vaux asked Bill Frederick to comment on Skagit Sand and Gravel's interest in operating the landfill for only the next year or so.

Mr. Frederick stated that he could not comment at this time on the matter. However, he noted that their equipment was worn out, and if they were to continue to operate the landfill for one year, new equipment would have to be purchased or leased.

Mr. Sampley noted that Mailand Frank, a partner in Skagit Sand and Gravel, was informed of this scheduled discussion.

Chairman Vaux asked how a County employee could do a better job of protecting the new liner of the landfill than could an experienced operator, such as from Skagit Sand and Gravel.

Mr. Sampley explained that he would rather deal with mistakes made by County forces than try to deal with a contractor.

Mr. Tewalt explained that a compactor would have to be purchased, however, backup equipment is already owned by the County.

Mr. Sampley explained that the landfill closure operations could be handled simultaneously with County forces. He indicated that one alternative might be to rent the contractor's equipment (solid waste compactor) with an operator on a force account basis.

Chairman Vaux requested a cost breakdown using County forces versus contracting with Skagit Sand and Gravel.

4. Signature - Contract for Professional Services.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve a Contract for Professional Services with Hargis Engineers for electrical/mechanical engineering services for the Courthouse restroom remodel project. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$42 per hour, not to exceed \$3,000. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Items.

There were no miscellaneous Public Works Department items at this time.

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Bob Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, reviewed with the Board Commissioners' Resolution #10564, dated July 29, 1985. He noted that this resolution had established a moratorium on the issuance of building permits in the Plat of Shorewood at the request of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services until September 1, 1985, or sooner if a new water system was completed and approved. Since the water system has not been completed, he recommended the moratorium be extended to October 1, 1985.

Vince Hanson, a resident of the Plat of Shorewood, stated that nothing has been done outside of discussions at this time. He hoped a moratorium would be placed on the issuance of building permits in the plat until the system is installed and operating, rather than on a month-by-month basis.

Ruth Kirk, Chairman of the plat's Homeowner's Association, concurred.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to extend the moratorium to October 1, 1985; however, if the water system is not completed and approved by that date, then the Board will place a permanent moratorium on the issuance of building permits in the Plat of Shorewood until such time as the water system is approved. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10592)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Bid Opening - Fir Island Road Project.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on August 13, August 20, and August 27, 1985, and in the Daily Journal of Commerce on August 16, August 23, and August 30, 1985.

The following bids were received:

- a. Lakeside Industries, a joint venture
P.O. Box 729
Anacortes, WA 98221

Bid Bond enclosed.
DB Total: \$ 59,150.00
WBE Total: \$ 17,387.50

Total Bid: \$476,546.60

- b. Associated Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 2037
Everett, WA 98203

Bid Bond enclosed.
DB Total: \$ 65,817.50
WBE Total: \$ 10,707.75

Total Bid: \$459,589.53

The Public Works Department will review the bids and make a recommendation for award of bid at a later date.

2. Bid Opening - Four New Truck Cab/Chassis Units.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on August 20, and August 27, 1985.

The following bids were received:

- a. Motor Trucks, Inc.
1684 Henson Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Bid deposit enclosed.
Manufacturer: International Harvester
Model Year: 1986
Model: F-2674
Total Cost: \$248,920.52
- b. Western Peterbilt Truck Co., Inc.
3707 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA 98134

Bid deposit enclosed:
Manufacturer: Peterbilt
Model Year: 1986
Model: 359(F)
Total Cost: \$255,416.00
- c. Vern Sims Ford, Inc.
116 W. Ferry
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Bid deposit enclosed.
Manufacturer: Ford
Model Year: 1986
Model: LTS-9000
Total Cost: \$233,387.33
- d. Gearhart Ford
P.O. Box 370
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Bid deposit enclosed.
Manufacturer: Ford
Model Year: 1986
Model: LTS 9000
Total Cost: \$246,111.59

The Public Works Department will review the bids and make a recommendation for award of bid at a later date.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Bob Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, informed the Board that a property owner wants to donate to the County for park purposes a 3-acre parcel in a plat west of Rockport State Park. Mr. Schofield read a memo from Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, in which he recommended the Board refuse the land, as it would be costly to maintain. Mr. Schofield concurred with this recommendation.

Commissioner Walberg asked if the County could accept the property with no strings attached, and then sell it to an adjacent property owner.

Bob Schofield stated that he thought this would be possible. He will contact the adjacent property owner to determine if he would be interested in purchasing the property.

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution re-appointing Betty Norton, 1571 McLean Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to another four-year term on the Planning Commission effective August 29, 1985, and expiring August 28, 1989. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10593)
3. Chairman Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Bill Thrumer, 1543 Peterson Road, Burlington, Washington 98233, to a four-year term on the Planning Commission effective September 9, 1985, and expiring September 8, 1989. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10594)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Jerry Digerness, c/o David James Realty, 1010 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to the Tourism Task Force effective September 9, 1985, and expiring December 31, 1986. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10595)
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Frances Selix, 407 Kenkirk Place, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$26.62, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (Petition #002785)
6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Rainier Financial Services Co., A/O First Free Methodist Church, Box C 34040, Seattle, WA 98124, in the amount of \$215.23, because


the property is exempt per the Department of Revenue. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (Petition #002285)

7. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Kenneth Wong, et al, c/o H. Jung, 3060 E. 14th, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, in the amount of \$285.47, due to reduced valuation by the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (Petition #002685)
8. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with James Consulting Services for Phase 2 of the personnel study. The charges for Phase 2 will not exceed \$6,000.

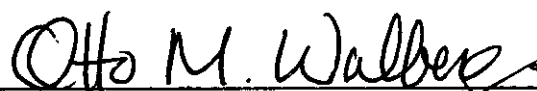
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux, Chairman




Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jerry McInturff
Skagit County Auditor and Ex-
Officio Clerk of the Board of
Commissioners