

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 30, 1987

Flag Salute

- 10:00 a.m. 1. Discussion - Corrections Standards Board.
 2. Discussion - Dangerous Dogs - Chapter 94, Laws of 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 2:00 p.m. Signature - Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
 (I.A.C.)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 30, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

Item #2 was addressed prior to Item #1:

2. DISCUSSION - DANGEROUS DOGS - CHAPTER 94, LAWS OF 1987.

Gary Frazier, Skagit County Sheriff, informed the Board of a pit bull attack on a foal in a horse trailer recently. He estimated that his office receives two to three calls per day (20 to 30 calls per week) regarding vicious dogs, and Monday, June 29, 1987, his office received six calls.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, stated that the law provides that the County can set any fees necessary to operate the program outlined in Chapter 94, Laws of 1987.

Sheriff Frazier outlined his understanding of the new law as follows:

1. A "potentially dangerous dog," for example, is one which nips at a bicycle riding down the road. If that incident is reported to the County, the owner of the dog is put on notice of his potentially dangerous dog. The second time such a situation is reported, the dog becomes a "dangerous dog."
2. A "dangerous dog" is deemed dangerous immediately when he inflicts severe injury, which is defined as causing disfiguration needing stitches or a broken bone.

John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, Prosecutor's Office, outlined the three categories of dangerous dogs:

1. A dog which has inflicted severe injury on a human being without provocation on public or private property,

2. A dog which has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property, or
3. A dog which has been previously found to be potentially dangerous, the owner having received notice of such and the dog again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

Mr. Moffat explained that an owner of a dangerous dog would be required to register his dog for a fee (which could be in addition to a regular dog licensing fee). Also, the owner would be required to provide proper enclosure with posting of a warning sign, obtain a surety bond in the sum of at least \$50,000, and obtain a policy of liability insurance, such as homeowner's insurance, in the amount of at least \$50,000. If the owner misses any one of the requirements, then that person would be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. If a dangerous dog of an owner with a prior conviction under this law attacks or bites a person or another domestic animal, the dog's owner would be guilty of a class C felony. Additionally, the dangerous dog would be immediately confiscated by an animal control authority, placed in quarantine for the proper length of time, and thereafter destroyed. Potentially dangerous dogs can be regulated any way the Board decides.

Sheriff Frazier stated that this law will take the time of at least one full-time person in the field, in addition to the clerical time necessary. Dangerous dogs could be impounded for a certain number of days until the owner meets insurance and confinement requirements.

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Specialist I, stated that the Health Department currently maintains records of rabies followups and injuries received. She is in the process of inputting this information into a computer.

Sheriff Frazier stated that this new law becomes effective July 26, 1987.

Discussion followed regarding animal control officers. The City of Mount Vernon and the City of Anacortes each currently have an animal control officer.

Mr. Woodmansee proposed that the Sheriff's Office could enforce this law, and possibly the Health Department could provide the clerical support. The owners of dangerous dogs could pay the fees necessary to enforce the law.

Sheriff Frazier noted that the Sheriff's Office would have to hire an officer through the Civil Service Commission. He proposed that the County could possibly contract with a city for the services of their animal control officer until such time as a class C felony occurs. At that point, the Sheriff's Office could take over.

Mr. Moffat stated that the Supreme Court will be reluctant to charge the state with the costs for enforcing this law. The law states that the County can charge for the costs incurred in enforcement.

Discussion followed regarding the need for an ordinance detailing the enforcement of this law.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, suggested a committee be formed to discuss the law. Committee members will be Bob Taylor, Mike Woodmansee, Gary Frazier, John Moffat, Corinne Story, and Colleen Hodgin, Humane Officer of the Skagit County Humane Society. The committee will meet at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 1987.

Item #1 was addressed at this time:

1. DISCUSSION - CORRECTIONS STANDARDS BOARD.

Gary Frazier, Skagit County Sheriff, stated that with the end of the Corrections Standards Board effective January 1, 1987, each county that owns or operates an adult correctional facility shall adopt standards for the operation of that facility no later than January 1, 1988. Sheriff Frazier recommended the Board adopt the existing standards established by the Corrections Standards Board.

Commissioner Vaux asked about standards for the County's juvenile correction facility.

Sheriff Frazier stated that he thought standards for juvenile correction facilities were being drafted through the State juvenile association. He noted that Terry Rousseau, Director of Juvenile Probation, could more accurately address that issue.

Commissioner Vaux felt the County should address juvenile correctional facility standards at the same time as adult correctional facility standards. He also suggested work sessions be scheduled to review the existing standards.

Discussion followed regarding the County's work release program.

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1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one new passenger van to Vern Sims Ford, Inc., for their low bid of \$13,427.83 for one 1987 Ford Aerostar. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11250)

2. The Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation of Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, effective July 20, 1987. Mr. Sampley has accepted a position with R. W. Beck and Associates.
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Steve Wood as Acting Director of the Skagit County Planning and Community Development Department, effective July 1, 1987, for a period not to exceed six months. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11251)

Commissioners Walberg and Vaux were present for the following items. Commissioner Rohrer was absent.

SIGNATURE - INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION (I.A.C.)

1. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, explained a proposed 50-year interlocal agreement between Skagit County and the Burlington-Edison School District with regard to the proposed community playfield north of the Burlington-Edison High School. He explained that Skagit County would have the responsibility of scheduling use of the playfields after school hours, while the school district would provide primary maintenance of the playfields. The school district would be responsible for liability insurance, although the County would carry liability insurance to cover County programs scheduled after 5:00 p.m. The County would also be responsible for lining of the field for County programs.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he was not interested in the County being responsible for any kind of maintenance of the playfields.

Mr. Aarstad outlined the equipment and funds expected to be donated to the project, leaving approximately \$30,000 to be contributed by Skagit County.

Commissioner Vaux requested additional discussion regarding the maintenance of the playfields.

Mr. Aarstad explained that previous to this proposal, the Burlington area has never had an appropriate playfields facility. He felt confident that the County would not have any mowing responsibility. If the I.A.C. grant request was not granted, Mr. Aarstad explained that the school district would try to accomplish as much as they could with the funds available. He agreed to delete any kind of maintenance from Skagit County's responsibilities in the agreement, and will return before the Board at a later date for approval of the interlocal agreement.

2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the formal application to the I.A.C. for \$150,000 in funding for the proposed \$330,000 Burlington Regional Playfields project. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11252)

The Board also approved for signature the grant application to the I.A.C. for funding assistance with the Burlington Regional Playfields project.

3. Jon Aarstad explained the Padilla Bay Bike Trail project which is proposed to extend from State Highway 20 to the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. A portion of this route will travel approximately 2.2 miles of this 3.2-mile trail, along the shoreline of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Sanctuary. Skagit County's portion of the \$150,000 project would be \$50,000 from the County's Path Fund.

Robin LaRue, Design and Construction Section Manager of the Public Works Department, noted that the dike district commissioners are favorable to this project.

Jay Ensley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, noted that the dike property was acquired through condemnation, so their legal counsel will need to determine if they can enter into an agreement for something other than dike purposes.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution authorizing a grant application to the I.A.C. for funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000 for the \$150,000 Padilla Bay Bike Trail project. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11253)

The Board approved for signature the grant application to the I.A.C. for funding assistance with this portion of the Padilla Bay Bike Trail.

4. Mr. Aarstad explained the proposed hiking and biking trail adjacent to the Southeastern Shoreline of the Padilla Bay Estuarine Sanctuary and Little Indian Slough. Total estimated cost of this portion of trail is \$120,000, with the County, the Department of Ecology and the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center contributing 45,000.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a request for a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Aquatic Land Enhancement Account for this portion of the Padilla Bay Trail. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11254)

The Board approved for signature the grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for Aquatic Land Enhancement Account funding for this portion of the Padilla Bay Trail.

5. Mr. Aarstad acknowledged the volunteer work Roger Howard did on the Padilla Bay trail site plan.

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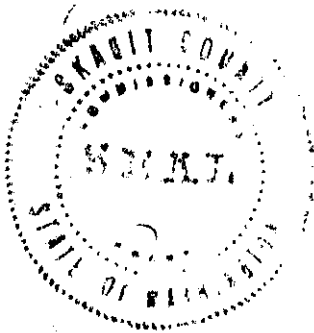
1. The Board approved an agreement with Anacortes School District #103 for the use of Volunteer Park for adult co-ed recreational soccer from June 25, through August 13, 1987. There is no charge to Skagit County for the use of this park.
2. The Board approved for signature an alarm system proposal with Sansone Security for installation and operation of an alarm system at the Mount Vernon Senior Center.
3. The Board approved for signature an instructional services agreement with Michele Slotemaker, 1027 Washington Avenue, Burlington, Washington 98233, for coaching services for youth athletic skills activities. This contract shall be in effect June 8, through December 31, 1987, and compensation shall be at the rate of \$5 per hour.
4. The Board approved for signature an agreement with Mount Vernon School District #320 for use of LaVenture Gym on certain evenings in January, February and March, 1987, for volleyball and basketball programs. The fee for use of the gym was \$50 per night.
5. Mr. Aarstad updated the Board on the renovation of Clear Lake Park.
6. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property:
 - a. Bob Hulbert, Jr., P.O. Box 419, Sunnyside, Washington 98944, in the amount of \$17,600 for tax year 1988, due to a house fire. (#752)
 - b. Betty R. Harrison, 803F 29th Street, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$5,900 for tax year 1988, due to substandard condition of buildings. (#755)

Chairman Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor. The motion was carried and so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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