

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 1, 1988

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Amending Skagit County Code to Include Chapter on Public Defender.
- 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - County Fair Fund.
- 10:30 a.m. Signature - Northern State Lease Agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING SKAGIT COUNTY CODE TO INCLUDE CHAPTER ON PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Skagit Argus on February 16, 1988.

John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy of the Prosecutor's Office, explained the proposed ordinance would amend the Skagit County Code by adding a new chapter to establish the Office of Public Defender and set forth its functions, duties and powers, as well as the County's responsibilities for cases under Chapter 13.32A and 13.34, R.C.W. After adoption of the proposed ordinance, the County would pay the contractor of dependency or termination petitions, and then the County would attempt to obtain reimbursement from the State. Further down the road, however, the State may eventually choose to contract directly for the services.

Marianne Yamashita, of Northwest Family and Children's Services, stated she understood the advantages this ordinance could have to the County.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the ordinance amending the Skagit County Code by adding a chapter to establish the Office of Public Defender and setting forth its functions, duties and powers, as well as the County's fiscal responsibilities for cases under Chapter 13.32A and 13.34, R.C.W. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Ordinance #11510)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to enter into negotiations with Barbara Lawrence, Skagit County Fair Manager, for rental of the County-owned house adjacent to the existing fairgrounds on Walter Street. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET - COUNTY FAIR FUND.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on February 16, and February 23, 1988.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained adoption of this resolution would authorize a supplemental budget in the amount of \$28,350 for the County Fair Fund #106 as detailed below:

Professional services:	\$14,175
Premiums:	14,175

As there was no public comment, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$28,350 be approved for the County Fair Fund #106, as described above. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Barbara Lawrence, Skagit County Fair Manager. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11511)

SIGNATURE - NORTHERN STATE LEASE AGREEMENT.

Bill Wallace and Stan Kurowski, of the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources (D.N.R.), were present for this item.

Dave Hough, Associate Planner of the Department of Planning and Community Development, informed the Board that the cemetery has been removed from the lease. Also, the access road to the rear does not have to be built immediately. Mr. Hough also informed the Board the lease agreement will expire if the County obtains ownership of the property.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources (D.N.R.) for the County's lease of 250 acres of the Northern State property for the establishment of the Skagit County Fairgrounds. The lessee agrees to pay D.N.R. the sum of \$1,000 per year, and this lease shall continue so long as the lessee continues to use the property as the site of the County fairgrounds as directed by R.C.W.

36.37.160, or the County acquires the fee title to the property. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Raymond V. Hiles, 2411 Jacqueline Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$180.49, due to incorrect status of senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (#000688)
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 29, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
3. Chairman Vaux approved for signature the Record of the Proceedings for Friday, February 26, 1988.
4. The following individuals were present for the proclamation of March 1988 as "American Red Cross Month" in Skagit County: Steve Wood, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development; Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Services; and Sue Holmes, of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to proclaim the month of March 1988 as "American Red Cross Month" in Skagit County. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board also approved of the American Red Cross' request to fly the Red Cross flag on the County flag pole.

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.

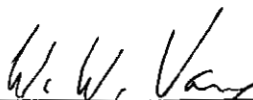
As of this date, March 1, 1988, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- a. Vouchers #801085 through #801642 (Warrants #31080 through #31439) in the total amount of \$251,413.55. (C-9-88)
- b. Vouchers #50194 through #50254 (Warrants #50194 through #50254) in the total amount of \$88,838.48. (R-10-88)

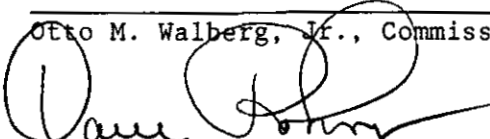
ADJOURNMENT

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

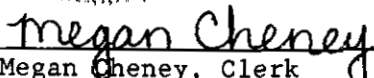


W. W. Vaux, Chairman

Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner


Dave Rohrer, Commissioner





Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners