

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 30, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Discussion - 1987 Tulip Festival.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Proclamation - Skagit County Business Women's Week - October 19 through 25, 1986.

10:15 a.m. Planning Commission Referred Item - Amendment to Skagit County Code, Chapter 14.04.150, Adding the Storage of Natural Materials as a Special Use.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Discussion - Vietnam Veterans of America.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 30, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

DISCUSSION - 1987 TULIP FESTIVAL.

Larry Ashby, Joan Houchen, Jim Koetje, and Jerry Kaufman were present for this discussion.

Jerry Kaufman, Incoming President of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, informed the Board that last year's Tulip Festival brought 150,000 cars into the County.

Larry Ashby explained that the County's \$10,000 donation in 1986 was designated for the Taste of Skagit and fireworks display. The Taste of Skagit had a shortfall of \$2,900. For 1987, the booth fees and number of participants will have to cover the expenses without help from the County.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the Taste of Skagit.

The Board was informed that for 1987, the booth fee will be \$1,100 per booth, and the Taste of Skagit will begin Thursday, April 2, and continue through Sunday, April 5.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he felt the Taste of Skagit was extremely well attended in 1986.

Jim Koetje explained that the Tulip Festival would like to receive a \$10,000 contribution from Skagit County for 1987, which would be used as follows: \$4,000 for opening ceremonies, and \$6,000 to purchase a float. The Jaycee's have expressed an interest in taking the float to as many parades as possible.

Commissioner Vaux suggested a "ski to sea race" to involve other communities.

Joan Houchen explained that regional funding in the amount of \$13,000 from the State Department of Tourism is available. To qualify for funding, an event must involve more than one county. Whatcom County's Antique Car Club and Hot Rod Club are interested in a road rally, while Seattle, Everett, San Juan County and Island County boaters will be invited to participate in a race.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to commit \$10,000 to the 1987 Tulip Festival. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Jerry Kaufman asked the Board to appoint two people to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Tulip Festival, one person to act as Traffic Management Chairman.

The Board unanimously appointed Jeff Mosen, Safety Engineer, to act as Traffic Management Chairman. Additional consideration will be given to appointing the other person.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, September 30, 1986, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- a. Revised: Vouchers #0198 through #0224 (Warrants #3065 through #3484) in the revised total amount of \$547,756.79 instead of \$546,974.67. (P/23)
- b. Vouchers #61347 through #61479 (Warrants #61347 through #61479) in the total amount of \$241,933.15. (P/18)

PROCLAMATION - SKAGIT COUNTY BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK - OCTOBER 19 THROUGH 25, 1986.

Myrna Hall, a member of Skagit Women's Alliance and Network, was present for this proclamation.

Commissioner Vaux read the proclamation designating October 19 through 25, 1986, as "Skagit County Business Women's Week."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Betsy Dwire-Stevenson, Senior Planner, informed the Board of the meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 1986, at the Padilla Bay Sanctuary to discuss with various officials, Impact Industries, and the public the sulfur stockpiled at Fredonia.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEM - AMENDMENT TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 14.04.150, ADDING THE STORAGE OF NATURAL MATERIALS AS A SPECIAL USE.

Dave Hough, Senior Planner, explained that the following amendment to Chapter 14.04.150 of the Skagit County Code is intended to avoid problems, such as the County has had recently with large stockpiles of materials in the Fredonia area, by reviewing such situations as unclassified special uses:

Storage of processed and unprocessed natural materials, waste materials or other similar materials generally described as follows:

- storage of materials in quantities greater than 500 cubic yards that do not have a potential health hazard from runoff.
- storage of materials in quantities greater than 50 cubic yards that may have a potential health hazard from runoff.

EXCEPTION: Materials shall not include agricultural storage in an Agricultural, Agricultural Reserve or Rural district; or when otherwise permitted in a specific zoning district or in conjunction with a properly issued special use permit.

Discussion followed regarding various situations.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the ordinance approving the above-mentioned amendment to the Skagit County Code, Chapter 14.04.150, Unclassified Special Uses, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Ordinance #10991)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, informed the Board that a vacancy from District #2 exists on the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION - VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA.

Bennie Dickinson, a member of the Skagit Valley Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, informed the Board that there are approximately 5,000 Vietnam veterans in Skagit County. Many of them don't socialize because they don't feel accepted in society. There is a high incidence of suicide and family violence among this group. Mr. Dickinson requested the use of a County-owned building to open a "walk-in center" for Vietnam veterans, because most of them don't feel comfortable in the American Legion or V.F.W.

Commissioner Vaux explained that the County owns a vacant house adjacent to the fairgrounds in south Mount Vernon, however a previous attempt to use the house for a service group failed, due to the City of Mount Vernon's requirement for a rezone of the property for such a use.


The Board encouraged Mr. Dickinson to speak with Mayor Reep regarding the possible use of the house.

Commissioner Walberg stated that he will contact the planner at the City and discuss the matter.

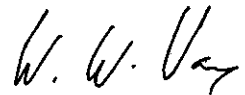
ADJOURNMENT

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

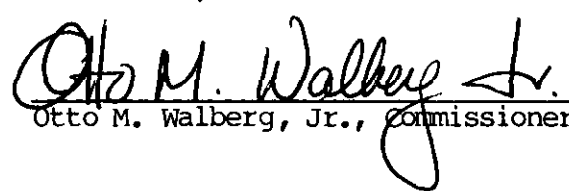
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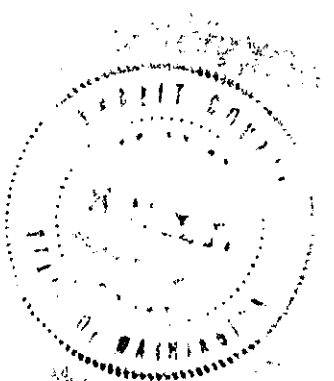
Dave Rohrer, Chairman



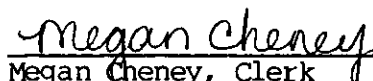
W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners