

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 21, 1988

Flag Salute

9:30 a.m. Resolution - Establishing 1988 Cost Allocation to County Road Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Discussion - Western Washington University Toxicology Study Proposal.
2. Signature - Order of Establishment - Goldie Lane.
3. Signature - Right-of-Way Acquisition Authorization for:
 - a. Lake Cavanaugh Road.
 - b. Fir Island Road.
 - c. La Conner-Whitney Road.
4. Introduction of New Employee.
5. Miscellaneous Items.

1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - One (1) New Latest Model Vibratory Asphalt Compactor.

2:00 p.m. Presentation - Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan - Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux and Rohrer present. Commissioner Walberg's absence was excused.

RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING 1988 COST ALLOCATION TO COUNTY ROAD FUND.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained the calculation of the indirect cost allocation formula to determine the interfund billing for costs incurred on behalf of the County Road Fund by the Assessor's, Treasurer's, Auditor's and Prosecuting Attorney's Offices and General Maintenance.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution ordering that the 1988 interfund billing to the County Road Fund for indirect costs shall be \$165,945, as calculated in the attachment to the resolution. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11529)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, March 14, 1988, and Wednesday, March 16, 1988. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Steven Everlund, 1891 Cascade Highway, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$340.76, due to senior citizen exemption. (#001388)
 - b. Gladys W. Sollie, 1661 Old 99 South, Space 3, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$109.20, due to senior citizen exemption. (#D880156)
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to schedule the following Planning Commission referred item to be reviewed by the Board at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 1988:

Preliminary Plat of Pointe at Vista San Juan Division #2.

Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Discussion - Western Washington University Toxicology Study Proposal.

Among those present for this discussion were the following individuals: Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department; Jeff Monsen, County Engineer; Bill Ness, Solid Waste Engineer; Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, of the Health Department; Stan Kersey, City Supervisor of Burlington; Brian McGuinness, of Skagit-Island Builders Association; George P. Cobb III, Environmental Chemist, Institute of Wildlife Toxicology, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University; and Ronald J. Kendall, Director of the Institute of Wildlife Toxicology, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University.

Jay Ensley presented the revised four-year study proposal, which totaled \$691,631. Mr. Ensley noted the cash reserves are, for the most part, committed to existing projects.

Chairman Vaux posed a question from Commissioner Walberg: What assurances would the County have that the results from the study could be attributed to the incineration facility, rather than the oil refineries in the vicinity?

Dr. George Cobb explained the pre-startup samples would determine the baseline data. Post-startup samples would be analyzed in comparison to pre-startup samples.

Dr. Cobb and Dr. Ronald Kendall answered various questions from the Board.

Dr. Kendall stated the County could expect a study of highest scientific integrity.

In answer to the question of why the cost of the proposed four-year study was equal to the cost of the proposed ten-year study, Dr. Cobb explained the Department of Ecology had requested the study be shortened to four years. Therefore, the identical study was being squeezed into a four-year period.

Stan Kersey noted Burlington Mayor David Pocock was concerned about the cost of the proposed study. Mr. Kersey noted the proposed study is necessary, however, something else will have to suffer in order to fund the project.

Mr. Ensley noted that Diane Singer, of the Department of Ecology, has verbally approved 50 percent funding for the project, however no written commitment has been issued.

Chairman Vaux explained the County expects to receive more than 50 percent in grant funds. He acknowledged the need to act immediately, due to the rapidly approaching startup date for the incinerator.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to direct the Public Works Department to authorize the Institute of Wildlife Toxicology to proceed with their proposed environmental toxicology study on the incinerator.

Discussion followed regarding the two sampling strategies proposed: an ideal strategy and a more conservative one. The \$691,631 cost of the study was quoted for the more conservative sampling strategy.

Dr. Cobb noted it would be difficult to obtain enough air samplers to accomplish the ideal sampling strategy.

Commissioner Rohrer amended his motion to direct the Public Works Department to authorize the Institute of Wildlife Toxicology to proceed with the conservative sampling study proposed. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Chairman Vaux noted that further discussion will ensue regarding various alternatives for funding this study.

Discussion followed regarding where samples would be obtained.

Dr. Cobb explained samples would be obtained from sites where maximum fallout is expected.

Dr. Kendall explained that even the conservative sampling strategy would produce a study of great scientific value to the County.

Brian McGuiness noted that prevailing winds data is seasonal, and is available through the area airports.

Dr. Cobb noted Northwest Air Pollution Authority has the necessary prevailing winds data.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

At this time, Item #4 was addressed:

4. Introduction of New Employee.

Mary Cherberg, Office Engineer, introduced Teresa Hardy, the Public Works Department's new receptionist.

The Board welcomed Ms. Hardy to Skagit County.

2. Signature - Order of Establishment - Goldie Lane.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the Order of Establishment for Goldie Lane.

3. Signatures - Right-of-Way Acquisition Authorization for:

a. Lake Cavanaugh Road.

The Board approved for signature right-of-way acquisition authorization for 14 parcels on Lake Cavanaugh Road. Robin LaRue, Section Manager for Design and Construction, stated the County expects to purchase the 14 parcels for a total of \$10,467.

b. Fir Island Road.

The Board approved for signature right-of-way acquisition authorization for the purchase of one parcel on Fir Island Road for an expected cost of \$2,300.

Commissioner Walberg was present for the following items:

c. La Conner-Whitney Road.

The Board approved for signature right-of-way acquisition authorization for the purchase of two small parcels on La Conner-Whitney Road for a total expected cost of \$150.

5. Miscellaneous Items.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution removing the Terrain King mower attachment (County Equipment #687) and the highway sander (County Equipment #647) from the property ledger of the Equipment Rental Fund, effective December 31, 1987; and removing nine coin machines from the property ledger of the Solid Waste Fund, effective December 31, 1987. All items are worn out or have been salvaged for parts. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11530)

BID OPENING - ONE (1) NEW LATEST MODEL VIBRATORY ASPHALT COMPACTOR.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Argus on March 8, and March 15, 1988.

The following bids were received:

1. N C Machinery Co.
17025 West Valley Highway
Seattle, WA 98188

No bid due to inability to meet specifications.

2. Sahlberg Construction Equipment and Safety Supplies
5950 4th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98108

No bid due to inability to meet specifications.

3. McDonald Industries, Inc.
22431 83rd Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032

Bid deposit enclosed.

- a. 1988 Hyster Model C615B
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost to Skagit County: \$81,053.38
- b. 1986 Hyster Model C615B
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost to Skagit County: \$62,157.50

2. Ingersoll-Rand Equipment Sales
11222 East Marginal Way South
Seattle, WA 98168

Bid deposit enclosed.

1988 Ingersoll-Rand Model SP50
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost to Skagit County: \$53,239.38

The Public Works Department will review the bids prior to making a recommendation for award of the bid at a later date.

PRESENTATION - PROPOSED LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN - MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE FOREST.

Larry Hudson, District Ranger for the Mt. Baker Ranger District, was present to provide the Board with information regarding the Proposed Forest Plan for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Mr. Hudson explained the Forest Plan must be updated once every 15 years. He spoke briefly regarding the identified issues, concerns and opportunities as follows:

1. Unroaded Areas: How should the roadless areas be allocated and how should the resources be managed? At what rate should the Forest Service enter those roadless areas assigned for development?
2. Timber Harvest Level: What is the capability/suitability of this forest to produce timber? What should the timber harvest level be, considering demand and resource and environmental factors?
3. Old Growth and Diversity: What management direction is needed and where should action be taken to maintain or enhance old growth and plant/animal diversity to meet multiple use objectives? What about retention of old growth timber stands?
4. American Indian Religious and Cultural Use: What policy/management direction is needed to comply with the Native American Religious Freedom Act and various treaties? What are the effects of meeting this direction?
5. Recreation: To what extent can the forest provide recreation opportunities and how should they be managed?
6. Water Quality and Municipal Watersheds: What activities should be permitted within municipal watersheds? What measures should be taken that will maintain or enhance water quality?

7. Transportation System: What management direction is needed to minimize the effects of road and trail construction on other resources.
8. Effects of Timber Management and Related Activities: What management direction is needed for timber harvest and road construction activities to benefit or maintain the quality of other resources?
9. Adjacent and Intermingled Lands: How should national forest lands adjacent to non-federal lands be managed? What management activities should be conducted on national forest lands located near private development?
10. Wood Residue: What are the impacts of residue removal on other resources? Will the forest create political problems by promoting residue utilization?

Mr. Hudson explained the various alternatives developed to manage the land and resources of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to respond to the issues, concerns and opportunities as previously listed. With the exception of the No Change Alternative, all alternatives meet the minimum requirements of applicable laws and regulations. These include maintaining habitat for viable populations of wildlife and protection of water quality.

Alternative H, the preferred alternative, provides an increased emphasis on unroaded recreation; scenic quality in major highway corridors; wildlife habitat improvements; and timber production on suitable lands not assigned to other uses.

Discussion followed. Mr. Hudson answered various questions from the Board and those present.


Mr. Hudson explained this Proposed Forest Plan has been available for public comment since early January, 1988. The comment period will close May 2, 1988. The Forest Service will spend approximately six weeks addressing the comments. The final decision is expected by approximately the end of 1988.

The Board thanked Mr. Hudson for his presentation.

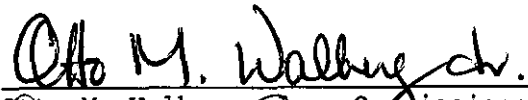
ADJOURNMENT

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

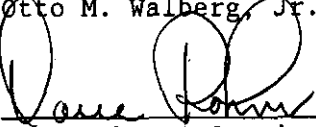
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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

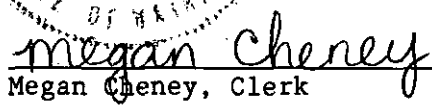


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners