

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, January 26, 1987

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Public Works Road Supervisors and Superintendent.

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9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Report on Senior Screening Program.
2. Update on Public Meeting with Big Lake Community to Discuss Public Water Supply Issues.

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

1. Public Hearing - Establishment of a System of Solid Waste Disposal in Skagit County.
2. Signature:
 - a. Railroad Construction/Maintenance Agreement on Minkler Road.
 - b. C.R.P. Update on Minkler Road.
3. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1:30 p.m.
1. Proposal Opening - Indigent Criminal Defense - Conflict Cases.
 2. Resolution - Modifying the 1986 Budget Adoption Level.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Planning Commission Referred Items:

1. Baker Rezone #R-86-018.
2. Aune Special Use #SP-86-052.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Report on Senior Screening Program.

Sharon Gottardi, A.R.N.P., updated the Board on the Senior Screening Program,

which has been in existence since 1979. The target group for the program is low income vulnerable persons age 60 years and older. Ms. Gottardi reported that word of mouth is the most frequently used method of reaching the target population.

She reported that in 1986 the program served 437 patients. Of the 365 program evaluations received by the Health Department, 351 patients rated the program "excellent," while the remaining 14 patients rated the program "good." Approximately 70 percent of the 94 patients referred to their physician or appropriate agency were suffering from serious health problems.

The Senior Screening Program has been increased for 1987 to include 55 additional examinations. Although funding for this program is received through Northwest Regional Council and the County, Ms. Gottardi noted that in 1986 they received over \$7,000 in donations.

Ms. Gottardi explained that examinations are offered every two years for persons 60 to 69 years and every year for those 70 years and older. The actual cost for a screening is approximately \$103.

The Board thanked the Health Department for their involvement with this program. The Commissioners informed Ms. Gottardi of the fine comments they hear about the program.

2. Update on Public Meeting with Big Lake Community to Discuss Public Water Supply Issues.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, updated the Board on the recent meeting with the Big Lake community to discuss public water supply issues. He explained that Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, informed those present about the purpose of the meeting and public health concerns of using Big Lake as a water source. Moe Batra, of the Department of Social and Health Services (D.S.H.S.), provided information regarding State and Federal drinking water standards, upgrading requirements, and possible funding sources. Greg Peterka, of the Skagit Public Utility District (P.U.D.), spoke regarding possible solutions, approximate cost, and how the local utility district (L.U.D.) procedure works.

Mr. Willis informed the Board of the first scheduled steering committee meeting, which will be held at the Big Lake Fire Hall on Thursday, January 29, 1987. He noted that the community response was very favorable.

General discussion regarding the matter followed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, updated the Board on the

Birdsview water situation. He noted that the community is about to drill a well for their water district in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - Establishment of a System of Solid Waste Disposal in Skagit County.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, explained that Chapter 36.58, R.C.W., provides that the legislative authority of each County may, by ordinance, provide for the establishment of a system of solid waste disposal for all the unincorporated areas of the County, and also that the legislative authority may designate a final disposal site for solid waste collected in unincorporated areas.

Mr. Sampley reviewed the various portions of the proposed ordinance, including the following:

Section 1: Solid Waste Disposal System Established.

Section 2: Solid Waste Landfill Disposal

- 1) Inman Landfill
- 2) Sauk Landfill
- 3) Gibraltar Landfill

Section 3: Rural Compactor Box Sites

- 1) Clear Lake
- 2) Birdsview
- 3) Conway
- 4) Alger
- 5) Similk

Section 4: Incineration/Resource Recovery

Section 5: Septage and Leachate Disposal

Section 6: Solid Waste Recycling

Terry Knutzen, of Rural Skagit Sanitation, asked where he should dispose of hospital material that has to be incinerated. He currently disposes of it at the Thermal Reduction facility.

Mr. Sampley and Bill Ness, Solid Waste Engineer, concluded that this ordinance would not pertain to such hospital waste which is classified as hazardous waste.

Mr. Knutzen questioned the hours of operation at the landfills.

Mr. Sampley explained that hours of operation is not addressed in the proposed ordinance.

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

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the Ordinance regarding the establishment of a system of solid waste disposal in Skagit County, to be fully delineated as a new Chapter in Title 12 of the Skagit County Code. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Ordinance #11125)

On a related matter, Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Ness if he had researched the possibility of obtaining dollar changing machines for the compactor box sites.

Mr. Ness informed him that such a machine would cost approximately \$380 per unit, and weather may play a role in how they would operate. Currently, compactor box site users obtain change at stores near the site.

2. Signature:

a. Railroad Construction/Maintenance Agreement on Minkler Road.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to enter into an agreement with Burlington Northern Railroad Company for widening and improvement of the Minkler Road railroad grade crossing near Sedro-Woolley. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board also approved for signature the Petition to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for the Minkler Road project.

b. C.R.P. Update on Minkler Road.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution updating Resolution #10764 and to authorize funds to cover reconstructing and widening of Minkler Road to provide two 11-foot driving lanes and 6-foot shoulders; and improvement of the drainage system at the intersection of the Harrison and Hoehen Roads to carry storm runoff to the Skagit River. This resolution authorizes funds in the amount of \$5,000 for engineering, \$10,000 for right-of-way acquisition, and \$197,560 for construction. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11126)

3. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. The Board approved for signature the contract modification to the August 12, 1985, Contract for Professional Services with Sweet, Edwards & Associates, Inc., for hydrogeologic services at Inman Landfill. The contract modification extends the expiration date of the contract until January 1, 1988, provides a new schedule of fees, and includes a hold harmless agreement.
- b. Gene Sampley presented photos of the Rainbow Bridge portal project.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Michael Rickert, Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, was present to request the Board approve the hiring of an employee for his office under the Private Industry Council (P.I.C.) program. He explained that currently his staff needs assistance in two divisions of the office: (1) District Court; and (2) IV-D or non-support division. The increase in caseload in District Court has made it impossible for one secretary to handle. The non-support/paternity division has experienced a tremendous increase due to the change of contract and transfer of cases from the Office of Support Enforcement.

Mr. Rickert explained that the Private Industry Council would pay one-half of the salary of a full-time secretary with prior legal experience for six months, the County would pay one-quarter of the salary, and under current State contract, Support Enforcement would pay for one-quarter of the salary on a reimbursable basis. The County would be responsible for providing State industrial insurance and social security only. As a result, the County would pay \$48 per week for a full-time employee position in the Prosecutor's Office.

Additionally, Mr. Rickert hoped that this new person could fill in for the current District Court secretary in August when she takes maternity leave.

Mike Woodmansee noted the need to check with the State Department of Retirement Systems regarding possible complications.

The Board instructed Mike Woodmansee to work with Michael Rickert in further research of funding for this position. This item will be addressed further Tuesday, January 27, 1987, under Miscellaneous Items.

2. 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, January 27, 1987, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did