

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 8, 1988

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

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9:00 a.m. Private Industry Council Planning Review - Paul Turvill and Gay Dubigk.

9:30 a.m. Board of Health: Solid Waste Complaint Activity.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Signature - Final Records for Ovenell Road Project.
2. Call for Public Hearing - Speed Reduction on Portion of Francis Road.
3. Call for Bids - One (1) New Special Purpose Four-Wheel Drive Passenger Vehicle; and Four (4) New Compact Four-Door Sedans.
4. Miscellaneous Items.

11:00 a.m. Department of Emergency Management - Tom Sheahan, Director:  
Update on Capsized Barge at Shannon Point.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

2:00 p.m. Consideration of Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision on the Frederick Chrysler Variance Request #V-87-037.

3:00 p.m. Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director:

1. Signature - Senior Citizens Meals Provision Contracts.
2. Signature - Nutrition Program Equipment Contract.
3. Signature - Sedro-Woolley Senior Services Contract.
4. Work Session - Senior Center's Facility Rental Policy.
5. Work Session - S.C.O.A. Transportation Contract and Proposed Project Supervision.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL PLANNING REVIEW - Paul Turvill and Gay Dubigk.

Gay Dubigk, Executive Director, and Paul Turvill, 1988 Chairperson, from the

Northwest Washington Private Industry Council (P.I.C.) were present for this item.

Ms. Dubigk presented copies of the Skagit County Status Report, and updated the Board on various programs being developed. Ms. Dubigk noted two particular areas of expansion:

1. Assistance with government procurement opportunities, and
2. Establishment of Learning Opportunities Centers in Skagit County for youths and adults to attain a basic education.

Ms. Dubigk explained on March 2, 1988, the plan will be going out for an 80-day comment period. Duane Colby, authorized representative for the elected officials, will be contacting the Commissioners for comments on the plan.

Discussion followed regarding the federal and state governments' formula for allocation of funds in the four-county (Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan) service delivery area. Program year 1987 budget allocations for Skagit County were as follows:

Adult	\$377,677
Older Worker	33,323
Hard-to-Serve	80,918
Youth	285,293
Summer Youth	278,850
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TOTAL	\$777,211

Ms. Dubigk explained that an increase in the minimum wage, as proposed, would substantially decrease the number of people served by the P.I.C.

The Board thanked Ms. Dubigk and Mr. Turvill for their presentation.

**BOARD OF HEALTH: SOLID WASTE COMPLAINT ACTIVITY.**

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Specialist I, informed the Board of the Health Department's policy for dealing with illegal dumping complaints. Currently, the Health Department notifies (verbally or by letter) the person responsible and allows them a reasonable amount of time to clean up the mess or a fine is levied. If the person responsible for the dumping cannot be located, the property owner is responsible for proper disposal of the garbage.

Discussion followed regarding the use of the Department of Ecology Youth Corps (no longer in existence) and people from Adult and Juvenile Probation to clean up illegal dump sites.

The Health Department proposed the following proposals for future action:

1. Media attention to the problem, notifying the community that the Health Department is available to receive reports of illegally dumped garbage.
2. Mandatory garbage pick-up for county residents. (Currently towns and cities in the county have mandatory pick-up.)
3. Increase the illegal dumping fine to further deter potential "illegal dumpers."
4. Organize a community clean-up throughout the county involving non-profit groups and or schools.
5. Allocate some County funds for site clean-up.

Ms. Story noted in the two years she has been working with the program, only two fines have been collected.

Commissioner Walberg felt a fine should be established which would pay for the clean-up of the sites, so the County wouldn't be forced to absorb that cost.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, explained how sometimes it is easier for Health Department staff to clean-up the sites, rather than direct youths to do so.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested contacting the Department of Social and Health Services for services from welfare clients.

Ms. Story stated she did not feel raising the fine would deter people from creating the problem.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, stated this matter may require a change in state law.

Various options were discussed. Discussion focused around frequent community clean-up programs.

The Board suggested frequent coordinated community efforts be implemented in combination with increased media exposure.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Joe Suryan, 815 6th, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$262.75, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#000588)

2. The Board approved for signature Contract Amendment #2200-60665(4) with the the Department of Social and Health Services for the following services:
  - a. Community Mental Health;
  - b. Involuntary Treatment Administration;
  - c. Semi-independent Living; and
  - d. Geriatric Outreach and Evaluation Program.

This amendment changes the wording in the Statement of Work (Exhibit G1) Section B, Program Objective, Objective #1 from "by June 30, 1988," to "June 30, 1989."

3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 1, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:**

1. Signature - Final Records for Ovenell Road Project.

- a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing additional construction funds (\$36,412.72) for approved change orders to the contract for reconstructing 1.5 miles of Ovenell Road #3150 and for the improvement of the Ovenell Road and SSH 237 intersection. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11475)
- b. The Board approved for signature the Final Records for the Ovenell Road project.

2. Call for Public Hearing - Speed Reduction on Portion of Francis Road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to receive testimony from the general public in regard to lowering the speed limit on a portion of Francis Road (from the Mount Vernon City Limits to Lindegren Road) to 35 m.p.h. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11476)

This public hearing was scheduled for 10:30 a.m., on Monday, February 22, 1988.

3. Call for Bids - One (1) New Special Purpose Four-Wheel Drive Passenger Vehicle and Four (4) New Compact Four-Door Sedans.

Jay Ensley noted that this item was revised to call for bids for the purchase of the following vehicles: Five (5) new compact four-door sedans.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the purchase of five passenger vehicles (one for the County Coroner, and four for the County's field assessors). Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11477)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 1988.

4. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. The Board approved the Final Cost Record for the reconstruction of Lake Cavanaugh Road #0020. Final cost for this project was \$53,155.07.
- b. The Board approved the Final Cost Record for the reconstruction of Minkler Road #9350. Final cost for this project was \$160,983.41.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Tom Sheahan, Director: Update on Capsized Barge at Shannon Point.

Dan Cain, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the Board on the capsized barge at Shannon Point. As of 8:00 a.m., Mr. Cain explained all cables were in place on the barge. The earliest the barge could be lifted would be Wednesday. Equipment from Clean Sound, as well as a barge to hold the unloaded oil, were enroute to the Shannon Point site. Mr. Cain informed the Board that approximately 500 additional gallons of oil were released when more air was added to the barge. The air was required to prevent the barge from sinking further. Mr. Cain explained there was no way to predict how long the lift would take to be completed.

In a separate incident, a 200-gallon diesel oil spill was reported over the weekend. The Coast Guard is handling this incident.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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, February 8, 1988, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Voucher #50069 (Warrant #50069) in the total amount of \$737,200.51. (R-7-88)

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION ON THE FREDERICK CHRYSLER VARIANCE REQUEST #V-87-037.

Grace Roeder, Associate Planner, submitted an Assessor's map and staff photos. She explained in September of 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Chrysler applied for a rezone of their property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Avon-Allen and Dunbar Roads. The rezone was denied.

In November of 1987, the Chryslers submitted a variance request to divide approximately 6.5 acres of agricultural land into two parcels. One parcel, containing an existing house, was proposed to be 1.75 acres in size, while the other parcel, consisting of 4.75 acres, was proposed to be buildable in the future. The Hearing Examiner denied Variance Request #V-87-037. Ms. Roeder read Mr. and Mrs. Chrysler's appeal of the Hearing Examiner's denial.

Colonel Betz, 904 South 3rd, Mount Vernon, was present representing Mr. and Mrs. Chrysler. He explained the property in question had been in the family for 44 years. The owners do not want to live in the existing home. Instead, they want to live in a home they build on the property. Mr. Betz explained there are other homes in the vicinity in similar circumstances which were approved. He informed the Board that the owners plan to rent the existing house until such time as they can sell it. Mr. Betz noted he had recommended Mr. and Mrs. Chrysler deed the house to their children, and thus circumvent the system.

Kathleen Chrysler, 14858 Cascadian Way, Lynnwood, stated she didn't understand how the addition of one more house in that area could be detrimental to the public welfare.

Earl Angevine, 1490 Dunbar Lane, Mount Vernon, stated he owns 5 acres adjacent to the east of the Chrysler's property. He explained he does not distrust the Chryslers because they don't currently live on the property. He asked the Hearing Examiner to place the following conditions on the request:

1. The property be limited to only one additional home; and
2. No further subdivision of the property would be allowed.

Mr. Angevine pointed out that the owners new the zoning of the parcel when they purchased the property. He did not see a need to schedule a new hearing, as he felt adequate information had been presented.

Willard Hanson, 1483 Avon-Allen Road, Mount Vernon, stated his wife's family

purchased the property in 1941. He recommended the Board hold their own public hearing, as he did not feel the property in question was agricultural land.

D. R. Grant stated he owns property adjacent to the Chryslers on Dunbar Road. Little by little the properties within Skagit County are being divided. He favored upholding the Hearing Examiner's decision to deny Variance Request #V-87-037.

Mrs. Chrysler, stated they never had any intention of creating 12 or 22 lots. They have repaired the existing house over time, and helped to keep the neighborhood nice.

Mr. Chrysler stated originally they wanted to create three additional lots for a maximum of three additional houses.

JoAnn Angevine, 1490 Dunbar Lane, Mount Vernon, asked how many additional houses would be built.

Chairman Vaux answered that only one additional house would be built, should Variance Request #V-87-037 be granted.

Clara Elde Hanson, 1403 Avon-Allen Road, Mount Vernon, felt it was selfish and unfair not to grant the variance request.

Ted Reep stated it was the desire of the previous owner of the property that the Chryslers would be able to build a house on this property.

Ann Reep explained it is easier for people to purchase a 1.75 acre tract than a 6.5 acre tract.

Seeing no further comments, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to hold a Commissioners' public hearing on this matter.

Commissioner Walberg felt the rezone procedure used previously was correct. Commissioner Walberg motioned to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision to deny Variance Request #V-87-037. He explained there was no justification to grant a variance, and a new public hearing would not accomplish anything.

Commissioner Walberg's motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Vaux seconded Commissioner Rohrer's motion to hold a Commissioners' public hearing on this matter. The public hearing was scheduled at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 1988. Votes in favor of this motion were received from Chairman Vaux and Commissioner Rohrer. Commissioner Walberg voted against the motion.

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Tim Holloran, Director:

1. Signature - Senior Citizen Meals Provision Contracts.

This item was continued until a later date.

2. Signature - Nutrition Program Equipment Contract.

The Board approved for signature a Contract between the Northwest Regional Council/Department of Social and Health Services and Skagit County Senior Services Department for the purchase of one Delfield refrigerator, Model #6051-S, for the Concrete Senior Center. Total cost of this item is \$2,191.93.

3. Signature - Sedro-Woolley Senior Services Contract.

The Board approved for signature the Contract for the Provision of Senior Services for the City of Sedro-Woolley during 1988. The City shall pay \$9,653 for the services provided during calendar year 1988.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. A brief discussion was held regarding a Senior Citizen Advisory Board. Tim Holloran will return to the Board at a later date with a proposal for this Advisory Board.
2. A brief discussion was held regarding the City of Mount Vernon's interest in contributing \$4,000 toward repair of the Mount Vernon Senior Center's roof and floor. This matter will be additionally researched.
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to call for a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether a resolution shall be adopted amending Sections 7.06.030 and 7.06.040 of the Skagit County Code relating to dangerous dogs. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The public hearing was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 23, 1988.

4. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution calling for a public hearing to determine whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing the extension of the moratorium on salmon net pen facilities.

The public hearing was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 17, 1988.

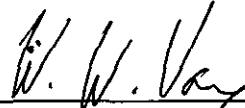


5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to modify the contract between Skagit County and Skagit Council on Aging (S.C.O.A.), whereby the Skagit County Senior Services Director will act as supervisor of staff in the Transportation Division of S.C.O.A. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux, Chairman



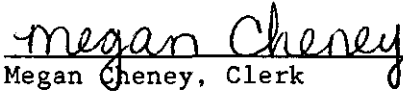
Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners