

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 18, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department - Jon Aarstad,
Director:

1. Discussion - Howard Miller Steelhead Park Renovation.
2. Discussion - Concrete Community Center.
3. Discussion - Conway Playfield Improvement Request.
4. Miscellaneous Items.

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Hotel/Motel Tax Request - Tourism Task Force.

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

1. Public Hearing - Cable Franchise Expansion.
2. Discussion - Erika Lane.
3. Discussion - Surplus Property.
4. Bid Award - One New 40,000-lb. Trailer.
5. Call for Public Hearing - Franchise Renewal.
6. Resolution - Policy on Rip-Rap Grants.
7. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:30 a.m. Consideration of Appointment of Skagit County Sheriff.

1:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Review and Consideration of Modification of
Conditions of Building Permit Approval for the Far West Lumber
Company.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:15 p.m. Discussion - Geriatric Mental Health Contract - JoAnn Angevine,
Coordinator.

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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday,
February 18, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director:

Item #2 was addressed at this time.

2. Discussion - Concrete Community Center.

Bob Lee, Chief Deputy Assessor, introduced Ed Greub, Commercial Appraiser. Mr. Greub reviewed his appraisal findings with the Board regarding the Port of Skagit County building in Concrete (proposed future location for Concrete Senior Center). He noted that the building was actually an over improvement (functionally obsolescent) for the Concrete area. The actual cost to build a new building comparable to the building would be approximately \$136,200, exclusive of the land; however Mr. Greub explained that the value of the building for utilitarian purposes at that location is only \$69,800, exclusive of the land. The value of the land would be approximately \$1.00 per square foot, for a total of approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000, depending on the lot size.

Discussion followed regarding possible prior vacation of an alley and street within the parcel. Bob Lee and Jon Aarstad will investigate this matter.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he was not interested in leasing the building from the Port of Skagit County.

The Board instructed Mr. Aarstad to request a letter of appraisal from the Port of Skagit County, prior to any further meetings with them.

Item #1 was addressed at this time.

1. Discussion - Howard Miller Steelhead Park Renovation.

Jon Aarstad explained the proposed project which would add ten campsites, including access road, electrical hookups, water hookups and gray water disposal. He requested the Board waive the bidding requirement for this project to allow the construction work to be accomplished immediately, prior to the camping season. The total estimated cost is approximately \$10,000 plus staff labor.

Commissioner Vaux questioned the need for water and gray water disposal to the sites, since most of the existing sites don't have these conveniences available to the individual sites.

Commissioners Rohrer and Walberg agreed with Commissioner Vaux; and the Board authorized the construction of a central water outlet only. The Board requested that an advertisement be placed in the Concrete Herald requesting proposals for the construction work.

3. Discussion - Conway Playfield Improvement Request.

Jon Aarstad explained that the approximate \$1,000 monetary request was for the improvement of the Conway Playfield.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to authorize the transfer of \$1,000 out of the Revenue Sharing Special Projects fund into the Park Facilities and Equipment fund, so Mr. Aarstad can oversee the project. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. Jon Aarstad informed the Board that the Mount Vernon Senior Center was vandalized over the weekend. The vandals have not yet been apprehended.
- b. A date of March 11, 1986, at 2:30 p.m., was set for review of the park comprehensive plan at a Park Board meeting with the Commissioners.

DISCUSSION - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REQUEST - Tourism Task Force.

Jerry Digerness presented a tentative 1986 budget for the Skagit Valley Visitors Bureau. He explained their intent to organize the Skagit County Visitors and Convention Bureau. Mr. Digerness requested a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 in hotel/motel taxes from Skagit County to help with their anticipated deficit. He answered various questions from the Board, and explained that the current facility at the intersection of Highway 20 and Interstate 5 will be rented at the rate of \$500 per month in the future.

Commissioner Vaux felt that since it was the County Commissioners who appointed the Tourism Task Force, it is the County's obligation to support this cause as much as possible through 1986.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to finance \$9,300 of the \$10,000 request through the hotel/motel tax. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Digerness introduced Tourism Task Force members Nan Hough, Kaaren Wooding, and Joe Cain, and thanked the Board for the contribution.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - Cable Franchise Expansion.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, which was

published in the Skagit Argus on February 4, and February 11, 1986.

Gene Sampley explained the existing franchise area and noted that the proposed area would include Summit Park.

Dan Collins, Assistant Manager of Electrical Installations, Inc., answered various questions from the Board.

Mr. Sampley explained that this was a road use franchise which would allow the operation of the business within County right-of-way.

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

Commissioner Vaux motioned to grant the cable franchise expansion to include designated County roads and highways in Sections 3 and 4, Township 34 North, Range 2 East, W.M., provided Electrical Installations, Inc., carries Channel 9. (Mr. Collins confirmed that they do carry Channel 9.) Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Discussion - Erika Lane.

Gene Sampley located Erika Lane on a vicinity map, and explained that the County oiled the road in 1971, but was ordered off the road in 1975.

Chairman Rohrer felt the County should not establish the road.

It was the recommendation of the Public Works Department also that Erika Lane should not be established.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he will contact the woman who called about the matter.

Item #4 was addressed at this time.

4. Bid Award - One New 40,000-lb. Trailer.

Gene Sampley recommended that the bid to furnish one new 40,000-lb. capacity tilt-deck trailer be awarded to Smiley's, Inc., for their low bid price of \$13,567.60.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to award the bid to Smiley's, Inc., for their low bid price of \$13,567.60. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10748)

John Stevenson, representing Case Power and Equipment Company, stated that his firm submitted a bid with non-standard tires on the trailer in order to meet

the specifications. He felt that Case Power and Equipment Company could have provided a trailer equal to Smiley's, Inc., for a lower price.

Mr. Sampley explained that each bidder has the option of submitting alternate bids, if they want.

Item #3 was addressed at this time.

3. Discussion - Surplus Property.

Mike Loyd, of the Public Works Department, located and described two additional parcels of surplus property for the Board's information. He noted that the Department of Natural Resources is interested in obtaining one parcel and the City of Sedro Woolley may be interested in the other.

Gene Sampley will investigate the process to be used in surplusing these particular parcels to government entities.

5. Call for Public Hearing - Franchise Renewal.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing for the Noble Lee franchise renewal. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10749)

The public hearing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 10, 1986.

6. Resolution - Policy on Rip-Rap Grants.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, explained that this resolution would establish the following policy regarding rip-rap grants: Any project receiving grant funds from any eligible flood control fund shall not be eligible to receive funds from any other fund.

Mr. Nelson stated that the proposed policy would have impacted two projects last year. The Skagit County Flood Control Committee will be meeting Wednesday evening, but will not be considering applications at that time. Mr. Nelson explained the process used by the committee in their selection of projects for funding.

The Board asked Mr. Nelson to explain the proposed policy to the committee prior to the Board's adoption of the policy.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF.

Commissioner Vaux read the letter from the Skagit County Democratic Central

Committee announcing their candidates for the Board's consideration to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sheriff John Boynton. The candidates were Ron Crippen, Gary Frazier, and Ray Trzynka.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to appoint Gary Frazier to fill the Skagit County Sheriff vacancy. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Records of the Proceedings:
 - a. Monday, February 10, 1986
 - b. Tuesday, February 11, 1986
 - c. Thursday, February 13, 1986

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

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to schedule several Planning Commission referred items before the Board at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 1986. The items to be heard include two rezones and a proposed addition to the zoning ordinance regarding adult entertainment. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS OF BUILDING PERMIT APPROVAL FOR THE FAR WEST LUMBER COMPANY.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on February 4, 1986.

Steve Wood, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, presented the appeal letter submitted by Far West Lumber Company; the conditions of approval placed on Building Permit #14890 in 1983; and a letter dated February 18, 1986, from Ron Palmer, Environmental Health Specialist II, in which he stated that the noise level readings obtained were in compliance.

