

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 2, 1987

Flag Salute

8:30 a.m. Discussion - Skagit County Fair.

10:00 a.m. Bid Award - Senior Catered Meals.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR.

Current members of the Skagit County Fair Association Board and interested persons were present for this discussion.

Chairman Walberg explained the Commissioners had scheduled this meeting to discuss the future of the Skagit County Fair. He noted that beginning with January 1, 1988, the Skagit County Fair will be under the direction of Jon Aarstad, Director of the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Rohrer explained that the Commissioners will be re-establishing a Fair Advisory Board effective January 1, 1988, in order to give Skagit County control of the fair.

Commissioner Vaux stated that if the fair needs money, it receives that money from Skagit County. Because the State Auditor has been scrutinizing the fair's records, and due to the absence of a fair manager, the Commissioners, Mike Woodmansee, Budget Director, and Jon Aarstad will be much more involved with the fair than in past years. Commissioner Vaux explained that he views the new Fair Advisory Board's relationship to the Commissioners similar to the Planning Commission's relationship to the Commissioners. Also, people other than just those involved with 4-H and related activities, such as business people, will be included on the Board.

The Commissioners introduced Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, to those present.

Mr. Aarstad noted that they hope to fill the position of Fair Manager as near January 1, 1988, as possible. The proposed Fair Advisory Board, consisting of 12 members, will assist the Fair Manager and Mr. Aarstad with off-season activities, the existing site, the planned move to the new fair site, as well as operation of the fair.

General discussion followed regarding the proposed Fair Advisory Board.

Chairman Walberg explained that since the existing Fair Association Board members were not appointed by the Commissioners, it is not up to the Commissioners to dissolve the existing Fair Association Board. However, it is the Commissioners' intent to sever Skagit County's contractual relationship with the existing Fair Association Board. Effective January 1, 1988, the Commissioners' Fair Advisory Board will be in place.

Casey Johnson suggested the Commissioners put a hold on future major decisions until a new Fair Manager is hired.

The Board concurred, and at Bob Taylor's suggestion, the Board authorized Mr. Aarstad to oversee any decisions necessary prior to the hiring of a Fair Manager.

Mr. Aarstad explained that the County planned to handle much of the bookkeeping in house, while hiring a bookkeeper for six months out of the year to handle the bookkeeping of the fair.

Discussion followed regarding the groundskeeper.

Mr. Callahan, an interested citizen, advised the Commissioners to define the parameters of each board, association, committee, etc.

Ms. Johnson concurred. She felt the Fair Manager should be answerable to the Fair Advisory Board, which would be answerable to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Aarstad agreed to attend the next Fair Association Board meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 1987. At that meeting, Board members can make project suggestions for a grant application. The due date for the grant application is February 7, 1988.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed salary for the new Fair Manager.

The Board noted that they had figured \$24,000 to \$26,000.

Discussion followed regarding advertising for the position. It was decided that the deadline for applications would be Monday, December 28, 1987.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

#### BID AWARD - SENIOR CATERED MEALS.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, and Kristie Rollag-Royce, Nutrition Project Coordinator, were present for this matter.

Mr. Holloran presented a list of the meal costs for the years 1981 through 1987. He noted that if awarded, the bids would result in a shortfall of \$5,514 for 1988. He met with representatives from United General Hospital and

Island Hospital. He is also trying to contact the Prosecutor's Office to determine if the bid prices could be negotiated.

Mr. Holloran explained that he would prefer Island Hospital serve the Anacortes area, and United General Hospital serve the other areas of the County.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to continue this bid award until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 1987, as recommended by Mr. Holloran. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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