

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 17, 1987

Flag Salute

- 9:30 a.m. Recognition Awards - Ray Smalley and Bob Merritt, Retiring Members of the Veteran's Relief Committee.
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Request of Pacific Quarries for Extended Hours.
- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Signature - Resolution for Primitive Road Status on Schulze Road.
 2. Signature - Contract for Comprehensive Flood Control Plan Development.
 3. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1:30 p.m. Executive Session - Litigation and Personnel.
- 7:00 p.m. Department of Transportation Presentation on SR-20 Route Alternatives. (Meeting will be held in Hearing Rooms B and C.)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

RECOGNITION AWARDS - Ray Smalley and Bob Merritt, Retiring Members of the Veteran's Relief Committee.

The Board presented recognition plaques to Ray Smalley and Bob Merritt in honor of their service on the Veteran's Relief Committee from October 1956 through January 1987. The Board thanked Mr. Smalley and Mr. Merritt for their years of service to Skagit County in this capacity.

DISCUSSION - REQUEST OF PACIFIC QUARRIES FOR EXTENDED HOURS.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, informed the Board that the Prosecuting Attorney has instructed the Board to hold a public hearing regarding amending the conditions of Resolution #8618 in response to Pacific Quarries' request for extended hours for a period of six months.

Mike Brown, of Pacific Quarries, informed the Board that he has been asked to bid on approximately 80,000 yards of rock for the Everett Navy Home Port project. His bid must be in by March 12, and he is requesting an extension of

operating hours for Pacific Quarries for a period of about six months, should he be awarded the bid.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to schedule a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, 1987, to consider amending the conditions of Resolution #8618 in response to Pacific Quarries' request for an extension of operating hours. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 9, and Tuesday, February 10, 1987. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Susan Wilson, 1003 South 19th Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$59.54, due to incorrect square footage used to figure assessment. (#000787)
 - b. City of Mount Vernon, City Hall, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$67.31, due to the property's exempt status. (#000687)
 - c. Larry Andrews, 311 Rowland Drive, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$309.47, due to payment on wrong account. (#000887)

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Greg Olson, 100 South LaVenture, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for services as referee for the junior high basketball league at the rate of \$10 per game; scorekeeper at the rate of \$5 per game; and basketball coach for junior basketball camp at the rate of \$4.50 per hour. This contract shall be in effect January 1, through March 31, 1987.
4. 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, February 17, 1987, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- a. Vouchers #700182 through #700728 (Warrants #20718 through #21094) in the total amount of \$364,895.79. (C-11-87)
- b. Vouchers #70171 through #70216 (Warrants #70171 through #70216) in the total amount of \$9,609.00. (PR-03-87)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Signature - Resolution for Primitive Road Status on Schulze Road.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution designating Schulze Road #9532 as a primitive County road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11143)

2. Signature - Contract for Comprehensive Flood Control Plan Development.

Gene Sampley explained that the proposed contract amendment with Brown and Caldwell had not been approved by the Prosecutor's Office at this time.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, explained that this amendment would extend an existing contract with Brown and Caldwell dated November 15, 1982. Services would consist of developing a Comprehensive Flood Control Management Plan, which is required by the State in order for the County to continue to receive State funds for flood control maintenance. Compensation for engineering services shall not exceed \$29,300. Grant funding is available in the amount of 75 percent of the cost of developing the plan.

Mr. Nelson explained that approximately \$450,000 is expected to be forthcoming with the development of the plan.

The Board will approve the contract amendment for signature as soon as it is approved by the Prosecutor's Office.

3. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. The Board approved for signature grant agreements for the Flood Control Assistance Accounting Program with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the following projects:
 - (1) Cascade River - Grant shall not exceed 80 percent of the total eligible project cost of \$50,052.
 - (2) Muddy Creek - Grant shall not exceed 80 percent of the total eligible project cost of \$15,562.

- b. Mr. Sampley reviewed plans for the proposed incineration facility. He informed the Board of a meeting on February 24, 1987, with Wright Schuchart Harbor to review the matter. Mr. Sampley also presented various photos and answered questions from the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Vaux motioned to enter into a Contract for Professional Services between the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Western Washington University, Department of Geography and Regional Planning for developing an inventory of alluvial fan formations in specific areas of Skagit and Whatcom Counties. Compensation shall not exceed \$6,000, and this contract shall be in effect through December 31, 1987, unless sooner terminated. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Entranco Engineers, Inc., regarding the Erie and Campbell Lakes restoration project. The amendment continues the contract executed on April 2, 1985, until May 31, 1987, or until sooner terminated. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to schedule the following Planning Commission referred item before the Board at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 1987: Chuck Christenson Rezone Request #R-87-001. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Dave Hough, Senior Planner, presented a work plan for application for a Community Development Block Grant for development of the proposed multi-purpose exposition center (fair site) at Northern State. He explained the need for funds to complete a drainage study and structural engineering analysis at the site. He estimated the cost for these items would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to \$20,000. Possibly the Public Works Department can prepare the drainage study.

Discussion followed regarding deciding on which portion of the State property the County wishes to utilize.

