

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, December 16, 1985

Flag Salute

- 9:30 a.m. Discussion - 1986 DWI Task Force and Safety Belt Programs - Amy Hughes.
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Forest Board Land Revenues - Harold Villager and Bill Wallace - DNR.
- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Public Hearing - To consider the status of Healy Road as a County road.
 2. Signature - Resolution Road Establishment - Old Wagon Road.
 3. Signature - Final Records - Minkler Road.
 4. Signature - Resolution - Shangri-La Advisory Committee Appointments.
 5. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request.
 6. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - Four (4) Dump Truck Beds and Two (2) Pup Trailers.

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The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - 1986 DWI TASK FORCE AND SAFETY BELT PROGRAMS - Amy Hughes.

Amy Hughes, DWI Task Force Coordinator, explained the DWI Task Force programs and results shown over the past two years. A decrease in DWI fatalities has been evident over the past year. She requested input from the Board regarding the direction to be taken for the third year of the program. Ms. Hughes proposed that all of the subcommittees used in the past two years be pulled together into one committee.

Discussion followed regarding the keg ordinance adopted by Skagit County.

Ms. Hughes noted the two reasons for combining the subcommittees:

1. To include the model safety belt program.
2. To create new energies from one committee.

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Jeff Monsen, Traffic Safety Engineer, stated that in Whatcom County the DWI Task Force is under the control of the Sheriff's Office.

The Board felt a commissioner should serve on the DWI Task Force, but does not need to be the chairperson of the committee. The Board thanked Ms. Hughes and Mr. Monsen for their presentation.

DISCUSSION - FOREST BOARD LAND REVENUES - HAROLD VILLAGER AND BILL WALLACE -
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Harold Villager and Bill Wallace, of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) were present to answer various questions from the Board. Approximately 20 percent of Forest Board land revenue is distributed to the County Road Fund; approximately 15 percent of the revenue is distributed to the General Fund; and the remainder is distributed to special districts within the county.

Mr. Villager felt 1985 was an all time high for revenue received by Skagit County. A substantial decrease in revenue is expected for 1986.

Mr. Wallace explained that the profit margin of the mills in Skagit County is low because much competition exists. Therefore, the mills run a lot of timber through the mills to keep the mills running.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Department of Community Development, asked how many defaults were recorded in Skagit County. He also inquired as to how many of these individuals, partnerships or firms went bankrupt and how many are still in business.

Mr. Villager did not have these figures, but thought most of the defaults were the larger corporations. He offered to obtain the information requested by Mr. Schofield.

The Board thanked Mr. Villager and Mr. Wallace for this presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - To consider the status of Healy Road as a County road.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of the Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on December 3, and December 10, 1985.

Chairman Vaux read a letter, dated December 2, 1985, from Vernice Mullen, 752 Healy Road, Sedro Woolley, in which she requested this public hearing be cancelled.

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Jay Ensley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, presented an engineer's report on the proposed establishment of Healy Road #9421. He noted that the road was established in 1953 as Hatchett Road #483, and the name was officially changed to Healy Road in 1962. Mr. Ensley noted that two County employees, Theodore L. Solomon and William Anderson, had submitted affidavits testifying to the maintenance work they performed on Healy Road.

Vernice Mullen, 752 Healy Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that she was told by Public Works Department staff that South Healy Road was a part of that established road.

Mr. Ensley stated that he didn't recall that conversation.

Mrs. Mullen presented photos of the road before the County road crew recently did some work on it. She stated that in approximately 1964 the County constructed approximately 300 feet of road up to Harvey Danielson's property. From that point north, the renters and property owners maintained the road. She contended that the road was in good condition until the County created a ditch, muddied up the road, and then swept the road, creating a terrible dust problem. When the road was finally repaired, Mrs. Mullen felt the work was of very poor quality. Mrs. Mullen stated that the County has never maintained the road beyond Michael Mailliard's property.

Harvey Danielson, 751 Healy Road, read a portion of his property deed which excludes County road right-of-way.

Mr. Ensley stated that the location of that right-of-way is not specified.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that the County did not repair the road with the intention of establishing the road in the future.

Bernice Miller stated that she formerly owned the Higgins property. She testified that the County constructed the road in 1948. She stated that she served coffee to the County crews which snowplowed the road for several years.

Pete Poeschel, of Poeschel & Schultz, Inc., stated that the timber companies set aside right-of-way in the past for such time as the County wanted to establish the road. He favored a neighborly solution and suggested the County establish and maintain the road in the future.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested some County employees testify to their participation in the maintenance of the road.

Mr. Ensley stated that the north terminal point of the established road is what is not clear at this time.

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Brian Bowers stated that he has been blocked from entering his property by a gate put up by Mrs. Higgins. He felt the County should maintain the road and allow all persons access.

Mrs. Joe Healey stated that her husband put in the first road up the hill in 1922 for Mr. Rumrey. She testified that the County used to help with maintenance of the road.

Mrs. Mullen stated that her biggest concern was with regard to the County's maintenance this summer.

Charlotte Lloyd stated that it wasn't fair for one person to claim ownership of a road that is used by six residences. She felt the entire road should be established by the County.

Mr. Bowers stated that he understood a school bus uses the road to pick up children.

Michael Mailliard asked when the gate was put up across Healy Road. He also inquired as to whether they would have to allow access to hunters and motorcyclists if the road became established by the County.

Mrs. Mullen stated that the property owners at that time installed the gate eight to ten years ago to keep people from stealing from their property.

Mr. Mailliard was informed that if the road was established, it would allow access to everyone who wanted to use it, including motorcyclists and hunters.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he remembers back to at least 1956 when the County maintained the road past Mrs. Mullen's house.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Vaux stated that he felt Healy Road is a County road and possibly the County has been remiss in the maintenance of it. He suggested a turnaround be constructed at the end of the road, and dead end signs be posted.

Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer concurred.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to re-establish Healy Road from milepost 0.00 to milepost 0.83, remove the gate across Healy Road and construct a turnaround at the end of the road.

Mr. Bowers volunteered to donate property for the turnaround.

Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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2. Signature - Resolution Road Establishment - Old Wagon Road.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution re-establishing Old Wagon Road as a County road. The Old Wagon Road will in the future be known as Wagon Lane. (Resolution #10676)

3. Signature - Final Records - Minkler Road.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the final resolution authorizing funds for the Minkler Road project. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10677)

The Board also approved for signature the final cost record for the project totaling \$300,818.09.

4. Signature - Resolution - Shangri-La Advisory Committee Appointments.

Mr. Ensley presented a memo from Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, explaining this matter.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Eldon Creighton, Claude Wilson and James Collins to the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Shangri-La Sub-Flood Control Zone to serve without pay. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10678)

5. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve two out-of-state travel requests for Dan Cain to attend the following courses in Salem, Oregon: (1) Creative Financing for Emergency Management Programs, January 5 through 10, 1986; and (2) Emergency Planning, February 9 through 14, 1986. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

All costs, with the exception of fuel for a County vehicle, will be paid by the State Department of Emergency Management.

6. Miscellaneous Items

There were no miscellaneous Public Works Department items at this time.

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BID OPENING - FOUR (4) DUMP TRUCK BEDS AND TWO (2) PUP TRAILERS.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Argus on December 3, and December 10, 1985.

The following bids were received:

1. Lynnwood Truck Equipment, Inc.
2224 196th S.W.
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Manufacturer of dump bodies: Lynnwood Truck Equipment
Model name/number: L T E 9-11 1986
Manufacturer of trailers: Lynnwood Truck Equipment
Model name/number: L T E 8-10 1985
Cashier's checks enclosed
Total out of pocket cost: \$96,953.16

2. Frank P. Amadon Co.
1345 Beech
Longview, WA 98632

Manufacturer of dump bodies: Amadon
Model name/number: 9-11-15-SAG
Manufacturer of trailers: Amadon
Model name/number: 8-10-13-CC-LE
Cashier's checks enclosed
Total out of pocket cost: \$83,435.05

The Public Works Department will review the bids prior to making a recommendation for award of bid.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. The Board approved a request from Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, for a variance from the current personnel policy manual to allow an employee to take a vacation after only six months of employment. Mr. Taylor explained that the proposed personnel policy manual will allow for this provision.
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, December 9, 1985. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, December 10, 1985. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor:
 - a. James L. Evans, 2371 Morford Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$3,010 for tax year 1986, due to a house fire. (#675)
 - b. Arnold Sullenger, 1409 E. Sauk Road, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$1,640 for tax year 1986, due to wind damage caused to a trailer. (#676)
 - c. Herman Kurth, 600 N. 18th, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$160 for tax year 1986, due to the demolition of a house. (#677)

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion to approve the above Taxpayer's Claims. The motion was carried unanimously.

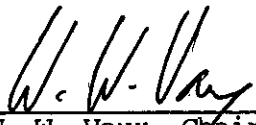
5. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refunds, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Richard E. Packard, 1115 N. 16th, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$257.62, as ordered by the Board of Equalization. (#581170i)
 - b. Kenneth R. Coonc, 1470 Channel Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$347.01, as ordered by the Board of Equalization. (#581170d)
 - c. Gene Vandervoet, 701 Uplands Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$185.22, as ordered by the State Board of Tax Appeals. (#007585)
 - d. Gene Vandervoet, 701 Uplands Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$185.22, as ordered by the State Board of Tax Appeals. (#007685)
 - e. St. Lukes Lutheran Church Ref., 1524 E. Blackburn Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$65.57, as ordered by the Department of Revenue. (#005985)

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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



W. W. Vaux, Chairman

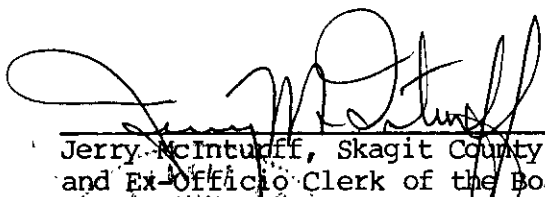


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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

