

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 18, 1985

Flag Salute

9:30 a.m. Discussion - Guemes Ferry Rates - Ferry Committee.

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

1. Discussion - Design/Development Sheriff's Office.
2. Discussion - Surplus Property.
3. Signature - Landfill Recycling Agreement.
4. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:30 a.m. All Skagit Buckle Up Kickoff.

2:00 p.m. Work Session - 1986 Road Program.

3:00 p.m. Work Session - Parks Planning.

4:00 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing - Consideration of Need to Revise the Health Department Schedule of Charges.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

Prior to a discussion of the Guemes ferry rates, Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department introduced Steve Hendrickson, of Skagit River Steel and Supply, Inc. Mr. Hendrickson answered several questions from the Board regarding the recycling to be done at the Inman Landfill.

The Board approved for signature the contract between Skagit County and Skagit River Steel and Supply, Inc., for recycling at the Inman Landfill. This contract shall be in effect November 1, 1985, through October 31, 1986, with the County's option to renew the contract. The contractor has paid the sum of \$12 for this contract.

DISCUSSION - GUEMES FERRY RATES - Ferry Committee.

Gene Sampley informed the Board that the discussion with the Guemes Ferry Committee was postponed. However, Mr. Sampley explained the concept and the conversion from gross vehicle weight to length of vehicle for commercial vehicles. A special fee of \$22 would be charged for logging trucks. Mr.

Sampley stated that he felt this proposal would approximate the annual revenue which has been received.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the following miscellaneous Public Works Department items:

1. The Board approved the emergency rock rip-rap on the Skagit River adjacent to the Utopia Road. This project will involve the removal of alder trees, sloping of the bank, and placement of approximately 1,000 cubic yards of rip-rap, at a total cost of approximately \$10,000. Possible funding assistance through the Corps of Engineers is anticipated. An emergency resolution will be drafted and presented to the Board on November 25, 1985.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the repair of flood damage to an existing rock rip-rap on Lot 14, Plat of Shangri-La. This work, estimated to cost \$600, will be a part of the maintenance work of the Shangri-La Sub-Flood Control Zone. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10646)
3. Mr. Sampley discussed with the Board the issue of non-cash fringe benefits for those individuals who are taking home assigned County vehicles. Mr. Sampley explained it was his feeling that the benefit was to the County rather than to the individual for purposes of emergency response, and that the individual should be exempted from these income taxes.

The Board concurred with Mr. Sampley's assessment.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Discussion - Design/Development Sheriff's Office.

Roger Howard, Section Manager - Facilities, reviewed with the Board the design development drawings for the Sheriff's Office construction. Mr. Howard answered various questions relative to the project. This was for update purposes only.

2. Discussion - Surplus Property.

Mike Loyd, of the Public Works Department, presented several parcels of

surplus property to the Board for their information.

3. Signature - Landfill Recycling Agreement.

This item was addressed earlier.

4. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the establishment of the Old Wagon Road as a County road. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10645)

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 1985, at 10:30 a.m.

- b. Chairman Vaux motioned to approve a ferry claim for damage to Bruce Van Iterson's vehicle in the amount of \$84.21. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- c. The Board approved for signature an easement for Dennis Parent and Lorna Haycox Parent of Bay View, for the property previously conveyed to them by Skagit County. The purpose of this easement extension was to allow construction of a garage on their property.
- d. Commissioner Walberg motioned to enter into a one-year Interim Leachate Disposal Agreement with the City of Burlington. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ALL SKAGIT BUCKLE UP KICKOFF.

Jeanette Wood, Project Coordinator of the Model Community Safety Belt Program, gave an update on the plans for the campaign kickoff.

Chairman Vaux stated that local officials will be in charge of local awards and ceremonies.

First place local entries will be picked up by Ms. Wood on November 26, for County judging on November 27. The Commissioners will announce the grand prize winners on December 2, 1985, and the awards luncheon will follow sometime in December.

Chairman Vaux read aloud the proposed proclamation designating November 20, through November 30, 1985, the "All Skagit Buckle Up" challenging Skagit County citizens to wear their safety belts.

The proclamation was signed by Chairman Vaux, Commissioner Walberg and Commissioner Rohrer; Mayor Jim Rice of the City of Anacortes; Mayor Jim Pierce of the Town of Hamilton; Mayor Mary Lam of the Town of La Conner; Mayor Raymond Reep, Jr., of the City of Mount Vernon; and Mayor Don Walley of the City of Sedro Woolley.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF NEED TO REVISE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF CHARGES.

Chairman Vaux stated that this was a continuation of a public hearing which began last Thursday, November 14, 1985.

Larry Collinge, of the 1890s Inn in La Conner, stated that his annual license fee would increase from \$115 to \$215. He noted that nobody else is getting a 100 to 200 percent increase in earnings.

Michael Hood, of Barkley's in La Conner, questioned the \$75 fee for catering kitchens, noting the non-profit groups he frequently serves cannot afford this fee for each event.

Chairman Vaux explained that the \$75 fee would be charged annually for establishments which were already licensed.

Terry Gilmore, of Sophia Maria Brown's Restaurant in Mount Vernon, stated that she presently pays the highest license fee for the fewest number of seats in a restaurant chain consisting of ten restaurants in a two-state area. She noted that an increase of ten percent or less would be more acceptable.

Ted Ranlett, of the Coffee Corner in Mount Vernon, pointed out that he can't raise his prices to recover the fee increase.

Tony Pickering, of Max Dale's Restaurant in Mount Vernon, felt that the \$75 re-inspection fee for red violations would be an incentive for the Health Department inspectors to uncover more red violations. He stated that he can't raise the menu prices either.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, stated that the proposed schedule of charges would include bar seats in the number of seats per establishment.

Eric Weydert, of What's Your Beef Restaurant in Mount Vernon, stated that they have bar seats. He was also concerned about the increased fees.

Dennis Carman, of Cranberry Tree Restaurant and Drumman's Restaurant in Mount Vernon, stated that they also have bar seats, and are opposed to the increase.

Mr. Thayer reviewed the following recommendations for revisions to the draft schedule of charges dated November 4, 1985:

1. Class 1 Raw Water Sample (10 or more samples per month) . . . . . \$ 9 instead of \$15
2. Sanitary Survey . . . . . \$20 instead of \$25
3. Candy Kitchen (Confectioner) . . . . . \$75
4. Camping Vehicle Park (10 or less spaces) . . . . \$40

Larry Collinge asked what justification the County had for the proposed increases.

Commissioner Walberg explained that the Health Department is 32 percent fee supported. The remaining funds required are contributed by the General Fund.

Ted Ranlett asked what exactly the proposed license fees would be paying for.

Mr. Thayer stated that the proposed fees were based on 65 percent of the total cost of service (including all inspection time, seminars, etc.) Services specific to a particular licensee (such as a plan review) were charged 100 percent.

Dennis Carman felt the restaurants' contribution of sales tax to the County should offset the need for license fee increases.

Ted Ranlett questioned the reduction of employees in the Health Department.

Chairman Vaux stated that whether or not this proposed increase was adopted would have no affect on the three staff reductions in the Health Department.

As there was no additional public input, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Vaux stated that he felt an ad hoc committee composed of restaurant/tavern owners, one Health Department employee, and one Commissioner would be an appropriate panel to review the proposed Health Department schedule of charges regarding food establishments (Items #24 through #32 on November 18, 1985 draft), catering kitchens or commissaries (Items #49 through #51), and food establishment follow-up inspection charge (Item #52).

Chairman Vaux also suggested the following revisions:

1. Increase the fee for bakeries with more than three types of baked goods from \$50 to \$75, rather than \$125.
2. Increase the fee for farmworker housing (five or more housing units) from \$120 to \$175, rather than \$230.
3. Increase the fee for day or youth camps from \$60 to \$90, rather than \$115.

Commissioner Walberg and Commissioner Rohrer concurred with Chairman Vaux's suggestions.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the proposed Health Department schedule of charges as revised by Mr. Thayer and Chairman Vaux, with the exception of Items #24 through #32 and Items #49 through #52. These items will be considered by an ad hoc committee. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following persons will serve on the ad hoc committee to consider Items #24 through #32 and Items #49 through #52:

1. Commissioner Walberg
2. John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III
3. Tony Pickering of Max Dale's Restaurant (large restaurant)
4. Terry Gilmore of Sophie's Restaurant (medium restaurant)
5. Ted Ranlett of Coffee Corner (small restaurant)
6. A tavern owner to be chosen by John Thayer

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. The Board approved for signature a Contract between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Western Washington University, Department of Recreation and Parks, for their services in conducting a survey of park and recreational demands and attitudes of the residents of Skagit County. Compensation to Western Washington University shall be at the rate of \$200 plus \$0.15 per mile for travel.
2. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Stanley E. Relyea, 721 Gull Drive, Burlington, Washington 98233, for basketball services. This contract shall be in effect

November 30, 1985, through March 31, 1986, and compensation shall be per game as follows:

Slowbreak:	\$12.50 for Level II, \$11.00 for Level I
Custer League Fastbreak:	\$15.50 for Level II, \$14.00 for Level I
Youth:	\$10.50 for Level II, \$ 9.00 for Level I

3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution establishing the Skagit County Centennial Committee to develop and implement local activities to celebrate the State of Washington's 100th Anniversary in 1989. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10647)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, November 12, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, November 14, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Friday, November 15, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

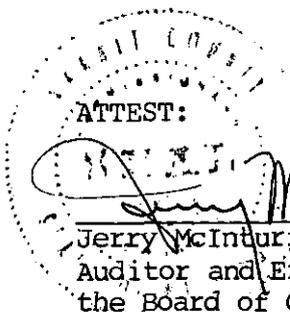
Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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