The Board approved Mr. Hough's work plan for this grant application, and instructed him to obtain an estimate for the structural engineering work to be done.

Mr. Hough informed the Board that the Advisory Committee will be meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m. to begin work on the grant application.

The Board scheduled a work session at the Northern State site on Thursday, March 5, 1987, at 10:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION ON SR-20 ROUTE ALTERNATIVES

Commissioner Walberg introduced Ron Bockstruck, District No. 1 Administrator, of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Commissioner Walberg also introduced Mayor Don Walley of Sedro Woolley, and Mayor Ray Henery of Burlington.

Mr. Bockstruck introduced John Conrad, Operations Engineer for District No. 1, and Paul Edgar, Project Manager for this project. He explained that legislation is before the Legislature to continue Category "C" State funding for projects such as this. Mr. Bockstruck explained how projects are prioritized across the State and how SR-20 was being considered.

Paul Edgar compared accident rates for sections of SR-20 both east and west of SR-536. While the accident rate for that portion east of SR-536 was higher than west of SR-536, the fatality rate for that portion west of SR-536 was twice as high as for that portion east of SR-536 for the period of 1983 through 1985.

David Yamashita suggested a sign be placed at the intersection of SR-20 with SR-536 (Gianelli's corner) directing I-5 southbound traffic onto SR-536 through Mount Vernon.

John Conrad stated that he could have this alternative investigated further.

Mr. Edgar explained the various route alternatives proposed for SR-20. He also presented the results of a recent newspaper survey on the matter.

Mr. Bockstruck, Mr. Conrad and Mr. Edgar answered various questions from the audience regarding right-of-way, purchasing property, route alternatives, etc.

Mr. Bockstruck stated that if the project were to start today, completion would be at least five years away.

Commissioner Vaux noted that Alternative B-4 would go directly through National Fruit Canning Company's sprinkler field.

Mr. Bockstruck stated that the State would have to compensate them for their property loss, probably in the form of a trade. He noted that these alternatives are still in the very early planning stages, and additional research is necessary to determine the best route.

Commissioner Vaux noted that the Avon-Allen intersection is particularly hazardous and will need special consideration.

Bob Boudinot, consulting engineer for the City of Burlington, asked what design criteria was being used to design a highway in the floodplain.

Mr. Edgar stated that the Department of Transportation's hydraulics people will be involved in the design.

Discussion followed regarding giving higher priority to the section of SR-20 which is west of I-5.

Mr. Edgar explained that staging and incremental funding is being considered.

David Yamashita stated that he counted 40 accesses on SR-20 from I-5 to Avon-Allen Road. He suggested the speed limit be lowered immediately and route alternatives be considered for the future.

A representative of the Burlington-Edison School District expressed concern regarding the intersection of SR-20 and Garl Street in Burlington. He noted that there has been several auto accidents at the high school, and it's only a matter of time before additional accidents occur.

Mr. Bockstruck stated that the Department of Transportation is working in coordination with the City of Burlington regarding that intersection.

Mr. Conrad outlined the operational changes which might be feasible to reduce the hazardous situation. Operational changes include signing and signalization. He explained that the Avon-Allen Road intersection is number 79 on the priority list for traffic signalization. The largest contributing factor to the problem is the high rate of speed on SR-20. Drivers misjudge the rate of speed at which vehicles are traveling. The Department of Transportation is looking to make this intersection safer and more visible.

Mr. Conrad explained how speed limits are established. Speed studies are used to determine the rate of speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling. The posted speed cannot be more than 5 miles per hour higher or lower than the rate at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling. He explained that speed limits have to be reasonable to the drivers, or they will go faster anyway unless law enforcement is present.

David Yamashita felt maybe many people drive 55 miles per hour simply because they are used to driving that speed and don't realize how the area has grown up and become hazardous. He suggested lowering the speed limit to 45 or 50 miles per hour.

Mr. Conrad stated that a specific speed study should be conducted and the matter should be discussed with the State Patrol.

Jones Atterberry suggested wide accesses onto SR-20 be narrowed to one-car widths.

Herb Causlund, of Mount Vernon, suggested speed limits be reduced 15 miles per hour at yellow caution lights. He noted that the growing Anacortes and

Whidbey Island population is adding to the congestion and will continue to grow.

Mr. Bockstruck explained that an origin and destination study would be necessary before any route changes were made.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested a center turn lane be constructed on that portion of SR-20 between Burlington and Sedro-Woolley.

Mr. Bockstruck noted that such a revision is in the plan.

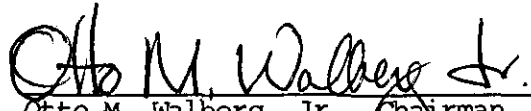
Discussion followed regarding the need for reflective buttons on highways throughout the State.

David Yamashita stated that the Department of Transportation has been most responsive to his requests for discussion of this matter.


ADJOURNMENT

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

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Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Chairman

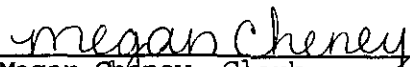


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner





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