

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 5, 1988

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9:00 a.m. Resolution - Setting 1988 Salary and Benefit Levels for Elected Officials.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Work Session - Adoption of Skagit County Jail Standards.

10:30 a.m. Emergency Management - Tom Sheahan, Director: Resolution - Incident Command Agency.

1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - One (1) Used/Reconditioned Forklift.

3:00 p.m. Discussion Regarding Medical Waste Disposal - Gregg Davidson, Skagit Valley Hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

1. RESOLUTION - SETTING 1988 SALARY AND BENEFIT LEVELS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution establishing the salary and benefit levels for elected officials. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11443)

Effective January 1, 1988, the salary of each Skagit County elected official is as follows:

Assessor	\$40,260.00
Auditor	40,260.00
Clerk	37,174.00
Coroner	17,377.00
District Court Judges	N/A
Prosecuting Attorney	53,696.00
Sheriff	43,223.00
Superior Court Judges	N/A
Treasurer	40,260.00

This resolution also established medical insurance modifications for elected officials, including the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, equal to that level established for non-union Skagit County employees.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The Board approved for signature agreements with the following cities/towns for administration and enforcement of the Washington State Building Code: Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner and Lyman. These agreements shall be effective from January 1, 1988, through January 1, 1989. In compensation for the services rendered, the County shall collect building, plumbing and mechanical permit fees for city/town work, and the same fee schedule that is at any given time being used by the County shall be applicable to the city/town.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Tom Sheahan, Director: Resolution - Incident Command Agency.**

Tom Sheahan explained that he was working with the Fire Districts and Port Districts within Skagit County regarding designation of a hazardous incident command agency within the boundaries of Skagit County.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution designating the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management as the hazardous materials incident command agency to operate within the boundaries of Skagit County. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11444)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Tom Sheahan updated the Board on the 911 emergency phone number. Currently, Anacortes, Mount Vernon (inside city limits only) and Sedro-Woolley are served by the 911 emergency number, while many areas within the County are not. To resolve the situation, Mr. Sheahan advised a meeting be held with area fire officials, law enforcement officials, mayors and Commissioners to attempt to provide 911 service County-wide.

The Board will schedule such a meeting in the future.

**BID OPENING - ONE (1) USED/RECONDITIONED FORKLIFT.**

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Argus on December 23, and December 30, 1987.

The following bid was received and publicly opened:

Clarklift of Washington/Alaska, Inc.  
1313 South 96th  
Seattle, WA 98108

Manufacturer:	Clark
Model:	C300 Y40
Model Year:	1982
Total out-of-pocket cost to Skagit County:	\$9,657.05

The Public Works Department will review the bid prior to making a recommendation to the Board for award of the bid.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution conditionally approving Appeal Request #15-87 of Rosa Lee Stafford to allow her and her sons to repair a malfunctioning drainfield system. The resolution further authorized that the Skagit County on-site sewage permit fee and subsequent penalties be waived, provided the sewage permit and installation deadlines are met. (Resolution #11445)
2. The Board presented Karen Mason, Office Assistant III in the Licensing Division of the Auditor's Office, with a Certificate of Commendation for serving Skagit County from August 1, 1977, through January 8, 1988.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL - Gregg Davidson, Skagit Valley Hospital.

The following persons were present for this discussion: Gregg Davidson, from Skagit Valley Hospital and Health Center; Jay Ensley, Skagit County's Acting Public Works Director; Bill Ness, Skagit County's Solid Waste Engineer; Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II; Terry Nyman, representing Northwest Air Pollution Authority; Bill Frederick of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc.; and Fred Farrar, of Wright Schuchart Harbor Co.

Gregg Davidson, from Skagit Valley Hospital, stated that he was present to represent Island Hospital (Anacortes), United General Hospital (Sedro-Woolley), and Skagit Valley Hospital and Health Center (Mount Vernon) in this discussion regarding the disposal of medical wastes. Currently, Skagit Valley Hospital is looking into the possibilities of either refurbishing their existing incinerator, purchasing a new incinerator, or contracting for the disposal of medical wastes.

Mr. Davidson answered various questions from the Board. He explained that currently, medical waste from Skagit Valley Hospital is burned in the hospital's incinerator and the ashes are boxed and eventually disposed of in Inman Landfill.

Terry Nyman explained that incinerators in the future will be required to be equipped with acid gas scrubbers. He noted that Skagit County's incinerator

will be able to handle medical waste. The main concern would be handling the hazardous medical waste prior to incineration.

Mr. Davidson explained that currently, medical waste is contained in plastic bags.

Mr. Nyman warned that future federal regulations might cause Skagit County to be liable in case of contamination, should Skagit County agree to dispose of hazardous medical waste. He noted that Island Hospital recently purchased a new incinerator.

Bill Ness noted that United General Hospital is in the process of purchasing an incinerator.

Fred Farrar stated he was concerned regarding potential liability to the County from possible exposure to hazardous medical waste during handling.

Chairman Vaux felt the County should investigate the matter additionally.

Mr. Davidson urged the Board to also involve representatives from nursing homes and clinics.

Mr. Nyman showed the Board something he had received in the mail anonymously. He urged the Board to consider this matter carefully.

Ken Willis felt the entire County should band together and work together toward a County-wide disposal system.

Mr. Nyman stated he will contact the Environmental Protection Agency to determine if they know of any impending regulation changes for incinerators with regard to disposal of medical waste.

Chairman Vaux felt Wright Schuchart Harbor should be contacted to determine if they would agree to process hazardous medical waste. He also instructed Mr. Davidson to report back to the three hospitals in Skagit County that Skagit County is interested in investigating this matter more thoroughly.

The Board will be in contact with Mr. Davidson in the near future.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Fred Farrar, Project Manager for Wright Schuchart Harbor Co., was present to explain the need to park trailers on a temporary basis near the resource recovery facility site. He noted that starting Wednesday evening (January 6, 1988), trailers containing portions of the facility will be delivered to the site. Between January 18 and 22, 1988, construction will be continued through two shifts, so more trailers will be on site during that period than any other time.

Discussion followed regarding possibly closing the road during the week of January 18 through 22. Additional consideration of this matter will follow.

Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer were present for the following item. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS


The Board approved for signature the Contract for Professional Services between Skagit County Senior Services Department and Allen Dohve, 030 Alexander, Sedro-Woolley, for the delivery of home-delivered meals in Burlington and Sedro-Woolley. Compensation will be at the rate of \$4.20 per hour and \$0.17 per mile, and this contract shall be effective January 2, 1988, through December 31, 1988.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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