

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 4, 1985

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9:00 a.m. Discussion - 1986 Budget - Health Department.

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

1. Discussion - Courthouse Fuel Facilities.
2. Resolution - C.R.P. Breakwater Guemes Ferry Dock.
3. Signature - Recycling Inman Landfill Contract Agreement.
4. Report - Solid Waste Update.
5. Report - Flood Damage.
6. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Discussion - Humane Society Funding - Marie Moore.

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2:30 p.m. Presentation to Betty Evans, Extension Home Economist.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - 1986 BUDGET - HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Dr. J. K. Neils, Health Officer, explained several Health Department budget areas which he felt could not be reduced to the extent requested by the Board. Areas discussed included immunizations, travel, education, and staff reduction. Dr. Neils pleaded with the Board to reconsider the staff reductions proposed by the Board, and suggested possible reclassification or another means of reduction to retain these two employees.

Dr. Neils also requested the Board's review of a proposal letter he submitted earlier regarding the Board's intention to contract out for Health Department physician services.

Carolyn Milat, Director of Nursing Services, concurred with Dr. Neils regarding staff reductions. She felt such action would deteriorate staff moral and discourage people from seeking long term County employment.

The Board continued this discussion until 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 1985.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, October 28, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, October 29, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, October 30, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with the City of Sedro Woolley for the County's provision of planning services on an as needed basis. The County will be compensated at the rate of \$15 per hour, and this contract shall be in effect from November 1, 1985, through December 31, 1986, or until sooner terminated.
5. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with the City of Burlington for the County's provision of planning services on an as needed basis. The County will be compensated at the rate of \$15 per hour, and this contract shall be in effect from October 1, 1985, through December 31, 1986, or until sooner terminated.
6. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with Gary Baker, of Concurrent Business Systems, Inc., 818 Fourth Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221, for services consisting of research and analysis pertaining to Computer Aided Design (CAD) and mapping for an Assessor's Office project. This contract shall be in effect November 4, through November 14, 1985, and compensation will be at the rate of \$45 per hour to a maximum of 40 hours total.
7. The Board approved for signature an amendment to Agreement #2 between Skagit County and Skagit Council on Aging (SCOA) for use of the 24-passenger bus recently acquired. This amendment includes the Washington State Department of Transportation as an additional insured on the insurance policy, as requested.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Discussion - Courthouse Fuel Facilities.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, recommended the relocation of the gas pump (presently located in the courtyard) be included as an alternate bid in the construction of the Sheriff's Office facility. He noted that if money was not available for this relocation, then it could be paid for out of the Equipment Rental Fund, with the cost recovered through a few cents per gallon surcharge.

The Board agreed with Mr. Sampley's recommendation, and authorized the inclusion of the relocation of the gas pump as an alternate bid.

2. Resolution - C.R.P. Breakwater Guemes Ferry Dock.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing preliminary engineering funds (\$10,000) for the design work to extend the existing breakwater approximately 95 feet north to the inner harbor line. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10636)

3. Signature - Recycling Inman Landfill Contract Agreement.

In view of insurance problems the contractor is having with this matter, the contract agreement was not signed at this time.

4. Report - Solid Waste Update.

Gene Sampley updated the Board on several aspects of the solid waste program. He informed the Board that County crews began operations at the landfill Friday. Weather has caused a slight set back in the starting date for the expanded landfill.

Bob Bingham, of R. W. Beck, reviewed a schedule for their final findings and report on the incineration project. He suggested a meeting be held with the Board to answer and discuss all questions they might have received from constituents.

5. Report - Flood Damage.

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, reported to the Board on flooding activities from one week ago. He also gave a report on the mudslide which occurred on Friday, November 1, 1985, at Cascade River Park near Marblemount. He described the rescue efforts which took place to locate one survivor and three who died in the slide.

The Board thanked Mr. Sheahan for his efforts in the search and his presentation.

6. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. The Board approved for signature a Quit Claim Deed for a boundary adjustment between Skagit County and Island View Farms.
- b. The Board approved for signature Supplemental Agreement #2 between Skagit County and Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates, Inc., for the design modification to raise the vertical clearance on the La Conner Rainbow Bridge to 16 feet.

DISCUSSION - HUMANE SOCIETY FUNDING - Marie Moore.

Marie Moore, Director of the Skagit County Humane Society, and Leona Newman, Manager of the Humane Society Thrift Shop, were present for this discussion.

Ms. Moore stated that the Humane Society is tending to the needs of more animals than ever before. Expenses are increasing, including insurance expenses. Additionally, Ms. Moore is being called on to pick up the abandoned animals in the community. She emphasized the need for a County Humane Officer to answer calls in Skagit County.

Chairman Vaux stated that the Commissioners have proposed to contribute \$5,300 for 1986 to the Humane Society. This is the same amount as was budgeted for 1984 and 1985.

Ms. Newman stated that the expenses for the Humane Society average between \$9,000 and \$10,000 per month, with the Thrift Shop contributing approximately one-third of the income. The Thrift Shop is in need of more space so they could sell larger items to bring in additional money. She noted that volunteers are fewer these days than ever before, so the Humane Society has a payroll just to keep things operating. She also emphasized the need for a County Humane Officer.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, stated that in a previous conversation, Ms. Moore had requested approximately \$10,000 from the County for 1986.

The Board explained that they wished more money was available this year, but it doesn't appear to be. They thanked Ms. Moore and Ms. Newman for attending

this discussion and their work for the Humane Society.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

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.

As of this date, November 4, 1985, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Voucher #38896 (Warrant #38896) in the total amount of \$78,645.41. (R-42)

2. The Board approved a comprehensive plan phone survey to be conducted by Western Washington University students for the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department. The cost of this survey will be \$200 plus \$0.15 per mile for travel, and the survey will attempt to determine the public's awareness and opinions with regard to parks.
3. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Community Homewell, Inc., 922 South Third Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for the provision of foot care services to senior citizens. This contract shall be in effect September 1, 1985, through August 31, 1986, or until sooner terminated, and the contractor shall be compensated at the rate of \$7 per appointment paid by the participator to Community Homewell, Inc.
4. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, informed the Board that he will be in Olympia Thursday, November 7, 1985, regarding a grant application for the Clear Lake Swimming Beach project.

PRESENTATION TO BETTY EVANS, EXTENSION HOME ECONOMIST.

Many of Betty Evans' co-workers were present for this commendation. Marvin Jarmin stated that his office will miss Ms. Evans.

The Board presented Ms. Evans with a Certificate of Commendation for over 20 years of public service at Skagit County. The Commissioners extended their appreciation for her past service, and noted that she will surely be missed in the Extension Office.

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Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution reappointing Eugene Werth, 846 South Garl, Burlington, Washington 98233, to the Skagit County Housing Authority effective October 23, 1985, said term expiring October 22, 1990. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10637)

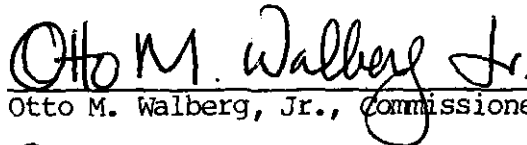
ADJOURNMENT

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

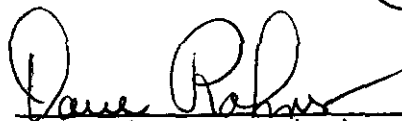
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:


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