Bruce Shellhamer, of Far West Lumber Company, stated that they are requesting the hours be extended as follows: 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, guaranteeing no evening production Saturday evenings or Sundays. He explained that this would allow a second shift to attempt to meet the demand they are now experiencing for their product.

Marsha Christofferson presented a letter to the Board, which she read aloud. She was opposed to the extension of hours and asked that a new Environmental

Impact Statement be prepared prior to the Board's consideration of this matter.

Dean Flaig presented a letter to the Board, which he read aloud. He asked that an inspection of the Far West Lumber Company site be made to certify that all conditions imposed by Building Permit #14890 have been fully met. This letter was signed by Steve and Marsha Christofferson, Dean Flaig, G. M. Rauch and Herb Divelbiss.

Jacque Rauch presented a letter to the Board, which she read aloud. She was opposed to the extension of hours due to the noise, traffic, disposal of waste wood, and weekend work.

Mrs. Christofferson also presented a list of other neighbors against the extension of hours.

Mr. Shellhamer stated that he asked the County where he could build and operate a sawmill. Since the County informed him he could do so in a Forestry zone, he purchased a parcel of property zoned Forestry. He addressed several issues previously mentioned by the neighbors. He explained that a second shift would allow Far West Lumber to truck the cedar waste wood off site, as well as operate fewer weekends.

Mr. Flaig complained that the trucks have forced cars off the road.

Steve Christofferson spoke regarding the poor condition of the road.

Betsy Dwire-Stevenson, Senior Planner, stated that based on the appeal letter submitted, she felt no additional Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

Herb Divelbiss felt that all previously imposed conditions should be certified in compliance before any modification to the conditions is granted.

Mr. Shellhamer stated that Far West Lumber Company has met all conditions previously imposed. He noted that since they were unable to locate 4-foot tall fir trees, they planted approximately 500 2-foot tall trees.

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

According to Steve Wood and Ron Palmer, the noise levels currently detected are permissible at any time in that zone.

Commissioner Vaux suggested these problems be addressed with the hopes of a compromise. He felt 10:00 p.m. would be a more realistic hour to end all operations at the sawmill.

Commissioner Walberg noted that Mr. Shellhamer has complied from the very

beginning with the proper zoning. Commissioner Walberg motioned to allow operations at Far West Lumber Company to begin at 6:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Shellhamer explained that they would repair equipment on weekends.

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

Commissioner Vaux motioned to modify the condition of Building Permit #14890 regarding hours of operation as follows:

Hours of operation shall be 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No chainsaws after 6:00 p.m.

Trucks in and out shall be allowed between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

DISCUSSION - GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT - JoAnn Angevine, Coordinator.

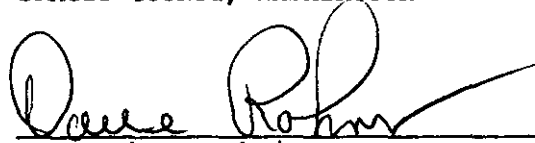
JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator, explained that this contract increases funding by \$75,000 through June 1987, to allow assessment and treatment of rural geriatric patients in need of mental health services. Skagit County has been asked to monitor the program for both Skagit and Whatcom Counties. These federal funds will prevent institutional placement of these people, and thus save tax dollars.

The Board approved the geriatric mental health contract for signature.

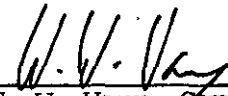
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Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

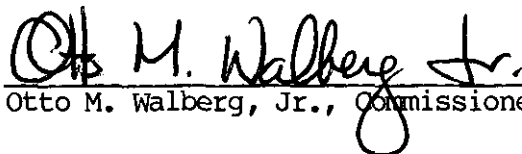
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Dave Rohrer, Chairman

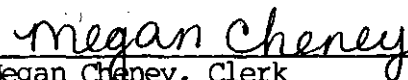


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner





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