

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, November 7, 1985

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Discussion - 1986 Budget - Auditor.

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Safety Belt Incentive Program.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 7, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - 1986 BUDGET - AUDITOR.

Chairman Vaux stated that the Board has agreed to grant several minor line item changes as previously requested by Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor. However, after considerable discussion, the Board still feels that the Auditor's Office can operate without the Chief Deputy Auditor position and one Office Assistant III position.

Mr. McInturff stated that if the Board insists on the two staff reductions, then the following points come to mind:

1. The taxpayers expect and deserve a certain level of service.
2. He is concerned with the integrity of the electoral process.
3. An additional burden will be placed on Mr. McInturff if the Chief Deputy Auditor's position is deleted.

Mr. McInturff reaffirmed his request to retain the Chief Deputy Auditor position and also retain the Office Assistant III position until one Office Assistant III retires at the end of June, 1986. He objected to the Board's decision to reduce his staff. He felt the decision of where reductions should be made should be his decision.

In answer to a question from the Board, Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, stated that he felt the Board's proposition was still appropriate.

Paul Mahoney, Skagit County Assessor, believed elected officials should have the opportunity to make the necessary reductions where they will see the least adverse effect.

Ruth Wylie, Skagit County Treasurer, believed all elected offices should have a person who is second in command, should something happen to the elected official.

The Board thanked Mr. McInturff for his additional input, however, the Board had no change in their decision at this time.

DISCUSSION - SAFETY BELT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Jeanette Wood, Project Coordinator of the Model Community Safety Belt Program, presented packets of information containing the following to those in attendance:

1. Sample proclamation for Skagit County and the various cities to use in acknowledging November 20 through 30, 1985, as the All Skagit Buckle Up campaign.
2. Sample resolution which can be adopted by the various cities to establish a policy requiring all city employees to wear safety belts when driving or riding in city vehicles. Skagit County has had such a policy since November, 1981.
3. Information, rules and suggested judging guidelines for the coloring contest and poster contest.

Following is a timeline which was developed for the coloring/poster contest:

November 12 through 15:	Distribute information to students.
November 18:	Signing of proclamation by Skagit County and cities.
November 22:	Deadline for receipt of contest entries.
November 26:	Completion of local judging.
November 27:	Skagit County will receive local first prize entries for grand prize judging.
November 29:	Press release with grand prize winners.

Following are the age groups for the coloring contest:

5 years and under  
1st and 2nd grades  
3rd and 4th grades  
5th and 6th grades

Following are the age groups for the poster contest:

7th and 8th grades  
9th and 10th grades  
11th and 12th grades  
Skagit Valley College students

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Entries for local judging should be sent to the mayor's offices of the following communities: Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, La Conner, Mount Vernon and Sedro Woolley. Skagit Valley College entries will be judged by the Mount Vernon judges. Entries will be judged in the local communities and first place winners will be entered in a grand prize county contest to be judged by the Commissioners.

Following additional discussion, it was decided that the local communities will sponsor the prizes, while the newspapers will sponsor through appropriate press releases. The local communities will contribute hotel/motel tax monies, and Skagit County will also contribute funds as needed to obtain the following prizes for each community's seven (eight in Mount Vernon) age groups:

First Prize:	\$15.00 cash
Second Prize:	\$10.00 cash
Third Prize:	\$ 5.00 cash

The grand prize winner from each age group (county-wide) will be presented with a certificate of recognition signed by the Commissioners, will be treated to lunch with the Commissioners, and will be escorted to the ceremony and lunch and then returned by the local police departments. Grand prize entries will be displayed in the rotunda of the County Administration Building, while local communities can display their entries in windows of local merchants.

Stu Black, of KBRC Radio, stated that KBRC will be the clearinghouse for taping and distribution of public service announcements during this campaign. Public officials will be contacted by Don Wick, of KBRC, to make the public service announcements.

Ms. Wood also stated that the Mount Vernon McDonald's has agreed to contribute 200 drink coupons to be given as "instant winners" to people found wearing their safety belts. Ms. Wood has many other incentives, such as pencils, litter bags, booklets, etc., which can also be distributed. The Sedro Woolley Police Department is especially interested in distributing the McDonald's coupons through road observations. Ms. Wood is checking with the Anacortes McDonald's to see if they would be interested also.

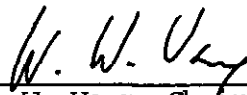
The Board thanked everyone for their participation with this discussion and the campaign ahead. Ms. Wood will be corresponding with each community with follow-up information.

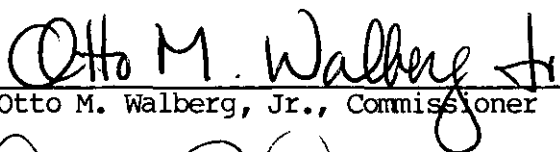
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ADJOURNMENT


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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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

  
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

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