

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, October 20, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to Section 12.04.070(I) - Building Permit Review of the Skagit County Rules and Regulations for On-site Sewage Systems.
2. Review of Class 4 Water Supply DRAFT Regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Signature - Cost Estimate for Dike District #12 Project.
2. Signature - Final Cost Records for Mineral Park Bridge.
3. Signature - Final Costs for South Shore Drive.
4. Signature - Final Costs for Alger CCC Road.
5. Signature - Final Order of Establishment for Millett Road, #1811.
6. Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of Portion of Front Street, Clear Lake.
7. Recommendation - Geotechnical Services Consultant Selection.
8. Miscellaneous Items.

1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - Load, Transport, and Empty Transfer Bins at Inman Landfill.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Discussion - Housing Authority of Skagit County Plans for President Hotel - John Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 1986, with Commissioners Vaux and Walberg present. Chairman Rohrer was absent.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to Section 12.04.070(I) - Building Permit Review of the Skagit County Rules and Regulations for On-site Sewage Systems.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, distributed copies of the second draft revisions to Section 12.04.070(I) of the Sewage Code. He noted that the changes included in the second draft were prompted by suggestions and comments received relating to the first draft discussed at a Board of Health meeting held on September 23, 1986.

The major changes found in the second draft from the original are as follows:

- a. Overall, the second draft is more prescriptive in nature, as it contains more specific requirements to reduce the potential for misunderstandings between the applicant and reviewer.
- b. Special requirements are included for on-site inspections by the Health Officer.
- c. Waiver rights are included for structures damaged by natural disasters (i.e. fire, flood, etc.)
- d. Special requirements are included for minimum sized systems for residential projects.

The revisions were discussed in detail.

Mike Mitchell, of Northwest Septic, asked that professional engineers and certified professional soil scientists be allowed to provide site evaluations in Section 12.04.070(I) (D) (3) (a new subsection).

This suggestion was well received, and the draft was amended to include it.

Brian McGuinness, of Skagit-Island Counties Builders Association, noted that they had encouraged the inclusion of Subsection (D) (3), regarding the location of existing septic tanks and/or drainfields.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, stated that the changes met with his approval.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to continue deliberation on this matter until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, 1986. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. Review of Class 4 Water Supply DRAFT Regulations.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, reported that the Class 4 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met twice to review and refine the regulations before the Board at this time. He reviewed the highlights of the draft regulations.

Discussion followed regarding the need to establish a length of time for a water system to be installed and functional.

Commissioner Vaux suggested a water system be required to be functioning and approved within one year.

Regarding enforcement of these regulations, Mr. Willis noted that the Health Department can issue an order letter indicating a compliance schedule for a water system found in violation, and, if the purveyor does not meet this schedule, the Health Department can levy a fine.

Mr. Willis asked the Board to consider three additional modifications:

- a. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that property owners be prohibited from designing new Class 4 systems with more than four services. However, the Health Department staff felt that there is no inherent reason that property owners can't successfully design systems with more than four services. They could pay the Health Department by the hour for consulting, or the Health Department could determine that additional engineering expertise is required and that a professional engineer must design the system.

Commissioner Walberg asked what liability the Health Department would incur.

Mr. Willis explained that the Health Department could offer consulting services on an as needed basis.

Mike Mitchell questioned the Health Department's hourly charge.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, noted that so many illegal designs of water systems exist today because it takes so long for the Department of Social and Health Services to certify the designs. He hoped these regulations would speed up the system.

Commissioner Vaux felt the property owners should still be prohibited from designing systems with more than four services.

- b. A sanitarian in a neighboring Health District suggested that it be required that before a purveyor makes application to construct a new system, he must investigate the viability of connecting to all other approved public supplies in the area.

Mike Mitchell disagreed. He felt it should be up to the Health Department to evaluate the situation and show that hooking up to a public supply would be better. He asked the Health Department to prove this point.

Commissioner Vaux favored letting the market dictate the need for water systems.

Mr. Willis agreed that the small water systems are difficult to keep track of.

- c. The same sanitarian also recommended that the Health Department require that water quality meet the standards before the bond be accepted. Furthermore, it was recommended that if water treatment equipment is needed, then that equipment should be installed and produce water of acceptable quality before the bond is accepted.

Mr. Schofield urged the Board to schedule a public hearing to receive input regarding this matter.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to schedule a public hearing regarding this matter at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, 1986. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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, October 20, 1986, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Vouchers #08666 through #09179 (Warrants #17603 through #17979) in the total amount of \$282,235.22. (C-40)

2. The Board approved for signature the following Contracts for Professional Services for basketball scorekeeping services at the rate of \$5 per game for men's slowbreak, over 30s and youth leagues; and \$6 per game for custer league:
 - a. Gerry Denadel, 504 South 20th, Apt. A, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, effective October 20, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
 - b. Travis Coulter, 1719 Windsor Drive, Apt. #3, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, effective October 20, 1986, through March 31, 1987.

3. The Board approved for signature the following Contracts for Professional Services for basketball official services at the rate of \$12.50 per game slowbreak and over 30s, \$15 per game men's fastbreak, and \$10 per game youth league:
 - a. Peter S. Stephens, 2720 Club Court, Apt. 105, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, effective October 27, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
 - b. Bill Mersereau, 861 Halloran Road, Bow, Washington 98232, effective October 20, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
 - c. Jerry Engelhart, 1320 Jameson, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, effective October 20, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
 - d. Steve Colby, c/o Anacortes City Hall, Anacortes, Washington 98221, effective October 27, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
 - e. John Rickert, 1610 Peterson Road, Burlington, Washington 98233, effective October 13, 1986, through March 31, 1987.
4. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Records of the Proceedings:
 - a. Monday, October 13, 1986
 - b. Tuesday, October 14, 1986
 - c. Wednesday, October 15, 1986Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
5. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution remanding Floodplain Appeal #FP-86-002 of Burlington Northern Railroad to the Skagit County Hearing Examiner for further consideration. (Resolution #10997)
6. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Burt Baumley, 4394 A Baker Drive, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$84.06 plus \$5.50 interest, due to disability exemption. (#1647)
 - b. Armand Dorais, 1109 North Viewmont Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$15.20, due to senior citizen exemption. (#009386)

Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Signature - Cost Estimate for Dike District #12 Project.

Jay Ensley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, explained that this is a flood control project to construct a gravel access road on the property of Dike District #12 from the Whitmarsh Road southerly to the right bank of the Skagit River, thence westerly along the Skagit River bank back to the Whitmarsh Road. The cost of this project will be borne entirely by Dike District #12.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution and sign the accompanying estimate of cost for the Dike District #12 flood control project known as #FC-86-17. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10998)

2. Signature - Final Cost Records for Mineral Park Bridge.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution and sign the accompanying final cost record authorizing additional funds to cover increased construction costs of replacing Mineral Park Bridge and reconstructing the approaches on Cascade River Road. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10999)

3. Signature - Final Costs for South Shore Drive.

The Board approved for signature the final cost record for the widening of South Shore Drive. Final cost of the project was \$54,929.56.

4. Signature - Final Costs for Alger CCC Road.

The Board approved for signature the final cost record for the construction of Alger CCC Road. Final cost of the project was \$13,324.48.

5. Signature - Final Order of Establishment for Millett Road, #1811.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the Final Order of Establishment for Millett Road.

6. Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of Portion of Front Street, Clear Lake.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution scheduling a public hearing at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 10, 1986, to consider the proposed vacation of a portion of Front Street in the Plat of Clear Lake. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11000)

7. Recommendation - Geotechnical Services Consultant Selection.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to grant approval of the selection of GeoEngineers, Inc., of Bellevue, Washington, as soil consultant, and authorize the Public Works Department to begin with negotiation with GeoEngineers, Inc., on the fees for this project. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

8. Miscellaneous Items.

The Board approved for signature Contract Amendment #1 between the Department of Ecology and Skagit County. Amendment #1 extends the completion date from November 30, 1986, to a new date of July 1, 1988, in order to coordinate the closure of the Sauk and Gibraltar Landfills with the implementation of the resource recovery facility which is scheduled to be operational no later than July 1, 1988.

BID OPENING - LOAD, TRANSPORT, AND EMPTY TRANSFER BINS AT INMAN LANDFILL.

This item was continued until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 1986, due to an omission in the bid specifications. Those bids received will be returned to the bidders unopened.

DISCUSSION - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SKAGIT COUNTY PLANS FOR PRESIDENT HOTEL - John Smith.

John Smith, Pat Hendricks and Mary Anderson, from the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority of Skagit County, were present for this discussion.

John Smith, Director of the Housing Authority, informed the Board of the Housing Authority's interest in helping to purchase the President Hotel in Mount Vernon from its present owner, John Dickerson. The hotel is comprised of approximately 50 units, and has recently been almost completely refurbished by its owner. Mr. Smith informed the Board that they are working with a group called Common Cause from Seattle regarding the possible purchase. Common Cause is sponsored by a church and works to preserve low-income housing areas.

Together with the Salem Luthern Church in Mount Vernon, Common Cause has formed the Northwest Housing Coalition, and is trying to raise \$100,000 to begin purchasing the hotel.

Mr. Smith explained that there are no block grant funds available to enable the Housing Authority to purchase the building, however they could finance the hotel through tax exempt bonds. He noted that the present owner is very interested in letting the current tenants remain in the hotel. He is attempting to fill all vacancies with senior citizens.

Mary Anderson stated that they are seeking guidance from the Board in making the decision to finance the project.

Mr. Smith explained that Mr. Dickerson would be paid principal and interest on the no-recourse bond. If the payments could not be made, the owner would take the building back. The Housing Authority or the Northwest Housing Coalition would not be responsible.

If this method of purchasing the building is used, the Northwest Housing Coalition would be the purchaser. The Housing Authority would act as a finance company and would also manage the building. As managers, they could still issue housing vouchers. The asking price for the building is in the vicinity of \$600,000, and the price is subject to an appraisal.

Commissioner Vaux favored their proposal.

Mr. Smith also updated the Board on the Housing Voucher Program, which helps people pay their rent. He noted that they have over 100 people on their waiting list for this program.

Mr. Smith noted that the Housing Authority did receive the Housing Preservation Grant.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this discussion.

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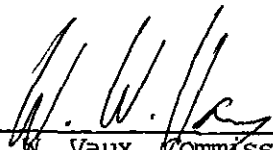
As of this date, October 20, 1986, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Vouchers #41821 through #41901 (Warrants #41821 through #41901) in the amount of \$191,077.76. (R-26)

ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dave Rohrer, Chairman



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner





Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners