

SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, March 29, 1988

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission Referred Item - Preliminary Plat of the Pointe at Vista San Juan Division 2.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.
- 11:00 a.m. 1. Proclamation - Literacy Month - April 1988.
2. Discussion and Consideration of Bid Award - Dangerous Dog Kennel at Humane Society.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 2:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:
1. Signature - Fairground Employee Rental Agreement.
 2. Discussion - Entertainment Contracts.
 3. Discussion - Sri Chimony Peace Mile.
 4. Discussion - PUD Communications - March 31, 1988, Meeting.
 5. Discussion - State Fair Activity.
 6. Discussion - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Tour on April 20, 1988.
 7. Signature - Atlas Fence Company Contract.
 8. Discussion - EDASC Fair Presentation - May 5, 1988.
 9. Presentation - 1987 Parks and Recreation Annual Report.
 10. Miscellaneous Items.
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion - Skagit County Youth Commission.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 29, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEM - PRELIMINARY PLAT OF THE POINTE AT VISTA SAN JUAN DIVISION 2.

Dave Hough, Senior Planner, presented the Preliminary Plat of the Pointe at Vista San Juan Division 2, for the Board's consideration. Mr. Hough explained this plat consists of 20 lots on a 10.87-acre parcel. The subject property is zoned Residential and the Islands District Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Rural Open Space. The lots are to be served by the Del Mar Community water system, and will have individual sewage disposal systems.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary plat with the following conditions:

1. All necessary road improvements shall be constructed or bonded prior to final plat consideration.
2. The preliminary plat shall be valid for a period of three years from the the date of the Hearing Examiner's decision.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat of the Pointe at Vista San Juan Division 2, subject to the above listed conditions, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Steve Wood, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, informed the Board of the Planning Commission's progress with a sign ordinance. Mr. Wood stated information regarding sign ordinances from other jurisdictions were mailed to Planning Commission members for consideration at next month's meeting.

Mr. Wood stated the Planning Commission was inclined to lean toward regulation of off premise signs, rather than on premise signs.

Dave Hough, Associate Planner, defined off premise signs as those signs advertising a service or merchandise that isn't offered on the site.

1. PROCLAMATION - LITERACY MONTH - APRIL 1988.

Judy Lindstrom, Coordinator of the Skagit Valley Literacy Council, informed the Board that the Skagit Valley Literacy Council was established in 1981 with proceeds from a Swinomish Tribal Council bingo function. They now have an office at the Skagit Valley College.

Ms. Lindstrom introduced Alberta VanderMei, Vice President, and Barbara McKechnie, Treasurer, of the Literacy Council. Ms. Lindstrom noted one in seven people in Skagit County is functionally illiterate. The Literacy Council serves people from age 18 on, and currently their oldest client is 75 years old.

Don Myrtle, Director of the Cascades Job Corps, was present, and stated he refers clients to the Literacy Council.

The Board ordered the proclamation of the month of April, 1988, as Literacy Month in Skagit County.

In answer to a question from the Board, those present concurred the Literacy Council is always in need of volunteers.

2. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD - DANGEROUS DOG KENNEL AT HUMANE SOCIETY.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, informed the Board that all bids received for the construction of a dangerous dog kennel were considerably higher than estimated. Mr. Howard requested direction from the Board.

Chairman Vaux stated at this time the boarding of dangerous dogs is being handled by a kennel in the Burlington vicinity. The Board was of the opinion that dangerous dogs could be boarded at kennels until such time as building of a facility would be economically feasible.

Chairman Vaux also noted that representatives of the Humane Society were aware of this situation and agreeable.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution rejecting all bids received for construction of a kennel for dangerous dogs. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11535)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, informed the Board that the estimate received for reconstruction of the roof on the Mount Vernon Senior Center was \$50,000.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained only approximately one-half of the \$50,000 had been budgeted for this project. However, Mr. Woodmansee felt the project could be completed with other available funds. He also noted the Senior Advisory Council was willing to contribute \$6,000 to the project.

The Board instructed Mr. Howard to proceed with the project as quickly as possible.

2. Mike Woodmansee initiated discussion regarding the State Department of Community Development's provision of a grant to the Skagit County Community Action Agency for remodel of an existing building for an emergency shelter. He explained that the County's involvement was to provide administration of the grant. It has now come to his attention that the State Department of Community Development would require the project be competitively bid, as if it were a County project.

Since this was not the Board's intent, Mr. Woodmansee stated the Skagit County Community Action Agency is discussing the matter with the State Department of Community Development. The Board will be kept informed of further developments.

3. 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 29, 1988, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Vouchers #802173 through #802788 (Warrants #31836 through #32261) in the total amount of \$505,786.51. (C-12-88)

4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution removing the following interfund receivables from the ledger of the Public Works Department, effective December 31, 1987:
 - a. Interfund receivable of \$10,751.08 due from the Department of Emergency Management.
 - b. Interfund receivable of \$5,611.00 due from the Parks Department.

The County Road and Equipment Rental Funds have received adequate compensation for these interfund relationships and will not be adversely affected by elimination of these interfund receivables. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11536)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director:

Item #4 was addressed at this time:

4. Discussion - PUD Communications - March 31, 1988, Meeting.

Among those present were the following: Jim Kirkpatrick and Greg Peterka, of Skagit PUD No. 1, and Lorna Haycox, Environmental Health Specialist II, of the Health Department.

Jon Aarstad explained he received a letter from Skagit PUD No. 1, informing of a meeting regarding the proposed Rockport community water system. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., on March 31, 1988, at Howard Miller Steelhead Park. Mr. Aarstad explained the County's property (Howard Miller Steelhead Park) has been included in the proposed boundaries of the Local Utility District. He stated he saw no reason the County should be included in the boundaries, because the park has an adequate water supply.

Lorna Haycox explained the PUD was requesting \$90,000 from the Washington State Department of Community Development for this project. Ms. Haycox requested the Board approve for signature a letter to the Department of

Community Development, giving assurance that the project will receive assistance from Skagit County wherever possible.

The Board requested the letter be revised to state the County could provide technical assistance, laboratory capabilities, and other in kind services, however, due to the economic climate in Skagit County, no financial assistance with the project could be provided.

Item #1 was addressed at this time:

1. Signature - Fairground Employee Rental Agreement.

The Board approved for signature an agreement between Skagit County and Barbara Lawrence, Fair Manager, for use of the residence located at 1426 Walter Street, Mount Vernon, as a condition of her employment by Skagit County. There shall be no lease or rental costs, except Ms. Lawrence will pay for initial repairs, utilities and renter's homeowners insurance for liability, with Skagit County named as an additional insured. The limits of liability will be a minimum of \$100,000.

2. Discussion - Entertainment Contracts.

The Board approved for signature the following contracts for entertainment for the 1988 Skagit County Fair:

- a. The Shoppe, of Bedford, Texas, for the provision of two 60-minute shows on Sunday, August 14, 1988, at a total cost of \$3,500; and
- b. The Gizmo Guys, for the provision of three comedy and juggling shows daily, August 11 through 14, 1988, at a total cost of \$2,000.

3. Discussion - Sri Chimony Peace Mile.

The Board authorized a request to use the trail at the Skagit Playfields facility for the Sri Chimony Peace Mile walk and fun run. This is a Washington State Centennial event.

Item #4 was previously addressed.

5. Discussion - State Fair Activity.

Jon Aarstad invited the Commissioners to Long Acres on Sunday, April 17, 1988, where the satellite betting program will be showcased. The Board authorized the use of the County vans for this outing.

6. Discussion - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Tour on April 20, 1988.

Mr. Aarstad presented minutes of the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting of March 16, 1988. He invited the Board to tour the County's parks, along with members of the Advisory Board, on April 20, 1988.

7. Signature - Atlas Fence Company Contract.

The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Atlas Fence Company for services consisting of extending the Custer Field backstop from 20 feet to 32 feet in height, at a cost to the County of \$1,633.17. Skagit Valley College will also be paying \$1,633.17 for the project.

8. Discussion - EDASC Fair Presentation - May 5, 1988.

Jon Aarstad informed the Board of the mini fair display scheduled for May 5, 1988, at the Northern State gymnasium.

9. Presentation - 1987 Parks and Recreation Annual Report.

Jon Aarstad presented for the Board's review the 1987 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Annual Report.

10. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to call for a public hearing for the purpose of formally approving and adopting the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The public hearing is scheduled at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 1988.
- b. The Board approved for signature an Outdoor Recreation Account Project Contract with the National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for development of the Burlington Regional Playfields. The total cost of the project covered by this contract is \$331,022. The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation agrees to pay \$111,879, or 34 percent of the total project cost, whichever amount is less. Additionally, the National Park Service has agreed to contribute funds in the amount of \$38,121, or 12 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less.
- c. The Board approved for signature a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities, which is Attachment D to the above described contract.

- d. The Board was informed of scheduled interviews for two firms interested in providing engineering services for the Burlington Regional Playfields project.
- e. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board he had been contacted by the SneeOosh Land Company requesting the County assist with improvement of a floating dock adjacent to Hope Island Inn. The Board instructed Mr. Aarstad to investigate this matter additionally.
- f. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board that the dedication of the Skagit Playfields lights has been rescheduled for May 6, 1988.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Barbara Edwards and Mary Susan Steel were present for a discussion with the Board regarding public transit in Skagit County.

Ms. Edwards informed the Board that Cleo Richardson had appointed her coordinator of the Ad Hoc Committee the Board established to investigate the possibility of public transit in Skagit County. She also stated that Cathy Silins, from the Department of Transportation, had mailed two letters to the Board offering assistance with this matter, but the Board had not responded.

Chairman Vaux stated he had received one letter in which the Department of Transportation suggested the Board should make a public statement regarding the County's intent.

Ms. Edwards requested direction from the Board.

The Board advised Ms. Edwards that the Board never established an Ad Hoc Committee for this matter. Interested persons simply submitted their names to the Commissioners' Office, and they were forwarded to Cleo Richardson, at the request of Mr. Richardson.

Ms. Edwards asked what the Board's opinion was with regard to public transit.

The Board expressed no objections to town meetings regarding the topic, however, Chairman Vaux advised the meetings would be more effective if held after the development of a need study by the Department of Transportation.

Ms. Edwards stated she will report back to the Ad Hoc Committee with the Board's ideas on the matter.

DISCUSSION - SKAGIT COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.

Chairman Vaux informed everyone he had attended a Youth 2000 Regional Forum on Thursday, March 24, 1988, at the Cascades Job Corps at Northern State. Youth

2000 is a local, state and national campaign to heighten awareness of problems affecting young people today, develop new partnerships and combinations of resources at the state and local level, and address the problems affecting youth at-risk.

Chairman Vaux stated Ken Schoebel, a case worker for Child Protective Services, introduced the idea of a County Youth Commission.

Discussion followed.

Terry Rousseau, Director of the Juvenile Probation Department, explained ideas from this regional forum will be presented at a state symposium in April, 1988. A State Youth 2000 Conference to be held in September, 1988, will heighten public awareness of the problems that affect Washington's youth, and will encourage statewide understanding of, support for, and implementation of the Youth 2000 strategies.

Mr. Rousseau noted that Skagit County is doing great as a whole.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Vaux asked Mr. Rousseau to return before the Board in one or two weeks with a recommendation and proposal for Skagit County.

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department, felt his department could play a very important part in this program.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Bud Brock, Shoreline Savings Association, P.O. Box 25788, Seattle, Washington 98125, in the amount of \$365.19, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#001088)
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, March 28, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

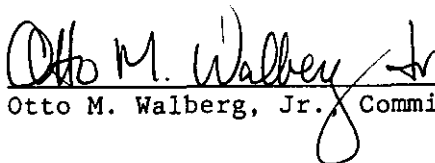
ADJOURNMENT

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

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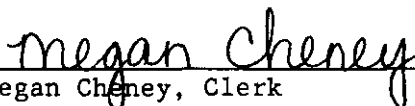
W. W. Vaux, Chairman



Otto M. Walberg, Jr. Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

