

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 27, 1987

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Road Supervisors.

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Public Hearing - Revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges Pertaining to Fees for Copies of Vital Records and Food and Beverage Worker Permits.
2. Introduction of Mel Thom, Summer Field Trainee.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Continuation of Public Hearing - Speed Limit Ordinance - 35 m.p.h. on Unposted County Roads.
2. Public Hearing - Various County Road Name Changes.
3. Discussion - Big Lake Triathlon.
4. Call for Public Hearing - Formation of Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone.
5. Call for Bids - Francis Road Reconstruction.
6. Signature - Certificate of Commendation.
7. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

2:30 p.m. Discussion - 1/2 Percent Sales Tax and Library Funding - Area Mayors.

3:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Public Hearing - Revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges Pertaining to Fees for Copies of Vital Records and Food and Beverage Worker Permits.

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

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, and Carolyn Milat, Director of Public Health, explained the proposed revisions to the Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges. The Washington State Legislature during the 1987 session approved House Bill 259 allowing increases in fees charged for copies of vital records (certificates of birth and death) and permits issued to food and beverage workers. Fees for vital records are proposed as follows:

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| a. | Certified copy of birth certificate (cost for each copy) | \$11.00 |
| b. | Certified copy of death certificate (cost for first copy) | 11.00 |
| c. | Certified copy of death certificate (each additional copy ordered at same time) | 6.00 |

The new State law specifies that \$3 of each proposed fee be returned to the State Treasurer to be applied to the death investigation account.

With regard to the proposed increase in food and beverage worker fees, Mr. Thayer reported that action will not be taken by the State Board of Health until September or October of 1987. It appears that the revised permit fees will be as follows:

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| a. | Permit issued to novice foodworker (expires two years after issuance) | \$5.00 |
| b. | Permit issued to experienced foodworker (expires five years after issuance) | 5.00 |
| c. | Replacement or reissuance of food and beverage worker permit | 5.00 |

Mr. Thayer recommended the Board revise the Health Department's Schedule of Charges to reflect the fees proposed by the State Board of Health with regard to vital records (effective July 26, 1987) and food and beverage worker fees (effective upon approval by the State Board of Health).

Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the revised Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges, as recommended. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Introduction of Mel Thom, Summer Field Trainee.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, introduced Mel Thom, of the University of Washington, who will be working in the Health Department until near the end of August. Among the projects with which he will be involved is determining the level of interest in the Big Lake area regarding a possible public water supply.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Acting Director:

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

Chairman Walberg explained that this was a continuation of the public hearing which began on Monday, July 20, 1987.

Jeff Monsen, Acting County Road Engineer/Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, presented a continuation of the engineer's report previously submitted.

Gale Fiege Mann, 1850 Chilberg Road, Mount Vernon, requested the speed limit on Chilberg Road be lowered from 50 m.p.h. She has witnessed cars traveling at least 70 m.p.h. at times.

Zell Young, of west Mount Vernon, felt the Commissioners should only be authorized to post recommended speed limits for roads, rather than ordered speed limits.

Pete Walker, from Fire District #2, concurred that the speed on Chilberg Road should be lowered to 35 m.p.h.

Mr. Monsen pointed out that drivers will most often travel at the speed they are used to traveling, regardless of what the speed limit sign says.

Commissioner Vaux requested additional consideration be given to Chilberg Road and Fir Island Road.

Mr. Walker noted that most accidents in this area occur on McLean Road at various intersections.

Chairman Walberg noted that the following items of correspondence were received with regard to this matter:

- a. Phone message from George Kiesel, expressing his support for the proposed ordinance. Mr. Kiesel especially felt Blackburn Road from the Mount Vernon city limits to Little Mountain Road should be posted at 35 m.p.h.
- b. Letter from Goldie Lawrance, 2099-71 Grip Road, Sedro-Woolley, expressing opposition to a 50 m.p.h. speed limit on Grip and Mosier Roads. Ms. Lawrance would prefer the speed limit be 35 m.p.h. on those two roads.
- c. Letter from Marvin and Charlotte Stougard, 2075 Prairie Road, Sedro-Woolley, expressing opposition to the 35 m.p.h. speed limit on unposted County roads, especially Prairie Road.

- d. Letter from Billie Dean, 1402 Calhoun Road, Mount Vernon, expressing opposition to a 50 m.p.h. speed limit on Calhoun Road.
- e. Letter from K. W. Brown, P.O. Box 26, Mount Vernon, who felt Kamb Road should not be reduced to any less than 45 m.p.h. Mr. Brown also felt Calhoun Road should be 40 to 45 m.p.h., rather than the proposed 50 m.p.h.
- f. Letter from Edward M. Oldfield, 2171 School Drive, Clear Lake, expressing opposition to the general concept of multiple speed limits.
- g. Letter from Alice Clow, 1513 Erie Road, Anacortes, indicating a preference for 35 m.p.h. limit on Gibraltar Road.
- h. Letter from Cheryl Haugland, 485 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, who felt the speed limit on the entire length of Gibraltar Road (Dewey Beach to Similk Bay community) should be 35 m.p.h.
- i. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Max Stern, 432 3rd Street, Anacortes, expressing opposition to a 50 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road (favored 35 m.p.h. instead).
- j. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. James H. Keating, 1487 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- k. Letter from Dr. Tom Ables, 434 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- l. Letter from Molly Dutton, 1514 Erie Avenue, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- m. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Rex Southard, 455 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- n. Letter from N. H. Peterson, 525 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- o. Letter from Winifred Dove, 444 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- p. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young, expressing support for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- q. Letter from William J. Daniel, III, 1071 West Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor, expressing support for a 40 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar

Road. (Note: This letter was received June 1, 1987, prior to the public hearing regarding this matter.)

- r. Letter from Ed Vadset, 450 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for a 40 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- s. Letter from John and Nettie Demorest, 454 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing concern about excessive speed of vehicles on Gibraltar Road.
- t. Letter from Adrienne Eide, 486 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes, expressing support for 35 m.p.h. speed limit on Gibraltar Road.
- u. Letter from Charlene Robinson, 1087 Potts Road (Day Creek), Sedro-Woolley, requesting South Skagit Highway remain at 50 m.p.h.

Discussion followed regarding various roads.

Mr. Monsen recommended speed studies be performed on several additional roads. An additional engineer's report and draft ordinance will follow. Mr. Monsen explained that those roads where an alternate speed limit is proposed will require a new public hearing.

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

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to continue this matter until such time as additional speed studies and an engineer's report can be completed (approximately two weeks).

2. Public Hearing - Various County Road Name Changes.

Chairman Walberg waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on July 14, and July 21, 1987.

Jay Ensley reported on the following proposed road name changes:

- a. The east-west portion of Kamb Road #4481 to be changed to Kamb Road West #4480, at the request of the McLean Road Fire Department.

Bob Richards, Chief of the McLean Road Fire Department, explained that the proposed name change for a portion of Kamb Road would clear up a confusing situation.

Pete Walker, of Fire District #2, concurred.

(Commissioner Rohrer excused himself from the meeting at this time.)

- b. Conway Frontage Road #8016 to be changed to Broadway Street #8016 (what is currently being used).
- c. A portion of Main Street #8024 to be changed to Greenfield Street #8017, at the request of the Conway Fire Department.
- d. A portion of Mann Road #4541 and Game Range Road #4521 to be changed to Wylie Road #4521, at the request of the Conway Fire Department.

As there were no additional comments, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the proposed road name changes as previously noted. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

3. Discussion - Big Lake Triathlon.

Jeff Monsen informed the Board of the 1987 Fourth Annual Big Lake Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 1987. The course consists of a 1/2 mile swim, 6 mile bike and 4 mile run.

The Board had no objections to this event.

4. Call for Public Hearing - Formation of Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to be held at the Prairie Fire Hall on Wednesday, August 12, 1987, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., at which time testimony for and against the creation of the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone will be heard. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11269)

5. Call for Bids - Francis Road Reconstruction.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids to reconstruct a portion of Francis Road #7900. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11270)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 17, 1987.

6. Signature - Certificate of Commendation.

The Board approved for signature the following Certificates of Commendation:

- a. Neil McIlrath for 36 years in Special Operations of the Public Works Department.
- b. Amy Hughes for development and accomplishments in the D.W.I./Safety Belt Program.

7. Miscellaneous Items.

There were no miscellaneous Public Works Department items at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1. The Board approved for signature an addendum to the present collective bargaining agreement between the Skagit County Commissioners and Teamsters Local Union #788 (Skagit County Courthouse Employees Agreement). The addendum allows the Auditor, with the consent of the participating employees, to establish on a departmental basis a four-day work week not to exceed 35 hours of work per week.
2. The Board approved for signature a lease agreement between Clark D. Todd, Jr., and Sally J. Todd, and Walter W. Whitsell and Beverly Whitsell, lessors, and Skagit County, lessee, for lease of a building located at 922 South Third, Mount Vernon, for temporary housing of the Prosecutor's Office. The term of this lease is one year, commencing August 1, 1987, and terminating on July 31, 1988. The total rent under this lease is \$1,150 per month.
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, July 20, 1987, and Tuesday, July 21, 1987. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. M. Caroline Kennedy, 2610 View Place, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$737.12, due to senior citizen exemption. (#009287)
 - b. Opal Naomi Davis, 1747 Cedardale Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$12.65, due to senior citizen exemption. (#003387)

