

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 19, 1988

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Proclamation - Soil and Water Stewardship Week - April 24, through May 1, 1988.
- 10:00 a.m. 1. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget for Planning and Community Development Department.
2. Planning Commission Referred Item - Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application #R-88-002 - Burlington Edison School District.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux and Walberg present. Commissioner Rohrer's absence was excused.

PROCLAMATION - SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK - APRIL 24, THROUGH MAY 1, 1988.

Bob Hulbert, Vice-Chairman of the Skagit Conservation District Board of Supervisors, introduced Kraig Olason, who has been hired to replace Tyler Clark as District Manager.

Mr. Olason distributed Skagit Conservation District's 1988 Annual Work Plan and 1987 Resource Accomplishments. He also summarized the accomplishments for 1987, and noted the District's number one priority continues to be education. As a result of the various projects, the estimated dollar benefit to the District amounted to \$574,710 in 1987. Mr. Olason noted the plans for 1988 are to expand existing programs and projects.

Steve Nissley, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, presented a final report on the Samish River project. Mr. Nissley explained the report was prepared for the purpose of obtaining grant funds to study and improve the flooding and drainage problems of the Samish River. However, the project was not recommended for grant funding, since it did not appear to benefit the area as much as other projects. Mr. Nissley summarized several alternatives for improving the Samish River flooding and drainage problems.

Mr. Nissley invited the Board to join other sponsors on April 26, 1988, at 7:30 p.m., for a detailed discussion of the report on the Samish River.

Mr. Olason explained a study of Padilla Bay which will be initiated the end of July, 1988, utilizing a \$40,000 grant. This project also represents another public education endeavor to focus on water quality. A grant to fund one half-time employee to manage dairy waste was also received.

Chairman Vaux asked if the soil in Skagit County was improving.

Mr. Nissley explained with improved drainage management, Skagit County's soil was improving; however, due to economic conditions, farmers are forced to farm the ground harder, and therefore, less crop rotation is used. Some farmers are literally mining the ground, and therefore, downgrading the quality of the soil.

Mr. Hulbush stated his farm plants 200 to 300 acres in rye grass, out of a total of 1,100 acres, in order to improve the soil quality for crops to follow.

Mr. Olason noted they are encouraging people to grow cover crops for just that reason.

Betty Norton, a member of the Skagit Conservation District Board of Supervisors, was also present. Commissioner Walberg presented her with a Certificate of Commendation for serving on the Planning Commission from February 8, 1977, through January 28, 1988.

Chairman Vaux spoke on behalf of the Board to proclaim the week of April 24, through May 1, 1988, as "Soil and Water Stewardship Week" in Skagit County.

Mr. Hulbert presented each of the Commissioners with a lapel pin from the Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Hulbert also introduced Ella Summit, District Secretary.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on April 5, and April 12, 1988.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained it was necessary to account for the addition of Coastal Zone Management Grant funds (for La Conner) and Clean Water Grant funds received by the Planning and Community Development Department.

Steve Wood explained that Skagit County's matching funds for these grants would take the form of in-kind services by department staff.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$57,000 for the Current Expense Fund #001. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11550)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution closing the Clear Lake Park Construction Fund #355 and transferring the remaining fund equity plus any future receipts to the Land Acquisition and Facility Improvement Fund #340. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, as recommended by Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11551)

2. PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEM - REZONE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION #R-88-002 - BURLINGTON EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, informed the Board that approval of this request to reclassify approximately 20 acres from Agriculture to Public Use would allow the construction of playfields, athletic activity areas and park facilities adjacent to the existing Burlington Edison High School Facility.

Mr. Christensen stated a public hearing was held on April 11, and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezone and comprehensive plan amendment.

Mr. Christensen presented photos and a site plan. He reviewed the Planning Commission's findings, on which they based their decision.

Among those present for this meeting were Dr. Paul Chaplik, Superintendent of Burlington Edison Schools, and John Leander, an employee of the Burlington Edison School District.

Dr. Chaplik stated they were suprised to discover the zoning wasn't appropriate for the project. He was very satisfied with the County's rezoning process.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve Burlington Edison School District Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Request #R-88-002, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Chairman Vaux approved for signature the Final Plat of Seaview Division #1.

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution modifying the 1988 health and welfare benefit levels for non-union employees of Skagit County, to allow for reimbursement to the employee only for the first \$50 of the new deductible added to the Skagit County Medical Bureau plan through December 31, 1988. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11552)
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve for signature a Letter of Understanding to the current collective bargaining agreement between the Skagit County Commissioners and Teamsters Local Union #788 (Skagit County Courthouse Employees Agreement) dated January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1990. This Letter of Understanding amended Article X - Hours of Labor and Overtime, Section 1 - Operations Engineer, to allow certain employees a flexible work schedule. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
4. On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Walberg proclaimed that April 23, and 24, 1988, be declared "March of Dimes Walkamerica Weekend."

PUBLIC HEARING - PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on April 5, 1988.

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Catherine Sayre, Office Supervisor I of the Parks and Recreation Department, were present for this public hearing.

Mr. Aarstad explained the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is adopted every five years, however, updates to the plan are made periodically. According to the Washington Administrative Codes, adoption of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is required before any state and federal Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation funds can be received. The plan currently before the Board covers the five-year period of 1987 through 1992.

Mr. Aarstad stated many items were identified through the six public forums held throughout the County. He briefly reviewed the contents of the plan. Mr. Aarstad emphasized the need to cause people to become more aware of the parks and recreation facilities available in the County.

Seeing no further comment, Commissioner Walberg motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution approving the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan for 1987 through 1992, as recommended. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11553)

The Board thanked Mr. Aarstad and Ms. Sayre for a job well done.

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1. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, presented a copy of a letter received from Stan Nelson, Athletic Director of Oak Harbor School District, thanking Skagit County for the opportunity to participate in the eighth grade basketball league.
2. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board that the Skagit Playfields lights dedication ceremony is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., on May 6, 1988. The first game played under the lights will begin at 8:30 p.m.
3. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board that the Clear Lake Park dedication ceremony is scheduled for June 12, 1988.
4. Barbara Lawrence, Fair Manager, requested authorization to negotiate a contract with Sanders Promotion, a promotional company from Portland, Oregon. Sanders Promotion will then negotiate, direct and handle the major entertainers which they schedule for the 1988 Skagit County Fair. Ms. Lawrence explained the Sanders will charge \$1,200 per day for entertainment they schedule.

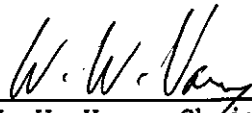
Ms. Lawrence presented various entertainment options, and informed the Board that local entertainment selected through auditions will be used at the fair also. She also noted that currently the entertainment budget is only \$14,000.

The Board authorized Ms. Lawrence to proceed with negotiation of a contract with Sanders Promotion.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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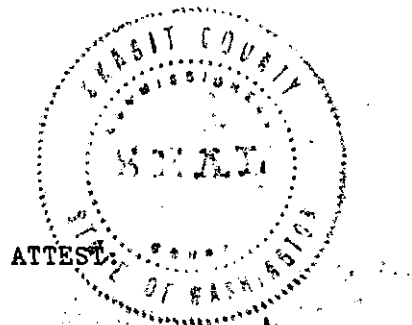


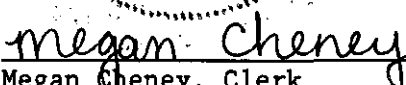
W. W. Vaux, Chairman



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners