

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, December 2, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Discussion - Private Industry Council (P.I.C.) Update - Gay Dubigk and Jerry Kaufman.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7:30 p.m. Public Meeting - Proposed Improvements to Beaver Marsh Road - Hearing Room B, Skagit County Administration Building.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer and Walberg present. Commissioner Vaux was unable to attend this meeting.

DISCUSSION - PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (P.I.C.) UPDATE - GAY DUBIGK AND JERRY KAUFMAN.

Jerry Kaufman, Chairman of the Northwest Washington Private Industry Council (P.I.C.), Gay Dubigk, Executive Director of P.I.C., and Michael Porter, Area Manager for Skagit County, were present for this discussion.

Mr. Kaufman reported that P.I.C. had an excellent year complete with many accomplishments. He noted that the Northwest Washington P.I.C. has been requested to make a presentation to the National Association of Counties conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this month. The subject will be economic development in rural areas. Mr. Kaufman also enlightened the Board on a new program they have developed in Anacortes to teach people to read. They hope to be able to expand this program to other areas also.

Ms. Dubigk discussed various statistics for the program year beginning July 1, 1985, and continuing until June 30, 1986. She informed the Board that the Northwest Washington Service Delivery Area was in the top 5 percent in the region. She also explained that 85 percent of the people exiting the program were employed fulltime in the private sector at a wage rate of approximately \$5.50 per hour.

Mr. Porter explained in more detail the remedial learning program now in operation in Anacortes.

Ms. Dubigk extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Regional Conference for P.I.C. and local elected officials, scheduled for January 11 through 13, 1987, at the Weston Hotel in Seattle.

The Board thanked everyone for their efforts in the P.I.C. program and for attending this discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a transfer of budget appropriations in the amount of \$211,019.00 to provide for various expenditures in numerous funds. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11068)
2. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, updated the Board on the Clear Lake Swimming Beach project. The new floats are in place and have been accepted.
3. The Board approved for signature an agreement with the State Employment Security Department for participation in their Community Work Experience Program. Under this program, the County will receive one employee for the parks system at no cost to the County, except for Department of Labor and Industries insurance coverage. This agreement shall be effective December 1, 1986, through November 30, 1987.
4. The Board approved for signature a re-budget amendment to the Action Grant #440-0593 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This amendment causes no increase or decrease in the total budget amount.
5. The Board approved an order granting franchise over certain County roads to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.
6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Orley Winchel, 3910 N. Shore Lane, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$210.75, due to senior citizen exemption (second half taxes). (#010586-A)
 - b. Hope Martin, P.O. Box 632, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$466.90, due to senior citizen exemption. (#011286)
 - c. Edith Ashe, Box 6, Concrete, WA 98237, in the amount of \$263.34, due to exemption on leased Lone Star property. (#011386)
 - d. Pacific First Federal, 390 N. Wiget Lane, P.O. Box 9360, Walnut Creek, California 94598-0961, in the amount of \$352.44, due to erroneous information provided by their tax servicer. (#011686)

Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

7. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor:

- a. Irving C. Moe, 1512 Jungquist Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$280 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a shed. (#716)
- b. Irving C. Moe, 1512 Jungquist Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$330 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a shed. (#717)
- c. George Poppe, P.O. Box 776, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$4,660 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a house. (#718)
- d. Harrell Stiles, P.O. Box 1365, Lyman, Washington 98263, in the amount of \$2,610 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a house. (#719)
- e. Joseph A. Tudor (Deceased), 2605 Western Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98121, in the amount of \$8,630, due to demolition of a farm house. (#721)
- f. Donald R. Wisherd, 708 Ershig Road, Bow, Washington 98232, in the amount of \$2,260 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a garage. (#722)
- g. Skagit Golf and Country Club, 1493 Country Club Drive, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$21,260 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a house. (#723)
- h. Mildred M. Evers, 115 2nd Avenue South, Apt. #1409, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, in the amount of \$1,960 for tax year 1987, due to destruction of a cabin. (#724)
- i. David M. Kurtz, 1743 Britt Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$960 for tax year 1987, due to destruction of a barn and chicken houses. (#726)
- j. John D. McNab, 551 Brookings Road, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$3,260 for tax year 1987, due to demolition of a house. (#727)
- k. S. M. Rubins, P.O. Box 313, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$7,260 for tax year 1987, due to destruction of a house. (#728)

Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion to approve the above claims. The motion was carried and so ordered.

8. Commissioner Walberg motioned to deny a Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for Wilfred J. Lundin,

809 34th, Anacortes, Washington 98221, because the value of an old house was removed for 1987 taxes, and the value of a new house was added. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor. The motion was carried and so ordered. (#715)

PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BEAVER MARSH ROAD.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, explained that the purpose of this meeting was to provide information concerning planned future improvements of Beaver Marsh Road between McLean Road and Kamb Road. The Skagit County Public Works Department is planning to make these improvements in two phases. Phase I will be the section of roadway between McLean Road and Jungquist Road with construction taking place during the summer of 1987. Phase II will be the section of roadway between Jungquist Road and Kamb Road with construction taking place during the summer of 1988.

Robin LaRue, Section Manager - Design and Construction, located the proposed projects on a vicinity map. He noted that the total project cost for Phase I is estimated to be \$200,000, while the total project cost for Phase II is estimated to be \$125,000. The existing drainage ditch along Beaver Marsh Road would be replaced with a 4-foot diameter buried pipe with catch basins. A special ditch would be constructed to provide for field drainage. Mr. LaRue explained that the drainage pipe would become the responsibility of Skagit County for maintenance. Overall, a net increase of 3-feet in the roadway width (including shoulders) would result.

Herb Gearhart, 1667 Beaver Marsh Road, asked what was being proposed to keep the truck traffic from shaking their houses.

Mr. LaRue responded that currently the uneven panels of concrete cause much of the roughness in the road.

Ernie Ward, 1699 Beaver Marsh Road, asked what will be done to even up the concrete. He felt maybe the concrete should be removed altogether. He also expressed concern with the vast amounts of dirt which will be on the roadway from time to time (due to farming activities), since he had heard dirt eats through asphalt.

Mr. LaRue explained that the asphalt would be thickened in places to even up the unlevelled concrete panels. Mr. LaRue had not heard that dirt on asphalt eats through the surface.

Mr. Gearhart asked why the worst part of Beaver Marsh Road (Jungquist Road to Calhoun Road) wasn't being constructed in Phase I.

William Beurskens, 1683 Beaver Marsh Road, concurred.

Mr. Sampley explained that special funding has been obtained for the worst portion, but isn't available until after July 1987. It is possible that the two projects could be timed closer together.

Jay Ensley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, explained that as an interim measure, some leveling could be done to that poorer portion of the road.

Oliver Berentson, 1695 Beaver Marsh Road, stated that he was happy to see the project on the schedule for construction. He would be happier yet, however, if the County could construct as much as possible in 1987.

Bob Dean, corner of Beaver Marsh and Calhoun Roads, asked what will be the procedure for acquiring additional right-of-way.

Mr. LaRue explained that an independent appraiser will appraise each parcel and then purchase prices will be negotiated. The County is looking to obtain an additional 7 feet of right-of-way for each side of the road.

Nellie Cornwall, 1671 Beaver Marsh Road, stated that she is very pleased with the proposed project.

Mr. Beurskens asked if problems in negotiations arise, would this delay the project.

Mr. Sampley stated that design and planning of the project is taking place at this time, however stalled negotiations could delay the project.

Roger Jungquist, 1604 Beaver Marsh Road, asked for clarification regarding the right-of-way acquisition.

Discussion followed regarding right-of-way.

Mr. LaRue stated that utility poles will be relocated at no expense to the County.

Mr. Dean asked if the P.U.D. is planning the installation of a large pipeline so fire hydrants would be available.

The Public Works Department was unable to answer this question.

Dode Egbers, 486-A Loop Road, Bow, stated that as a Drainage District Commissioner, he was not convinced about the project. He felt it would be less expensive to dig a new ditch, rather than install a pipeline for drainage. He also asked what would be done about the drainage along Bradshaw Road. He asked how the Roozens felt about this proposed project.

Mike Roozen, of Washington Bulb Company, explained that his family was in Seattle attending a conference. However, he was confident that they would

work with the County to resolve this matter.

Mr. Dean expressed concern regarding maintenance of the pipe.

Mr. LaRue explained that the County has a piece of equipment which is used to clean the drainage pipe. He stated that a ditch would be approximately as expensive as a drainage pipe.

Mr. Sampley explained that the County and the drainage district share the responsibility for liability incurred when someone drives off the road into the ditch.

Mr. Ward thanked the Board for holding this meeting.

Commissioner Vaux stated that it is the intent of the County to build a suitable road which will lessen the County's liability. He noted that the County will not do anything that isn't approved by the drainage district first.

Phil Jennings, 1610 Best Road, stated that as a Drainage District Commissioner, he favored installation of drainage pipe because it would be more costly to make the drainage ditch viable.

With regard to the Bradshaw Road, Mr. Sampley stated that it would be easier to address with open ditches. Bradshaw Road is an alternative project for next year, should sufficient funds be available.

The Board agreed to hold another meeting on the proposed Beaver Marsh Road project, prior to beginning the reconstruction. The Board thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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



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