

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 17, 1985

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Discussion - Assessor's Office Mapping Project - Paul Mahoney, County Assessor.
- 9:30 a.m. Proclamation - Skagit County Housing Week - October 6 through 13, 1985 - Brian McGuiness, Executive Officer, SICBA.
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - State Centennial Planning for Skagit County - Dick Fallis.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Bid Award - Aluminum Sulfate Lake Restoration Project.
 2. Submittal of Preliminary 1986 Road Construction Program.
 3. Update - C.R.P. - Fir Island Road.
 4. Resolution - Road Closure Upper Blanchard Road.
 5. Signature - Rock Agreement Dike District #12.
 6. Signature - Project Agreement Drainage District #19.
 7. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Authorization.
 8. Discussion - Fire Marshal Activities.
 9. Discussion - Ferry Toll Rates.
 10. Discussion - Surplus County Property/Tax Title Property.
 11. New Sheriff's Office - Schematic Design Review.
 12. Miscellaneous items.
- 2:00 p.m. Discussion - Nuclear Free Zone - Leif Burkland.
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion - County Microfilming - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE MAPPING PROJECT - Paul Mahoney, County Assessor.

Paul Mahoney described their proposed three-year project to redraw the Assessor's plat maps using one contract person to coordinate and oversee the work (\$27,000) and two part-time employees through the Washington State Service Corps to draw the maps (\$9,000). The total estimated cost for the entire project including materials is \$40,000. Mr. Mahoney suggested this project be funded with Revenue Sharing funds.

Bob Lee, Chief Deputy Assessor, explained that the proposed project would include a realignment of the account numbers.

Chairman Vaux stated that at the present time he understood the need for the project, however, Revenue Sharing funds have not even been approved yet for Skagit County. He also felt the Board should make a decision following the receipt and prioritization of all Revenue Sharing fund requests. Chairman Vaux felt most requests would be submitted by early October.

Chairman Vaux also suggested several alternative programs which could provide assistance: Private Industry Council and Vietnam Veterans Program.

PROCLAMATION - SKAGIT COUNTY HOUSING WEEK - OCTOBER 6 THROUGH 13, 1985 - Brian McGuinness, Executive Officer, SICBA.

Brian McGuinness introduced Joseph Souza, President of the Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association. Mr. McGuinness stated that this proclamation would give recognition to the builders for their efforts to provide decent affordable housing to Americans.

Chairman Vaux read the Proclamation designating the week of October 6 through 13, 1985, as Skagit County Housing Week.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution increasing the immunization fees for the Health Department to \$4.00 plus cost of vaccine to the nearest even dollar amount higher than cost per dose of the vaccine. (Resolution #10600)
2. The Board approved for signature a letter to Jack Hulsey, thanking him for volunteering his time to serve on the Planning Commission.

3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Gerhard Meyer, 3840 Pioneer Lane, Concrete, Washington 98237, to the Tourism Task Force, effective September 16, 1985, and expiring December 31, 1986. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10601)
4. The Board approved for signature an agreement with Mount Vernon School District #320 for rental of LaVenture Gym for basketball and volleyball leagues on Mondays and Wednesdays from September 23, through December 31, 1985, at the rate of \$50 per day.
5. The Board approved for signature an agreement with Mount Vernon School District #320 for rental of LaVenture Gym for the Turkey Days Recreational Basketball Tournament on November 30, and December 1, 1985, for the total cost of \$200.
6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 3, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, September 9, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
8. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 10, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
9. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #5832 through #6155 in the amount of \$477,765.12. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (C-44)

DISCUSSION - STATE CENTENNIAL PLANNING FOR SKAGIT COUNTY - Dick Fallis.

Dick Fallis informed the Board that 1989 will be Washington State's 100th anniversary. The State will be distributing \$1.5 million among counties in Washington to fund the centennial promotion and celebration.

On October 29, 1985, the State Centennial Committee will be meeting in La Conner.

Mr. Fallis urged the Board to consider further participation at this time in the centennial planning. He requested permission to set up a committee for the County's participation, and suggested he bring before the Board near October 1, 1985, a proposal for this participation. He stressed the importance of developing a list of Skagit County's memorials and historic

sites. He also noted the economic and cultural rewards of keeping up with the community's history.

The Board expressed an interest in Mr. Fallis' proposal, and requested he return before the Board in early October to make a detailed presentation.

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Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #38568 through #38613 in the amount of \$14,528.94. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-35)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Bid Award - Aluminum Sulfate Lake Restoration Project.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of chemicals for the Lake Erie and Lake Campbell restoration project to Allied Corporation, who submitted the low bid of \$54,544.58. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Planning Department. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10602)

Betsy Dwire, Senior Planner of the Department of Planning and Community Development, stated that application of the chemical is expected to begin Monday, September 23, 1985.

2. Submittal of Preliminary 1986 Road Construction Program.

Jay Ensley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Preliminary 1986 Road Program along with the Maintenance Program and the Equipment Replacement Program. Additional review and discussion will follow in work sessions and the budget review process with the Board. It was noted that it will be necessary to finalize the program and officially adopt it prior to the adoption of the final road budget.

3. Update - C.R.P. - Fir Island Road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution updating the Fir Island Road C.R.P. (County Road Project) to include construction costs. The total amount appropriated for this project is \$564,000. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10603)

4. Resolution - Road Closure Upper Blanchard Road.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, explained the project which would involve installation of a 48-inch culvert.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the closure of Blanchard Road at Colony Creek from approximately October 1, through October 3, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10604)

5. Signature - Rock Agreement Dike District #12.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, stated that Dike District #12 has requested the County's participation in the cost of rock rip rap for an expanded stream bank protection project on the Skagit River near Avon.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the rock rip rap for the expanded project, with the County's cost share participation being 75 percent of the estimated cost of the rock. All other costs will be borne by Dike District #12. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10605)

Discussion followed regarding possible future sites for rock rip rap.

6. Signature - Project Agreement Drainage District #19.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, explained that Drainage District #19 has requested that Skagit County perform the construction work for a pump station and trash rack at Indian Slough, with all costs for the estimated \$84,200 project to be reimbursed to the County by Drainage District #19.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing Skagit County to perform the construction work as described above, on a 100 percent reimbursable basis. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10606)

7. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Authorization.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the following out-of-state travel authorizations: (1) Dan Cain, Deputy Fire Marshal, to attend an Emergency Management workshop in Bend, Oregon, on September 24 and 25, 1985; and (2) Tom Sheahan, Director of the Department of Emergency Management, to attend an Emergency Management directors conference to be held at the same location on

September 26, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Discussion - Fire Marshal Activities.

Dan Cain, Deputy Fire Marshal, initiated discussion of the following items:

- a. A discussion was held regarding the Town of La Conner's request for Skagit County to provide Fire Marshal services. The Board agreed that due to staffing limitations and budget restraints, it would not be feasible at this time.

Commissioner Vaux indicated that he would talk to Mayor Lam in that regard.

- b. A discussion was held regarding the Uniform Fire Code's regulations for fire hydrants and fire flow. Dan Cain will provide additional research to continue this discussion at a later date.

9. Discussion - Ferry Toll Rates.

This item was postponed until next week.

10. Discussion - Surplus County Property/Tax Title Property.

Jay Ensley updated the Board on the status of the study of County property and submitted a list of approximately 50 parcels representing approximately 550 acres which the Public Works Department felt the County could dispose of.

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, expressed interest in several parcels. He presented the possibility of trading some parcels with the Department of Natural Resources or timber companies for property that would be desirable as County parks.

Ruth Wylie, Skagit County Treasurer, explained the processes used to sell surplus County property and tax title property.

Chairman Vaux requested that Mike Loyd, of the Public Works Department, prepare and submit a group of parcels weekly for the Board's consideration and determination as to the disposal of the property.

The Board also felt the best method of disposal would be in lots of approximately 10 parcels.

11. New Sheriff's Office - Schematic Design Review.

Roger Howard, Section Manager - Facilities, Gary Frazier, Undersheriff, and John Cheney, architect for the project, were present for this discussion.

Roger Howard reviewed with the Board the status of the Sheriff's Office project. He presented a schematic drawing and preliminary estimate of the space requirements based on the programming phase of the project. He noted that the project as presented can be built within the budget identified, and it also meets all identified needs. Mr. Howard stated that they hope to have the facility open in early 1987.

Discussion followed regarding spending money at this time on the new evidence storage area rather than spending additional funds on the maintenance of the Blade Building.

Mr. Howard will evaluate this situation further.

John Cheney stated that the hidden benefit to the demolition costs necessary is that the floodplain has been lowered since construction of the jail.

The Board thanked everyone for the presentation.

12. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. The Board approved for signature a contract with Associated Sand and Gravel Company, Inc., for paving the Fir Island Road.
- b. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with Pool Engineering, Inc., to provide engineering consulting services to evaluate leachate and septage disposal alternatives for Skagit County.
- c. Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, reviewed with the Board a draft drainage agreement and easement for improving drainage in the vicinity of Chilberg Road at the North Fork Bridge. He reviewed with the Board the concerns which John Moffat, of the Prosecutor's Office, had with regard to the hold harmless clauses and the possibility of third party claims.

The Board agreed with the content and intent of the easement and agreement, and directed the Public Works Department to proceed with obtaining the necessary signatures to accomplish the work.

DISCUSSION - NUCLEAR FREE ZONE - Leif Burkland.

Leif Burkland, a member of Skagit Citizens United for a Strong America, requested the Board place an advisory vote on the ballot as follows:

Designating Skagit County as a staunch defender of the freedoms of our great nation -- and mandating an ordinance prohibiting all actions -- public and private -- that give aid and comfort to our enemy, and/or interfere with interstate commerce, and/or the provisions of common defense and the protection against invasion as guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Burkland presented petitions containing 900 signatures of voters who support the advisory vote on the ballot.

Chairman Vaux noted that all issues must be submitted to the Auditor by 4:30 p.m., September 20, 1985, in order to be on the November ballot.

Commissioner Walberg asked Mr. Burkland to define "aid and comfort to our enemy."

Mr. Burkland stated that anything which restricts nuclear defense, including the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Ordinance, would be considered "aid and comfort."

Chairman Vaux suggested Mr. Burkland contact the Prosecutor regarding the wording of the issue on the ballot.

Barbara Evans Cram, of La Conner, read a statement which accompanied the petition. She felt the statement was inflammatory and misleading.

Chairman Vaux suggested the Board consider the matter for several days. Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer concurred. The Board will reconvene at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 1985, to make a decision.

Bob McCauley, of Oak Harbor, stated that the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Ordinance is waving a white flag of surrender to the Soviet Union.

Grace Hubbard, of La Conner, pointed out that aiding the enemy, interfering with interstate commerce and interfering with the defense of our country are all against the law anyway, so we don't need an ordinance to state that.

Chairman Vaux announced that this discussion will be continued at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 1985.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Betsy Dwire, Senior Planner, explained the Coastal Barrier Resource Program which may be amended to include areas of the West Coast. If implemented on the West Coast, this program would eliminate federally backed loans and insurance for land development, and federal funds for utilities, such as roads, sewer systems, etc., in these designated coastal areas. Ms. Dwire stated that the intent may be good, but some of the areas designated for the program were poorly chosen.

Steve Wood, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, noted that Skagit County already has very stringent restrictions in these areas of concern.

Chairman Vaux motioned to authorize Ms. Dwire and Mr. Wood to prepare a letter to various agencies for the Board's signature, expressing the Board's opinion that Skagit County does not need the Coastal Barrier Resource Program to protect coastal areas in Skagit County. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY MICROFILMING - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen stated that she needed direction from the Board regarding the microfilming project. She noted that the Auditor's Office needs a 35 millimeter camera, while the Clerk's Office will need a 16 millimeter camera. She also presumed the Board wished to pursue a Request for Proposals using roll film, rather than microfiche. She noted that she has not prepared a budget for the microfilming project at this time.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, stated that a starting point needs to be determined for the project. He suggested the project use roll film, and begin microfilming around 1960, proceeding forward filming closed files only.

Discussion followed regarding the specifics of a new Request for Proposals. The Board authorized advertisement of a Request for Proposals for labor and equipment necessary for the project, with an alternative bid for equipment only.

Ms. Coole-McKeehen recommended the Board request bids on a per image basis.

The Board instructed Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, to prepare the next Request for Proposals, with assistance from Ms. Coole-McKeehen.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, presented an amendment to the Jail Facility Use Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Mount Vernon. He explained that this would amend the fee section and also include an indemnification clause. If approved, effective January 1, 1985, the City of Mount Vernon's fees would be reduced from \$65,000 for one-half year to \$78,000 for the entire year.

Commissioner Walberg objected to the City's lack of payment all year in hopes the County would reduce the fees. He felt the amendment should not be retroactive to January 1, 1985.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that if the County didn't offer a solution, the City would house their prisoners in a neighboring county. He pointed out that it costs just as much to operate the County's jail with few prisoners as it does with more prisoners, so it is to the County's advantage to house prisoners from the cities. Mr. Woodmansee felt this was a fair amendment, but he stated that it was unfortunate it took so long to finalize.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the amendment to the Jail Facility Use Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

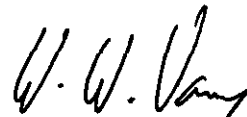
2. The Board approved for signature Agreement #1 between Skagit County and Skagit Council on Aging for transportation services to handicapped citizens of Skagit County during the period from October 1, 1985, through December 31, 1986. The County will pay \$18,000 during the period in which this agreement is in effect.
3. The Board approved for signature Agreement #2 between Skagit County and Skagit Council on Aging (SCOA), which conveys to SCOA the use of the County-owned 1985 El Dorado MST 24-passenger bus, for the period beginning October 1, 1985, and ending December 31, 1986.

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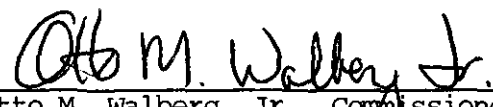
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer 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