

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 20, 1987

9:00 a.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

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10:00 a.m. Planning and Community Development Department:

1. Update - Alluvial Fan Study.
2. Discussion - Puget Sound Water Quality Authority Nonpoint Guidelines.

10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Jay Ensley, Acting Director:

1. Public Hearing - Speed Limit Ordinance - 35 m.p.h. on Unposted County Roads.
2. Call for Bids - Three (3) 20-Cubic Yard Steel Solid Waste Containers and Nine (9) 40-Cubic Yard Steel Solid Waste Containers.
3. Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.
4. Signature - Lease Agreement - Similk Compactor Site.
5. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

- 2:00 p.m.
1. Update - Microfilm Program.
  2. Call for Proposals - Microfilming Services.

2:30 p.m. Discussion - Employee Parking - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Clerk.

3:00 p.m. Discussion - 1988 Budget Process.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

1. Update - Alluvial Fan Study.

Steve Wood, Acting Director of the Planning and Community Development Department, explained that Western Washington University's Geography Department has completed the alluvial fan study in Whatcom and Skagit

Counties. This project was accomplished through sharing costs with Skagit County, Whatcom County and the Department of Natural Resources. Total cost per agency will be less than \$2,000. Mr. Wood explained the results of the study, and noted that they hope to change Skagit County's floodplain ordinance to accomplish the following:

- a. Require property owners who insist on building in alluvial fan areas to record a document stating the situation, and
- b. Require property owners to sign an agreement holding the County harmless from any damage occurring to the property.

The Board supported this proposed amendment.

Ty Clark, Manager of the Skagit Conservation District, felt that Skagit Conservation District was not kept informed of this study. He requested their soils engineers be allowed to review the study in the next two weeks.

The Board encouraged Mr. Clark to review the study with the Skagit Conservation District to determine how the data coincides with United States Department of Agriculture soils maps for Skagit County.

2. Discussion - Puget Sound Water Quality Authority Nonpoint Guidelines.

Betsy Stevenson, Senior Planner, noted that the deadline for written comment regarding the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority (P.S.W.Q.A.) Nonpoint Guidelines is August 10, 1987. She explained that she would be attending the P.S.W.Q.A. meeting held in Mount Vernon on July 21, 1987, but she would refrain from making any comment until she had time to review the guidelines more thoroughly. She would respond in written form by August 10, 1987.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Acting Director:

1. Public Hearing - Speed Limit Ordinance - 35 m.p.h. on Unposted County Roads.

Chairman Walberg waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on July 7, and July 14, 1987.

Jeff Monsen, Acting County Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director, presented the engineer's report for the proposed County-wide 35 m.p.h. speed limit ordinance on unposted roads. He noted that 27 roadways are proposed for greater than 35 m.p.h.

Robbie Robertson, of La Conner, asked if the 40 m.p.h. speed limit on Bow Hill Road could be extended to possibly Ershig Road.

Paul Fosberg, 594 Ershig Road, Bow, stated that he was in favor of the 40 m.p.h. speed limit starting at Ershig Road.

Mr. Monsen stated that it would be necessary to re-advertise a public hearing to establish a speed limit lower than what was previously advertised.

Shorty Oldfield, from Clear Lake, felt there were currently too many speed traps. If people would travel the posted speed limits, there would be no problem, but in many areas, people travel in excess of the posted speed limit.

Ray Poorman, 1238 Janicki Road, Clear Lake, felt people would ignore speed reduction signs at hazardous areas if the County reduced the speed on all unposted roadways.

Bob Green noted that violations also occur on Interstate 5.

Tim Brown, from Kamb Road, Mount Vernon, asked why a blanket speed limit was needed. He felt Kamb Road should be higher than 35 m.p.h.

Carol Ehlers, of Anacortes, questioned several areas on Fidalgo Island. She felt Rosario Road should be less than 50 m.p.h.

Mr. Robertson concurred.

Commissioner Vaux suggested the speed limit be reduced in the area of Rosario Road from Edith Point Road to the intersection with Havekost Road and Marine Drive.

Leif Burkland, 1582 Dunbar Road, Mount Vernon, saw no reason to reduce the speed limit County-wide.

Ms. Ehlers felt the newly constructed portion of Marine Drive should be 35 m.p.h., rather than the posted 40 m.p.h.

Chairman Walberg acknowledged the receipt of a petition from 20 residents who requested the 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Ershig Road remain from the railroad tracks south to Chuckanut Drive.

Mr. Monsen indicated the proposed action for Ershig Road would not change the existing 35 m.p.h. zone between Field Road and Chuckanut Drive. From Field Road north to Colony Road would be posted 50 m.p.h.

Bruce Campbell, 787 Ershig Road, Bow, stated that due to the number of bicycles, livestock and children present on Ershig Road, the speed limit should be 35 m.p.h. all the way to Worline Road.

John Sandell, 835 Ershig Road, Bow, felt people who live on Bow Hill should use the freeway if they want to go 65 m.p.h.

Fred Adams, 989 Pulver Road, Burlington, agreed that people should take the freeway if they want to go fast.

Mr. Fosberg asked how speed limits can be enforced. Also, how can people be forced to stop at stop signs?

Gail Smith, 771 Ershig Road, Bow, was adamantly opposed to raising the speed limit on Ershig Road, due to the narrow shoulders. He also encouraged slower speed limits on the north side of the railroad tracks as well.

Mr. Robertson noted that McLean Road has recently been restriped, and this seems to be working effectively to make people aware of the dangerous intersections.

Karin Dahl, 822 Ershig Road, Bow, noted that the houses on Ershig Road are quite close to the road. She felt the speed limit should be 35 m.p.h.

Mr. Sandell felt the warning and speed limit signs should be a different color to draw people's attention. He noted that the bumps in the road are quite effective.

Commissioner Rohrer explained that the signs cannot be any other than standard color.

Shorty Oldfield approved of the careful consideration being given each road. He felt higher speeds should be accommodated whenever safe. Mr. Oldfield submitted a letter stating his opinion.

Mr. Adams felt Pulver Road from Cook Road to Chuckanut Drive should be lowered to 35 m.p.h.

Art Olson, 5257 Rockport Cascade Road, Rockport, stated that the entire road should not be 50 m.p.h. He noted that the speed on the west end of Rockport Cascade Road should be reduced because of the stop sign there.

Chairman Walberg read a letter from Christy Fairchild, 5257 Rockport Cascade Road, Rockport, who expressed opposition to the proposed 50 m.p.h. speed limit on Rockport Cascade Road.

Theo Denny, of South Cascade Road, Marblemount, felt South Cascade Road should not be raised to 50 m.p.h.

Donna Dean requested the speed limit be lowered to 40 m.p.h. on Prairie Road from Old 99 to past the F and S Grade Road and Samish River crossing. She explained that there are 17 homes in a new subdivision.

Karen Mustacich, 583 Park Court, presented a letter stating her opinion that Prairie Road from Old 99 North to past Park Ridge Lane should be 35 m.p.h., due to the curves in the road and hazardous congestion at Park Ridge Lane.

Margie Binschus, of South Cascade Road, Marblemount, felt the current 20 m.p.h. speed limit should remain on South Cascade Road.

Mr. Monsen explained that the proposed ordinance or any of the proposed changes would not affect South Cascade Road.

Mr. Robertson felt that Chilberg Road to Dodge Valley Road should be 35 m.p.h. due to all of the congestion in that area.

Mr. Poorman noted that even though the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. through Clear Lake, people don't adhere to that speed limit unless it is enforced.

Mr. Monsen explained that speed limit signs are generally placed 500 feet prior to an intersection changing the speed limit.

Arlene Poorman questioned Francis Road.

Mr. Monsen stated that Francis Road would be posted at 50 m.p.h.

Ms. Ehlers stated that she spoke with a State Patrolman who didn't think the County could legally change the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. County-wide on unposted roads.

Mr. Monsen stated that Whatcom County recently changed their unposted roads to 35 m.p.h., and Snohomish County has had a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on unposted roads for quite some time.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to continue the public hearing until 10:30 a.m., July 27, 1987. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Call for Bids - Three (3) 20-Cubic Yard Steel Solid Waste Containers and Nine (9) 40-Cubic Yard Steel Solid Waste Containers.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the following items:

- Bid Item #1: Three 20-cubic yard steel solid waste containers.
- Bid Item #2: Nine 40-cubic yard steel solid waste containers.

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11266)

Bids will be received and publicly opened on Monday, August 10, 1987, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

3. Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

The Board approved for signature an agreement with Upper Skagit Indian Tribe for the County's provision of work, materials and equipment rental on a reimbursable basis during the five calendar year period of 1987 through 1991.

4. Signature - Lease Agreement - Similk Compactor Site.

The Board approved for signature the lease agreement with Delbert C. Reisner for lease of the Similk compactor site for a period of ten years beginning May 1, 1987, and ending April 30, 1997. The rent for the first year shall be \$1,688.52, paid in advance, with payment for succeeding years to be made on the first day of May of each year, at the rates stipulated in the lease agreement.

5. Miscellaneous Items.

The Board approved for signature the Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Public Works Department and A. T. "Ted" Allen, P.O. Box 164, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the provision of services consisting of supervision of the maintenance and field administration of the Sedro-Woolley Sub-Flood Control Zone. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$12 per hour, and this contract shall be in effect January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987.

1. UPDATE - MICROFILM PROGRAM.

Paula Kvam, Microfilm Center Coordinator, updated the Board on the Microfilm Center's progress. She stated that on July 9, 1986, the Center started with four employees. Two additional employees were added to the staff, and in the last six months, the Center has doubled its production. The Center has completed 38 years of civil records and 59 years of probate records. She estimates the Center will complete filming of the backlog records sometime near the latter part of 1988.

Following a quality control inspection by the State Microfilm Officials, Skagit County's Microfilm Center received a rating of 96 out of a possible 100 points. Ms. Kvam thanked the Board for their support and confidence in her during the past year.

2. CALL FOR PROPOSALS - MICROFILMING SERVICES.

Paula Kvam, Microfilm Center Coordinator, requested authorization for the filming of 250 hardbound volumes of records. She explained that the Microfilm Center cannot film the records with their cameras, however, she proposed to

fund the project with funds previously allocated for additional equipment. She estimated it would cost approximately \$20,000 to accomplish the task. Ms. Kvam knew of three companies who could accommodate this project.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Coordinator of the Skagit County Microfilm Center to issue a Request for Proposals to provide microfilming services for hardbound volumes in the custody of the Skagit County Clerk. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11267)

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$500 from the Training line item of Revenue Sharing Funds to allow Superior Court Judge Walter Deierlein to attend the National College of State Trial Judges and American Bar Association Convention in San Francisco. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
  - a. Jack C. Hagerty, c/o Continental, Inc., 8th Floor, Pacific Building, Seattle, WA 98104, in the amount of \$128.56, due to double assessment. (#008487)
  - b. Federal Land Bank, in the amount of \$138.81, due to payment of taxes on a portion of the property not owned by Federal Land Bank. (#008587A)
  - c. Federal Land Bank, in the amount of \$25.61, due to payment of taxes on a portion of the property not owned by Federal Land Bank. (#008587B)
  - d. Floyd H. Allen, P.O. Box 463, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$75.41, due to senior citizen exemption. (#008687)

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion to approve the above listed Petitions for Property Tax Refund. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Records of Proceedings for Monday, July 13, 1987, and Tuesday, July 14, 1987. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
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, July 20, 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 #46096 through #46202 (Warrants #46096 through #46202) in the amount of \$138,019.26. (R-18-87)
  - b. Manual Warrant #MW014-25087 (Warrant #25087) in the amount of \$250.00. (C-27-87)
  - c. Vouchers #71075 through #71120 in the amount of \$10,490.00 (PR-12-87).
  - d. Vouchers #705638 through #706113 (Warrants #24744 through #25086) in the amount of \$673,414.56. (C-26-87)
5. The Board approved for signature a Notification of Contract Award from the Department of Social and Health Services for mental health, alcoholism, drug abuse and developmental disabilities programs in the amount of \$161,601 for the period beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1989. (Contract #2200-0618901)
6. The Board approved for signature a contract with the Department of Social and Health Services for alcohol and drug abuse services for the period beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1989. (Contract #1440-62191)

DISCUSSION - EMPLOYEE PARKING - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Clerk.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Clerk, was present to request the wood barrier in the gravel employee parking lot be sawed to allow a walkway for short-strided employees.

The Board agreed to see that a walkway is created.

Secondly, Ms. Coole-McKeehen initiated discussion regarding parking for part-time employees, volunteers, community service workers, as well as people conducting lengthy research in her office.

Regarding her part-time employee, Ms. Coole-McKeehen explained that she sometimes only works several days in a pay period, depending on the needs of the office. She felt it was unfair to expect a part-time person to pay the regular \$6 per month for County parking, when the parking spot may only be used several days. Ms. Coole-McKeehen noted that last fall the County requested employees not park on the street, so her part-time employee has been parking in the jury overflow gravel lot. Recently Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, sent a memo requesting that she either pay \$6 per month to park



legally in a County employee parking lot, or park on the street. Ms. Coole-McKeehen asked if the parking rate for a part-time employee could be prorated.

Mr. Taylor explained that other County employees began parking in the same gravel lot without paying \$6 per month.

Commissioner Vaux suggested the County set aside a certain number of parking stalls for part-time employees to use on a first come, first served basis.

Mr. Taylor suggested Ms. Coole-McKeehen instruct people other than employees to park in the gravel jury overflow lot, when they expect to be at the County for an extended period of time.

The Board concurred with Mr. Taylor's suggestion. Regarding parking for part-time employees, the Board wished to consider this matter further.

#### DISCUSSION - 1988 BUDGET PROCESS.

Representatives from most County departments and offices were present for this discussion.

Jerry McInturff, County Auditor, called for the 1988 budget process to begin.

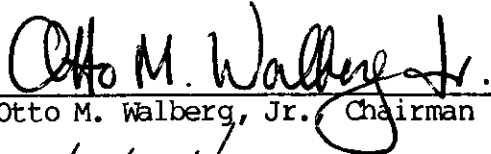
Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, presented a budget letter from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Woodmansee explained that in April, 1987, the Board authorized the second 1/2 cent sales tax. In 1988, approximately \$600,000 to \$650,000 in revenue will be generated by the additional sales tax. This revenue will approximately replace revenue which was in previous years supplied by Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. Mr. Woodmansee noted that other revenues are holding adequately. He asked each department and office to prioritize their requests for new programs, capital outlay and new employees.


Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

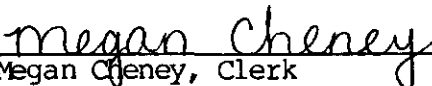
  
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ATTEST:

  
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Megan Cheney, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners