

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 12, 1986

7:30 p.m. Public Meeting - Discussion - Hobson Road Construction -  
Hearing Rooms B and C.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

**PUBLIC MEETING - DISCUSSION - HOBSON ROAD CONSTRUCTION.**

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, reported on the improvements being requested by the submitted petition of Hobson Road residents. He stated that the right-of-way is substandard and the actual road does not accurately follow the right-of-way. Additionally, severe drainage problems exist which will have to be addressed. The portion of the Hobson Road north of the Samish Heights Road would require a higher standard of improvement due to the higher traffic count on that portion versus the portion of the Hobson Road south of the Samish Heights Road. Mr. Sampley explained that the Hobson Road was pulled off the road construction plan two years ago due to the problems. The submitted petition requests that the road be placed back on the road plan.

Larry Platz, 776B Hobson Road, stated that he wants the trees trimmed along the road.

Jerry Manley, 1566 Alpha Lane, favored the improvement and felt his increased taxes should pay for it.

Lloyd Loop, 1368 Field Road, stated that he is a commissioner of Dike and Drainage District #25. The commissioners of Dike and Drainage District #25 are not against the road improvement, providing the problems which are created by the improvement be solved. He felt the drainage needs to be contained so it can be drained slowly into the Samish River. This type of drainage would resemble natural drainage as if the property was undeveloped. He also noted that they are trying to encourage the farmers to donate a strip of land on either side of the Samish River to allow widening of the river.

John Sheahan was concerned that this project be addressed before the State constructs a new weigh station on the highway, which would additionally contribute to the drainage problem.

Sam King, 696 Hobson Road, asked that the road be updated, but not widened.

Mike Adderly, 776A Hobson Road, wanted the County to upgrade the road and include a school bus turnaround at the end.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he felt there was currently enough room for a school bus to turn around. After considerable discussion, the Board asked the residents to find out what standards would allow a bus to turn around at the end of the road.

Discussion followed regarding solving the drainage problem.

Sam King, was concerned about the County taking more of his front yard for right-of-way.

Robert Price, 707 Ershig Road, stated that he also owns property on Hobson Road. He was not in favor of additional improvement if the drainage issue is not going to be addressed because the drainage goes through his property at the present time.

John Sandell, 835 Ershig Road, felt the County has not maintained the road as it should have been maintained. He requested the Health Department test the water running into the ditches.

Phil Swanson, 608 Hobson Road, asked that the existing road be blacktopped without additional right-of-way and road width.

Mr. Sampley explained the minimum standards necessary in this situation.

Robin LaRue, Section Manager - Design and Construction, stated that the 1983 estimate for the 28-foot roadway and ditching improvements was approximately \$200,000.

Mr. Sampley estimated the cost for the 22-foot roadway on that portion south of the Samish Heights Road and the 24-foot roadway on that portion north of the Samish Heights Road to cost approximately \$100,000. Mr. Sampley explained the need to move the utility poles back away from the road.

As there were no further comments, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to authorize the minimum acceptable standards for improvement of the Hobson Road, with the condition that the drainage problem be addressed. That portion north of the Samish Heights Road will be reconstructed at a slightly higher standard, as required, than will be necessary for that portion south of the Samish Heights Road. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. The Board approved for signature an agreement between Skagit County and the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC). This

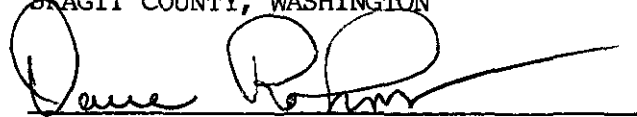
contract shall be in effect January 1, through December 31, 1986, and compensation shall not exceed \$10,000.

2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
  - a. Mary E. Legge, 2239C Wicker Road, Space 13, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$63.68, due to senior citizen exemption. (#001386)
  - b. Vernon K. Schulte, 148 Cain Lake Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$235.53, due to senior citizen exemption. (#001586)
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to award the bid for the purchase of one used enclosed service-type vehicle for the Guemes Island Ferry to Westside Motors for the purchase of one 1977 Chevrolet C-30 Step Van in the amount of \$3,358.30. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

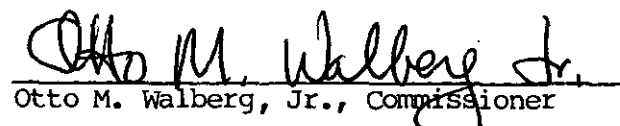
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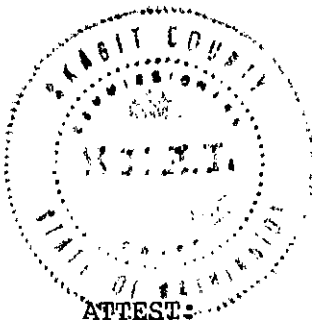
Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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