- c. Helen L. Jewett, 2725 East Fir, Space 110A, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$96.13, due to senior citizen exemption. (#009087)
 - d. James A. Nelson, 870 District Line Road, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$270.48, due to senior citizen exemption. (#008987)
 - e. Richard Spoelstra, c/o Cathy VanderSar, 2695 South Skagit Highway, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$8.33, due to incorrect legal description. (#008887)
5. 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 27, 1987, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Manual Warrant #MW015-25088 in the total amount of \$3,098.13. (C-28-87)

(Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer were present for the following items.)

DISCUSSION - 1/2 PERCENT SALES TAX AND LIBRARY FUNDING - AREA MAYORS.

Mayors Jim Rice of Anacortes, Ray Reep of Mount Vernon, Don Walley of Sedro-Woolley, and Ray Henery of Burlington, and Mark Knowles, Budget and Finance Director for the City of Mount Vernon, were present for this discussion.

Mayor Reep presented a letter to the Board from Mayors Rice, Reep, Walley and Henery with regard to the financial needs of their respective libraries. Mayor Reep explained that Skagit County is the only county in Western Washington that operates municipal libraries. The letter explained that Skagit County's cities are experiencing increased obligations for services, while experiencing financial stagnation (such as the loss of revenue sharing and the County's share of the 1/2 cent sales tax increase). Statistics for the Mount Vernon library show that 6,044 resident family library cards were issued in 1986, while 1,421 library cards were sold to county residents. The Mount Vernon library reduced services by 33 percent on July 1, 1987. County resident families pay \$20 per family card, generating \$13,198 in revenue for 1986. Yet by dividing the \$367,893 library budget by the number of city card holders, the actual cost per card was \$60.87. In 1986, if the 1,421 county card holders had each paid \$60.87, they would have contributed \$86,496.27 toward their fair share in maintaining the library. In conclusion, the letter stated that Skagit County municipal libraries must have additional and supplemental funding if they are to continue serving their patrons or drastic changes in libraries' operations will have to be made.

Mayor Walley noted that the Sedro-Woolley Public Library charges county residents \$10 per family for use of the library, while Mayor Henery noted that the Burlington Public Library charges county residents \$8 per family.

Mayor Rice asked that for 1988, the County Commissioners earmark for library funding a portion of the County's 1/2 of 15 percent of the additional 1/2 percent sales tax. The cities could do the same with their 1/2 of 15 percent of the additional 1/2 percent sales tax (which the County is refunding to the cities for 1988). Possibly something could then be placed on the ballot to raise property taxes to properly fund the libraries in years to come through a County library district.

Mark Knowles, Budget and Finance Director of the City of Mount Vernon, explained that the County library district would have a library board consisting of members from each municipal library, which would decide how the money was distributed amongst the municipal libraries. However, the library district would be competing with fire districts for money.

Mike Woodmansee, Skagit County Budget and Finance Director, explained that the Commissioners' decision to impose the optional 1/2 percent sales tax was made to help relieve the financial gap caused by the elimination of federal revenue sharing funding. He explained that sufficient competition exists at this point for expenditure of the County's anticipated 1/2 of 15 percent of the additional 1/2 percent sales tax. He noted that while the cities have absorbed the major costs of the library system, the County has similarly accepted the financial burden of the Health Department, which also serves residents of municipalities.

The Board requested additional time to consider the proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

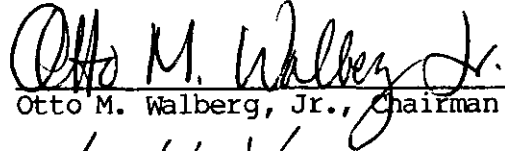
Chairman Walberg asked Mayors Rice, Reep, Henery and Walley if they were interested in participating in the County's construction of a facility to house dangerous dogs in accordance with the State's new dangerous dog law.

The mayors were favorable to this suggestion, and were informed of the upcoming Commissioners' public hearing regarding the County's consideration of a proposed dangerous dog ordinance on August 11, 1987, at 9:00 a.m.


ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Chairman



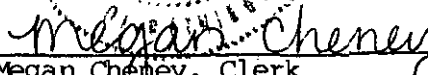
W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners