

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 28, 1986

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. State Centennial Planning Update - Dick Fallis.
- 9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Community Action and Emergency Response (C.A.E.R.)
- Tom Sheahan.
- 10:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel
- 1:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Consideration of Establishment and Setting of
Boundaries of a Proposed Water District located in the
Birdsview Area.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

STATE CENTENNIAL PLANNING UPDATE - Dick Fallis.

Dick Fallis presented the Commissioners with copies of the Skagit County Historical Society quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Fallis informed the Board that Skagit County has been invited to prepare a local display to be exhibited in Olympia for Washington's Birthday (February 21, 1986). He suggested the display be based on Mount Vernon, the Washington Bulb Company, and the Washington Cheese Company, in order to tie in with the Washington Birthday celebration. The State will pay mileage for one car and a \$75 stipend for the display.

The Board encouraged Mr. Fallis to include other communities in the exhibit, if time would permit.

Mr. Fallis reminded the Board of his goal to compile an index of memorials and other historical points of interest. With regard to the centennial committee, Mr. Fallis favored a small coordinating committee which would stimulate participation in all of the communities in Skagit County.

Commissioner Walberg asked Mr. Fallis to prepare a plan of what should be accomplished in planning for the State Centennial, including compensation he would expect in return. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to review Mr. Fallis' proposal.

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DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY ACTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (C.A.E.R.) - Tom Sheahan

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Services, introduced Brian Hanson, of Allied Chemical; Mike Meeuwsen, of Texaco; and Doug Smart, of Shell.

Brian Hanson explained the emergency response portion of the C.A.E.R. program, which is aimed at incorporating the existing network of first responders into a preparedness program that is specific to the chemical hazards of March Point.

Mr. Sheahan expressed his appreciation for involvement in this plan. He explained that following the preparation of the plan, it will be presented to the Board for signature.

Commissioner Vaux felt it was imperative that the March Point community understand this program.

Mr. Hanson explained several other informative programs regarding hazardous chemicals, which are available nationwide.

The Board thanked those present for their participation in this discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT AND SETTING OF BOUNDARIES OF A PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE BIRDSVIEW AREA.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on January 14, and 21, 1986, and in the Concrete Herald on January 16, and 23, 1986.

Dave Hough, Senior Planner, gave the history of this matter, commencing with the submittal of a petition to the County Auditor, and subsequent approval by the Boundary Review Board. Mr. Hough noted that the Department of Natural Resources notified the County that the majority of the uplands in the proposed district are forestry, and would thus be subject to normal forest practices, such as spraying, etc.

Discussion followed regarding Bill Ruyle's property being excluded from the district boundaries.

George Theodoratus informed the Board that Mr. Ruyle had requested to be excluded because his property is agricultural, and his well is at a higher elevation.

Betty Wilde thanked the Board for cooperation with this matter, and requested that the process be expedited as much as possible.

Bonnie Wolfe asked about those who weren't registered to vote.

Jerry McInturff, County Auditor, stated that only those who were registered to vote would have a voice in the formation of the district. Citizens are allowed to register to vote up until 30 days prior to the date of election. He informed the Commissioners that if they were to pass a resolution and present it to him by February 21, the matter would be placed on the April 8, 1986, ballot.

Ms. Wilde felt more people would turn out for a general election than by absentee ballot.

Mr. McInturff explained the majorities which would be necessary to pass the three portions of the matter: (1) formation of the district; (2) levy to operate the district; and (3) election of commissioners.

Discussion followed regarding candidates for commissioners. A list of candidates must be presented to the Auditor prior to February 21, 1986. Those expressing an interest included Ms. Wilde, George Theodoratus, and Shirley Ammons.

In answer to a question from Ms. Wilde, Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, updated those present on an additional 25 samples to be obtained tentatively in February.

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

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the boundaries of the proposed water district located in the Birdsvew area, and schedule the election regarding the proposed water district on April 8, 1986. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board considered the following items:

1. Dave Hough, Senior Planner, presented the Board with a proposed list of members to be appointed to a technical advisory committee for the fair study. The committee will assist in the coordination of services to be provided on site and those existing within the County in order to take full advantage of the project.

Commissioner Vaux suggested one additional member be appointed to represent the horse interest in the community.

The Board requested several days to consider the matter.

2. Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, read a letter from the Skagit County Humane Society expressing their most sincere appreciation for the donation of a suburban to assist with their work with homeless, neglected and abused animals.
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for R. E. Poole, 217 South Garl, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$16,160 for tax year 1986, due to damage of a house by renters. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor. The motion was carried with votes from Commissioner Rohrer and Commissioner Vaux. Commissioner Walberg voted against the motion. (#669)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Nettie L. Pettijohn, 1102 Skagit, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$824.77, because she was not aware of an exemption. (#000486)
 - b. James A. Nelson, 870 District Line Road, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$211.49, due to senior citizen exemption. (#000786)

ADJOURNMENT

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

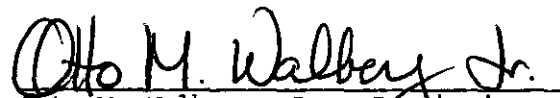
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Dave Rohrer, Chairman

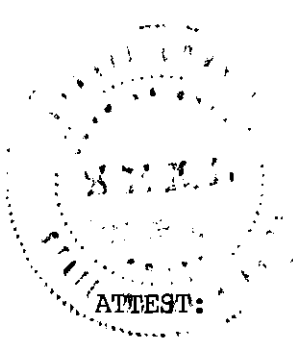


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:




Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners