

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 30, 1985

Flag Salute

- 9:30 a.m. Washington State Centennial Planning Commission Planning Meeting - Jean Gardner, Co-Chairperson.
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion - County-wide Safety Belt Incentive Program - Jeanette Wood, Project Coordinator.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 30, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

WASHINGTON STATE CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMISSION PLANNING MEETING - Jean Gardner, Co-Chairperson.

Chairman Vaux welcomed Jean Gardner, Representative Pat McMullen, and all those present to the courthouse and Skagit County.

Dick Fallis gave a brief introduction and then introduced Jean Gardner, Chairperson of the Local Celebrations Committee.

Mrs. Gardner informed the Board that her role is to travel to various counties in Washington to encourage their participation in the Washington State Centennial in 1989. She explained the five committees which comprise the Planning Commission:

1. Maritime Committee is working to bring tall ships to the Washington Coast and Columbia River.
2. Lasting Legacy Committee is working on the publication of a history volume and song book.
3. Games Committee is working to institute annual State games.
4. Pacific Celebration Committee is working to attract flag ships and to emphasize cultural exchange and interstate trade.
5. Local Celebrations Committee is chaired by Mrs. Gardner and is working to include community celebrations in the centennial.

Mr. Fallis explained that he hopes to involve many young people in this celebration. He also hopes to assist with a project to inventory designated memorials in Skagit County.

Also present for this discussion, among others, were Tommy Clark of Skagit Valley College; Jane McCurdy, Program Coordinator of the Centennial Commission; and Larry Ashby, who presold the publication entitled "Walking Tour of Historic Mount Vernon."

Mrs. Gardner urged Mr. Fallis to attend the Local Centennial Celebrations Workshop scheduled for November 12, 1985, in Olympia.

Mr. Fallis stated that a contract between Skagit County and the State had been submitted, and a resolution regarding the County's participation in the State Centennial will follow shortly.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this discussion.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY-WIDE SAFETY BELT INCENTIVE PROGRAM - Jeanette Wood, Project Coordinator.

Chairman Vaux thanked the many city officials and interested citizens for attending this discussion, and introduced Jeanette Wood, Project Coordinator.

Mrs. Wood explained that the two-year Model Community Safety Belt Program was nearing its finish, and one final county-wide incentive program has been proposed in an effort to increase safety belt usership in Skagit County to 30 percent. She suggested that this incentive program could take place over a three-week period beginning November 12, and ending December 2, 1985. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be conducting a national campaign during their All American Buckle Up Week, November 24, through November 30, 1985. She explained that the national campaign would consist of television and radio public service announcements. Mrs. Wood outlined several program ideas for community participation, such as pledge cards, a jingle contest, instant winners, and free safety belt installation.

Discussion followed regarding the length of the campaign. Those present concurred with the Board that a shorter campaign would provide a greater impact. It was agreed that the countywide campaign will run from November 20, until November 30, 1985.

Discussion also followed regarding various ideas for grabbing the public's attention. It was decided that all communities will participate in similar programs throughout this campaign. Some programs endorsed during this discussion included:

1. Radio public service announcements possibly using public officials, children, and/or testimony of a traffic accident survivor who used safety belts.
2. Official proclamations by Skagit County and participating cities with regard to the benefits of safety belts. Participating cities may also choose to adopt the policy currently in place by Skagit County, where all city (County) employees will be required to wear safety belts when in city (County) vehicles.
3. "Instant winners" through road observations. Cars would be randomly checked for usership and those buckled in would receive prizes, such as a burger coupon at McDonald's.
4. Coloring contest for ages 0 through Grade 6 and poster contest for Grades 7 through 12. Each community will promote their own coloring/poster contest. Each community's mayor and police chief can judge the contests and then the Commissioners will choose final winners from the semi-finalists chosen in each community.

Dr. Paul Williams recommended on-going community programs beyond the end of this program to reinforce the need to wear safety belts.

The Board thanked everyone for their participation in this discussion. Mrs. Wood will send a letter to each community outlining the programs to be used during this final campaign. Additional discussions will follow in the next several weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.
 - a. As of this date, October 30, 1985, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Vouchers #0245 through #0267 (Warrants #3501 through #3870) in the total amount of \$490,625.51. (P-10)
 - b. As of this date, October 30, 1985, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those manual warrants in the above-mentioned

list and further described as follows: Warrants #7612 through #7613 in the total amount of \$50,388.13. (C-52)

2. The Board approved for signature Amendment #2 to Teamsters Local #788, Sheriff's Employees 1985-87 Collective Bargaining Agreement, which amends the titles of two employees to what they were prior to the personnel study.
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Apostolic Assembly of Faith, c/o Ernest D. Martinez, Pastor, 1806 Sandalwood, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$669.07, due to an exemption. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#005885)
4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Jack M. Lee, c/o Betty Bray, 1404 26th Street, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$304.76, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#006585)

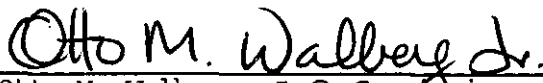
ADJOURNMENT

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

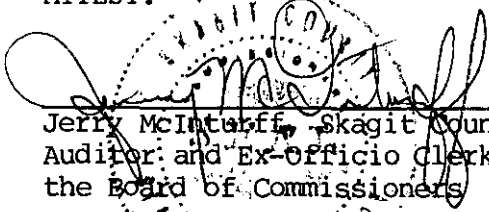


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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

