

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 25, 1988

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

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

Request of Ray Jensen to Allow Connection of an Additional Mobile Home to an Existing On-Site Sewage System at his Property at 1107 Jensen Lane.

10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

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

1. Discussion - McLean Road/Best Road Intersection.
2. Discussion - Cook Road/Collins Road Intersection.
3. Discussion - Overwidth Farm Equipment.
4. Resolution - Interfund Transfer of Motor Vehicles.
5. Signature - Right-of-Way Appraisals - Little Mountain Road.
6. Signature - Construction Plans - LaConner-Whitney Road.
7. Signature - City/County Agreement - LaConner-Whitney Road.
8. Signature - Request for Federal Aid Funds - LaConner-Whitney Road.
9. Call for Public Hearing - Consideration of Road Establishment - Sahalie Drive.
10. Signature - Comprehensive Recycling Plan.
11. Signature - Certificate of Public Service Commendation.
12. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1:30 p.m.
1. Call for Bids - Howard Miller Steelhead Park Maintenance Shed Construction.
 2. Proclamation - "Law Day," May 2, 1988.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Discussion - Rockport Local Utility District.

- 3:00 p.m.
1. Signature - Emergency Shelter Grant Program Agreement with Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services.
 2. Signature - Emergency Shelter Grant Program Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

3:30 p.m. Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director:

1. Discussion - Concrete Community Senior Center.
2. Signature - Council on Aging Transportation Contract.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Request of Ray Jensen to Allow Connection of an Additional Mobile Home to an Existing On-Site Sewage System at his Property at 1107 Jensen Lane.

This item was postponed at the request of Ray Jensen, property owner.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Discussion - McLean Road/Best Road Intersection.

Jay Ensley presented a memo summarizing various alternatives identified as possible solutions to the dangerous intersection.

Jeff Monsen, County Engineer, explained that the first alternative, the installation of buttons and delineators along McLean Road shoulder area, has already been completed. Since that time, however, another accident occurred. Therefore, they are proceeding with the second alternative, the installation of advisory 40 m.p.h. speed plates on the advance intersection signs on McLean Road as well as an overhead flashing beacon at the intersection. The beacon will flash red for northbound-southbound traffic on Best Road and flash amber for eastbound-westbound traffic on McLean Road.

Mr. Monsen noted a speed study was conducted prior to installation of the advisory speed plates, so they will be able to determine whether people are heeding the warning or not. Traffic counts totaled approximately 4,000 vehicles per day on McLean Road and approximately 1,500 vehicles per day on Best Road.

A copy of the memo will be sent to the McLean Road Fire Department.

Mr. Monsen informed the Board that the owner of the house on the northwest corner of the intersection has requested the Public Works Department install a barrier to prevent out of control vehicles from hitting his house. Mr. Monsen maintained it was not the County's responsibility or policy to install such barriers which would additionally damage an out of control vehicle and its occupants. Jeff suggested the owner of the property construct some kind of

landscaping barrier which would not cause a sight obstruction at the intersection.

The Board requested Mr. Monsen explain this matter to the property owner.

2. Discussion - Cook Road/Collins Road Intersection.

Jay Ensley presented a memo regarding the reconstruction of the Cook Road/Collins Road intersection.

Jeff Monsen, County Engineer, explained that in 1981, Federal money was applied for to reconstruct the intersection of Cook Road and Collins Road for safety considerations. At that time, there had been a number of recent accidents that were related to left turning vehicles or other activity occurring at the intersection. Finally in 1984, it appeared that the funding issues were resolved and approximately \$9,000 of Federal money would be available to be expended on this project. However, it became apparent that there would be difficulties in acquiring the necessary right-of-way to accomplish this work. Several attempts to resolve the situation have provided no results.

During 1984, Skagit County constructed an overlay along the entire length of Cook Road, including the shoulders. Intersection-related accident history at the Collins Road intersection has dropped significantly since 1983. Mr. Monsen, therefore, recommended this project be closed out at this time without further pursuit of the construction of left turn lanes at this intersection for the following reasons:

1. Of the total of \$25,000 needed, only \$9,000 of Federal monies were potentially available for the entire project.
2. Accident history does not seem to currently support the need for a left turn channelization.
3. Completion of the project would require that a condemnation procedure be completed for at least one of the parcels involved.

Commissioner Rohrer recommended a "Stop Ahead" sign be installed on Collins Road.

Mr. Monsen noted such a sign should be posted already.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to close the Cook Road/Collins Road intersection improvement project. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Discussion - Overwidth Farm Equipment.

Jeff Monsen, County Engineer, explained the County's overwidth farm equipment requirements are currently less stringent than the State's regulations. Since the State Patrol can enforce State law anywhere, the State Patrol can and does enforce stringent State regulations on County roads. One major difference between the State and County regulations is that Skagit County allows the night-time travel of planting equipment, while the State does not.

Mr. Monsen asked the Board if they favored asking the State Patrol to discontinue their enforcement on County roads, or perhaps upgrading the County's regulations to meet State regulations.

Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer concurred that the County should either back out of the County's regulations, or allow the State Patrol to enforce State regulations on County roads.

Chairman Vaux requested Mr. Monsen schedule a work session to further discuss this matter. Mr. Monsen will also inform the Farm Bureau and other interested parties.

4. Resolution - Interfund Transfer of Motor Vehicles.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution transferring the titles of the following vehicles as noted:

From the Public Works Department to the County Coroner:

1981 Mercury Zephyr Station Wagon
VIN: IMEBP73BXBK621536

From the County Coroner to the Public Works Department:

1980 AMC Spirit 2-Door Hatchback
VIN: AOM435B301867

This transaction is effective as of April 1, 1988, no money is to change hands on this transaction, and each vehicle is to be valued at \$700. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11556)

5. Signature - Right-of-Way Appraisals - Little Mountain Road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the right-of-way appraisals for acquisition of twelve parcels on Little Mountain Road. The recommended cost for acquisition of the parcels totaled \$17,738. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Signature - Construction Plans - La Conner-Whitney Road.

Chairman Vaux approved for signature the construction plans for the La Conner-Whitney Road reconstruction project.

7. Signature - City/County Agreement - La Conner-Whitney Road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Washington State Department of Transportation City/County Agreement for 83.01 percent Federal funding (\$219,086) for the reconstruction of 2.05 miles of La Conner-Whitney Road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Signature - Request for Federal Aid Funds - La Conner-Whitney Road.

The Board approved for signature a letter to the Washington State Department of Transportation requesting an advancement of funds in the amount of \$146,826 to allow the completion of the La Conner-Whitney Road reconstruction project. This loan will be reduced by Skagit County's Federal Aid Secondary allocation until paid off, which will be approximately March, 1989.

9. Call for Public Hearing - Consideration of Road Establishment - Sahalie Drive.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the establishment of Sahalie Drive as a County road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11557)

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 1988, at 10:30 a.m.

10. Signature - Comprehensive Recycling Plan.

The Board approved for signature the Contract for Professional Services for the Skagit County Comprehensive Recycling Plan between the Skagit County Public Works Department and Resource Conservation Consultants. Total compensation to the contractor shall not exceed \$34,435.

11. Signature - Certificate of Public Service Commendation.

The Board approved for signature a Certificate of Commendation to the George Larsen Marine Rescue, a member of the Search and Rescue Council.

Larry Talbott, Deputy Sheriff, explained the George Larsen Marine Rescue has been very helpful in rescuing duck hunters and others stranded on the mudflats at Conway.

12. Miscellaneous Items.

There were no miscellaneous Public Works Department items at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, presented a letter from the Shannon Point Marine Center (Western Washington University) at Anacortes, requesting a letter of support from the Board in their attempt to obtain grant funding to establish the facilities necessary to study the long-term environmental impact of the recent oil spill incidents in the Guemes Channel.

Mr. Sheahan will draft a letter of support for the Board's signature.

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, April 19, 1988, and Wednesday, April 20, 1988. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
3. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution approving Burlington-Edison School District Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Request #R-88-002. (Resolution #11558)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, April 5, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to amend Chapter 6.64 of the Skagit County Code defining the boundaries of Mount Vernon Consolidated School District #320. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11559)

The public hearing was scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 1988.

6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to amend Sections 7.06.010 through 7.06.040 of the Skagit County Code relating to dangerous dogs. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11560)

The public hearing was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 1988.

7. The Board approved for signature the Labor Agreement between Skagit County and the Skagit County Public Works Department, Local 176, Council #2, AFSCME, effective January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1990.
8. 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, April 25, 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. Warrants #32621 through #33188 in the total amount of \$452,966.25. (C-16-88)
- b. Vouchers #50576 through #50651 (Warrants #50576 through #50651) in the total amount of \$80,031.27. (R-14-88)

Commissioners Vaux and Walberg were present for the following items. Commissioner Rohrer's absence was excused.

CALL FOR BIDS - HOWARD MILLER STEELHEAD PARK MAINTENANCE SHED CONSTRUCTION.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to call for bids for the following project for the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department:

The design, construction and installation of a park maintenance shop at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, Washington. Work includes the design and engineering of a 24-foot by 50-foot pole framed, metal siding building as per specifications.

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

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, May 16, 1988.

Several miscellaneous items were addressed at this time:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, presented a listing of volunteers and the number of hours they donated to the Friday Creek Park improvement project.

2. The Board approved for signature an Instructional Services Agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Rich Slettvet of Northwind Kayak Tours, 21027 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds, Washington 98020, for the provision of sea kayak tours from May 29, 1988, through December 31, 1988. Compensation to the contractor will be 90 percent of program fees after Department expenses.
3. The Board approved for signature an Instructional Services Agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Northwest Sea Ventures, 2114 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221, for the provision of sea kayak tours from June 5, 1988, through September 4, 1988. Compensation to the contractor will be 90 percent of program fees after Department expenses.
4. The Board approved for signature a Memorandum of Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Mount Vernon for a City/County Girls Softball League. The County will handle all program fees and retain the proceeds thereof. The County will pay to the City the sum of \$1.50 for each participant in the program living within the City Limits of Mount Vernon. The County shall further pay to the City the sum of \$2 for each game scheduled to be played at City-owned ball fields.
5. A brief discussion ensued regarding the possible inclusion of Howard Miller Steelhead Park in the proposed Rockport community's Local Utility District (L.U.D.) for a new water system.

Commissioner Walberg noted there was a meeting scheduled at the P.U.D. Tuesday, April 26, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. to additionally discuss this matter.

Chairman Vaux stated the Board is interested in having the park counted in for a share in the L.U.D., but not on a hookup or development fee basis and not for a monthly fee. At this time the park is not in need of the water to be provided by the new system.

PROCLAMATION - "LAW DAY," MAY 2, 1988.

The Board proclaimed May 2, 1988, to be "Law Day" in Skagit County.

DISCUSSION - ROCKPORT LOCAL UTILITY DISTRICT.

This item was not intended for discussion on this day.

SIGNATURE - EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH SKAGIT RAPE RELIEF AND BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES.

The Board approved for signature an Agreement between Skagit County and Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services, to provide for the distribution of Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds in the amount of \$4,820 from the State Department of Community Development. Skagit County is providing the administration for this grant. This Agreement shall be effective March 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988.

SIGNATURE - EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.

The Board approved for signature an Agreement between Skagit County and Skagit County Community Action Agency, to provide for the distribution of Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds in the amount of \$24,035 from the State Department of Community Development. Skagit County is providing the administration for this grant. This Agreement shall be effective March 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Coordinator, informed the Board that Skagitron, a firm which provides employment for developmentally disabled individuals, is closing its doors. Valley Homes Association is able to provide day training services to a limited number of individuals at this time.

The Board approved for signature a Contract between Skagit County and Valley Homes Association for the provision of local developmental disabilities services to eight Valley Homes residents and to as many as four non-Valley Homes residents. This Agreement shall be in effect May 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988, and compensation shall not exceed \$45,000.

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Tim Holloran, Director:

Item #2 was addressed at this time:

2. Signature - Council on Aging Transportation Contract.

The Board approved for signature a Contract between Skagit County and the Skagit Council on Aging (SCOA) to provide and coordinate senior transportation services as described in SCOA's Contract #88-3360-02 with the Northwest Regional Council and the Operations Assistance Contract with the Washington State Department of Transportation GC-8187. SCOA shall provide a minimum of 35,000 one-way trips for senior citizens age 60 years and older. The County

shall pay to SCOA the amount of \$7,000 during the period of this agreement, which is January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988.

Tim Holloran, Director of the Senior Services Department, noted he will supervise the Transportation Director of SCOA, but will not be involved with setting policies. The current Transportation Director, Bill Weaver, recently submitted his resignation.

John Smith, Chairman of SCOA's Transportation Committee, will be coordinating the process of selecting a new Transportation Director.

Item #1 was addressed at this time:

1. Discussion - Concrete Community Senior Center.

Tim Holloran informed the Board that opening ceremonies for the recently remodeled Concrete Community Senior Center will take place during the week of May 16, through 20, 1988. He will inform the Board of the exact day and time their presence is requested.

Mr. Holloran requested authorization to hire an existing part-time County employee to supervise a work release crew to cleanup the grounds of the Concrete Community Senior Center in early May. He explained the existing part-time County employee has experience with supervising such crews and has worked for the Parks and Recreation Department in the past. Mr. Holloran will arrange to borrow necessary equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Following discussion, the Board approved Mr. Holloran's request.

Discussion followed regarding several items remaining to be addressed at the Concrete Community Senior Center, including repair of the existing parquet flooring. The Parks and Recreation Department will be contacted regarding repair of eight downspouts outside of the building. Mr. Holloran stated the inside of the foyer will be restained.

Discussion ensued regarding a sign for the outside of the building. Mr. Holloran will obtain several alternative proposals.

Mr. Holloran informed the Board that the County was requiring the Saturday Market participants to obtain \$1 million general liability insurance naming Skagit County as additionally insured. In the past, the Concrete Chamber of Commerce has provided the insurance for the Saturday Market, however, this year the Chamber of Commerce has declined. Mr. Holloran will meet with representatives from both the Chamber of Commerce and the Saturday Market.

Mr. Holloran thanked the Board for the cooperation and assistance the County has provided with regard to this welcomed addition to the Concrete community.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution denying a request from Earl Border for waiver of the Class 4 water supply system requirements for his property on Saje Lane. (Resolution #11561)

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



ATTEST:

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Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

W. W. Vaux, Chairman

Orto M. Walberg Jr.
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Dave Rohrer
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