

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 21, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Consideration of Permit Center Fee Increase.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:30 a.m. Discussion - Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

1:30 p.m. Public Meeting - Review of Appeal of Hearing Examiner Decision approving Special Use Permit Request #SP-85-033 of Skagit County for the installation and operation of a solid waste incineration facility.

2:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF PERMIT CENTER FEE INCREASE.

Chairman Rohrer motioned to waive the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on January 7, 1986.

Steve Wood, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, presented several charts showing: (1) single family residential permits, 1979 to present; (2) Permit Center fees, 1979 to present; and (3) Skagit County building fees comparison. Currently, the 1976 Uniform Building Code (UBC) fee schedule is in effect for Skagit County. Mr. Wood proposed a 20 percent increase in building permit fees over the 1976 fee schedule, in order to lessen the need for funding from the General Fund to cover Permit Center expenses.

Commissioner Vaux stated that a committee was formed to review the operations and 1986 budget of the Permit Center. The committee was made up of Mr. Wood, Commissioner Vaux, Brian McGuinness of the Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association, and Dave Patterson of the Skagit County Board of Realtors.

Chairman Rohrer read a letter received January 21, 1986, from the Skagit County Board of Realtors, in which they supported the 20 percent increase.

Brian McGuinness read a statement from the Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association, also supporting the 20 percent increase.

Mr. Wood noted that this requested increase was not for the purpose of adding staff to the Permit Center, but only to help cover 1986 expenses.

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

Commissioner Walberg noted that when the Permit Center was originally established, it was with the intention that it be self-supported by fees received.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the 20 percent increase over the 1976 UBC fee schedule for building permits, effective immediately. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Vaux noted that the Prosecuting Attorney was consulted regarding bids received Monday, January 20, 1986, to furnish four vehicles for the Public Works Department. The Prosecuting Attorney approved the award of one vehicle to a bidder who submitted an improper bid deposit. The bid deposit will be replaced with a cashier's check.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution making the following bid awards, as recommended by the Public Works Department:

1. Frontier Ford for one new 1986 Ford Model E-350 panel truck/van as per specifications for the bid price of \$12,845.44.
2. Seaside Chevrolet for two new 1986 Chevrolet Model CCl0903 two-wheel drive pickup trucks per specifications for the bid price of \$20,077.24.
3. Blade Chevrolet for one new 1986 Chevrolet Model CK10903 four-wheel drive pickup truck as per specifications for the bid price of \$12,994.26.

Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion to award the bids as listed above. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10727)

DISCUSSION - MOUNT VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Present for this discussion were Joan Houchen, Director of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce; Larry Ashby, Tulip Festival Coordinator; Duane Gilliland and Jim Koetje, members of the Tulip Festival Committee; and Alice Perry, John Spalding and Ken Markel, who are organizing the Anacortes activities for the festival.

Mr. Gilliland noted that the Tulip Festival has expanded to cover two weekends this year. He reviewed the schedule of events planned for the festival, and requested the County's financial participation.

The Board was informed of the following financial commitments:

City of Anacortes	\$ 500
Anacortes Chamber of Commerce	500
La Conner Chamber of Commerce	500
Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce	1,500

Burlington and Sedro Woolley Chambers of Commerce are expected to participate in the 1987 festival.

Commissioner Vaux noted that Skagit County received only \$3,600 in hotel/motel tax receipts for 1985, while most of the area municipalities received much more in hotel/motel tax receipts. There are very few hotels and motels located in Skagit County.

Joan Houchen explained how the off-season tourism attractions would promote Skagit County.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to contribute \$10,000 from Skagit County to the Tulip Festival project. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board encouraged the committee to return to area cities to request additional participation.

All those present thanked the Board for participation in this project.

PUBLIC MEETING - REVIEW OF APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER DECISION APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST #SP-85-033 OF SKAGIT COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A SOLID WASTE INCINERATION FACILITY.

Steve Wood, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the history of Special Use Permit Request #SP-85-033 of Skagit County for the installation and operation of a solid waste incineration facility. He explained that on January 15, 1986, Robert P. Donovan, 795 Padilla Heights Road, Anacortes, submitted a timely appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision. Mr. Wood noted that Mr. Donovan made no comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, nor was he present at the Hearing Examiner's hearing.

Marguerite Moen, 1144 East March Point Road, Anacortes, expressed concern with the potential additional odor and noise from the proposed incinerator. She felt their quality of life has been reduced.

Robert P. Donovan stated that he filed an appeal on behalf of the neighborhood. He expressed concern with the garbage hauled in and the trash hauled out of the proposed facility.

Earl Cooley, who owns adjoining property, objected to the County's method of mailing meeting notices to neighboring property owners without envelopes. He felt the proposed location of the incinerator was wrong.

Commissioner Walberg addressed the objections listed in Mr. Donovan's appeal. He felt Robert Schofield, Hearing Examiner, had adequate information, and thus moved to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision to approve Special Use Permit Request #SP-85-033 of Skagit County for the installation and operation of a solid waste incineration facility.

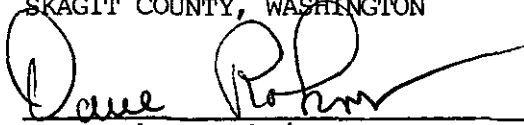
Commissioner Walberg's motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he had heard several complaints regarding the hearing held on December 19, 1985, so close to Christmas. On that basis, Commissioner Vaux motioned to remand the matter back to the Hearing Examiner, who will have the opportunity to take additional testimony, should he decide to do so. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

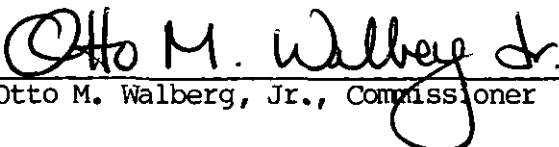
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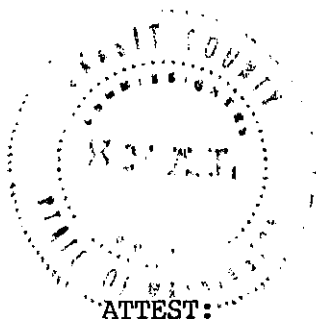
Dave Rohrer, Chairman

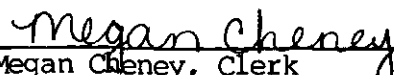


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner





Megan Cheney, Clerk
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