

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 23, 1988

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

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9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Introduction of New Staff.
2. Request of Ray Jensen to Allow Construction of an Additional Mobile Home to an Existing On-Site Sewage System at his Property at 1107 Jensen Lane.
3. AIDS Funding.

10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.

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

1. Discussion - Fir Island Road Project - North Fork Bridge.
2. Call for Public Hearing - Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.
3. Call for Bids - Lake Cavanaugh Road Restriction.
4. Call for Bids - One New Rubber-Tired Hydraulic Excavator.
5. Emergency Resolution - Speed Limit - Best and McLean Roads.
6. Miscellaneous Items.

11:00 a.m. Review - Swinomish Channel Launch Site.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Work Session - Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Introduction of New Staff.

Carolyn Milat, Director of Public Health, introduced Cathy Moran, Family Nurse Practitioner, who will be working in the Senior Health Screening and Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs.

2. 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.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, reviewed the information

before the Board at this time regarding Ray Jensen's appeal. Mr. Jensen was present for this item.

Mr. Karsh explained that Mr. Jensen did not obtain a building permit for placement of a mobile home on a parcel of property which already contains a house. He noted that Mr. Jensen planned to add to the existing on-site sewage system which was installed in 1981. However, Mr. Karsh stated it appears likely that the existing system does not meet today's site/design standards for vertical separation. In addition, the existing system is suspected to be malfunctioning at this time. A portion of the existing drainfield area is saturated with ground/surface water.

Due to the high public health risk, Mr. Karsh recommended Mr. Jensen be required to submit an application which meets all current site/design requirements for repair to the existing system and either install a new system for the mobile home or enlarge the repaired system to satisfy code requirements for both residences. Mr. Karsh also presented photos of the site, and noted that Dr. J. K. Neils, Health Officer, and John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, were in concurrence with this recommendation.

Mr. Jensen explained that the evidence of sewage system failure could actually be runoff containing manure from the barn. He noted that the existing drainfield is quite close to the barn, and drainage is only evident during periods of heavy rainfall.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested the surface water be routed out into the field, rather than in the vicinity of the existing drainfield.

Mr. Karsh noted that diverting the runoff away from the drainfield would be a potential improvement. However, since soil tests were never performed at the actual location of the drainfield, the quality of the soil is unknown at this time.

Commissioner Walberg informed Mr. Jensen that he needs to provide Mr. Karsh with necessary soil information prior to any decision by the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Karsh stated that the ideal time to test soil is prior to May 1. He recommended Mr. Jensen have the site properly investigated, and then work with the Department of Planning and Community Development to comply with County regulations.

Following additional discussion, the Board ordered Mr. Jensen to dig several soil holes and have Mr. Karsh investigate the soils within the next 30 days. This item will be scheduled before the Board for additional consideration at that time.

2. AIDS Funding.

Carolyn Milat, Director of Public Health, updated the Board on proposed funding for the AIDS program. She explained Skagit County expects to receive between \$35,000 and \$47,000 in funds from the Department of Social and Health Services. Ms. Milat requested authorization to hire a coordinator for education and networking with the community in this area. Ms. Milat noted that, depending upon the actual funding received, possibly an individual to provide clerical support could also be hired.

The Board approved of Ms. Milat's request.

Ms. Milat will keep the Board informed of further developments.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Gregg Ariss, Cascade District Manager, Northwest Region, of the Department of Natural Resources, was present to introduce himself to the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Discussion - Fir Island Road Project - North Fork Bridge.

Robin LaRue, Design/Construction Section Manager, explained that the North Fork Bridge was constructed in 1958. He proposed the road be redesigned for a speed of 35 m.p.h. This would necessitate the purchase of .40 acre from a property owner. Estimated cost of the proposed revision is \$197,000, with no available funding from the state or federal level.

Mr. LaRue outlined various alternatives to the redesign of the road, including pavement repair, bridge railing upgrade, and signs.

Commissioner Walberg stated he felt redesigning the road for a 35 m.p.h. speed limit would encourage people to use that portion like a freeway on ramp.

Chairman Vaux favored spending a portion of the \$200,000 for improvement of the pavement, without redesigning the road. Chairman Vaux felt the remainder of the money could be put to better uses.

Mr. LaRue estimated repavement only of said portion of the road would cost approximately \$40,000.

Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer concurred with Chairman Vaux's suggestion.

2. Call for Public Hearing - Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed comprehensive Six Year Road Program. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11581)

The public hearing is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, June 13, 1988.

3. Call for Bids - Lake Cavanaugh Road Reconstruction.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the reconstruction of portions of Lake Cavanaugh Road. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11582)

The public hearing is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, 1988.

The Board also approved for signature plans for the reconstruction of portions of Lake Cavanaugh Road.

4. Call for Bids - One New Rubber-Tired Hydraulic Excavator.

This item was amended to call for bids for two new rubber-tired hydraulic excavators.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the purchase of the following equipment items:

Bid Item 1: One new rubber-tired hydraulic excavator with articulated boom

Bid Item 2: One new rubber-tired hydraulic excavator with telescopic boom

Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11583)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 1988.

5. Emergency Resolution - Speed Limit - Best and McLean Roads.

a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution declaring that an emergency exists at the intersection of McLean Road, #4400, and Best Road, #4401, and therefore, establishing a reduced speed limit of 35 m.p.h. on McLean Road, starting at Milepost 4.28 and extending

through the intersection with Best Road, #4401, to Milepost 4.78. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11584)

Through Resolution #11584, the Public Works Department was authorized to post this portion of McLean Road with 35 m.p.h. signs effective this date.

- b. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to consider reducing the speed limit for motor vehicles traversing McLean Road between Milepost 4.28 and Milepost 4.78 from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11585)

The public hearing is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, June 13, 1988.

6. Miscellaneous Items.

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

REVIEW - SWINOMISH CHANNEL LAUNCH SITE.

The following individuals were present for this item: Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department; Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department; and Betsy Stevenson, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Aarstad explained that some remains of an old County bridge are hazardously located in the water near the Swinomish Channel boat launch site. Mr. Aarstad felt the County should act responsibly regarding this hazard for the following reasons:

1. It's outside of the channel;
2. It's the remains of an old County structure; and
3. Skagit County is encouraging boaters to use the boat launch facility.

Mr. Ensley noted that one estimate for the placement of four pilings around the obstruction was approximately \$4,700. He noted he wouldn't object to the use of Public Works Department funds for this project.

Discussion followed regarding obtaining several additional quotes for the project.

Mr. Ensley noted the project will need to go through the appropriate permit processes.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with marking of the obstruction near the Swinomish Channel boat launch site. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Betsy Stevenson, Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, were present to discuss the County's agreement with the Department of Wildlife regarding Erie and Campbell Lakes.

Mr. Aarstad noted the County has placed picnic tables, garbage cans, and are cleaning up the trash at the picnic areas of both lakes. He expressed concern regarding wording in the agreement with the Department of Wildlife, which could be construed as more responsibilities for the County than originally intended.

The Board authorized Mr. Aarstad to write a letter to the Department of Wildlife outlining the County's responsibilities.

The Board also concurred with Ms. Stevenson, and recommended John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, of the Prosecutor's Office, review the agreement with regard to this matter.

2. In accordance with the recommendation from Jon Aarstad, Commissioner Walberg motioned to reject the only bid received for the construction of a maintenance shed at Howard Miller Steelhead Park. The bid, in the amount of \$78,816.85, from Axthelm & Swett Construction, Inc., was considerably higher than the \$35,000 budget allowed for the project. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board that the Clear Lake Beach is planning to be open May 28, 29, and 30, as well as June 4 and 5. Hours of operation will be 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m., and the fee for use of the facility is \$1 per person.

The Board approved of Mr. Aarstad's suggestion to allow free entry for the June 12, 1988, dedication ceremony.

4. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board of the Jessie Owens Arco Games to be held on June 4, 1988. Volunteers are needed to assist.
5. Betsy Stevenson informed the Board that she will be attending the Department of Ecology's public hearing on the draft Centennial Clean

Water Act rule on May 26, 1988.

6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, May 16, 1988, and Tuesday, May 17, 1988. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
7. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Barbara Gjertsen to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board effective February 2, 1987. Said appointment shall expire on February 1, 1990. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11586)
8. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Joan Lubbe to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board effective October 2, 1987. Said appointment shall expire on October 1, 1990. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11587)
9. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution reappointing Marguerite Davis to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board for the period expiring September 1, 1989. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11588)
10. 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, May 23, 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 #804467 through #805104 (Warrants #33578 through #34010) in the amount of \$388,996.67. (C-19-88)
 - b. Vouchers #50768 through #50847 (Warrants #50768 through #50847) in the amount of \$117,621.39. (R-17-88)
11. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as approved by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
 - a. Ellsworth J. Gronewold, 13335 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington 98168, in the amount of \$58.35, due to double assessment on this parcel. (#002688)
 - b. Kenneth Stadlman, P.O. Box 721, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$293.72, due to senior citizen exemption. (#004788)

- c. Ellman H. Johnsen, 736 Wilde Road, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$34.17, due to payment on wrong account. (#004988)
- d. Edward A. Allen, 894 Avon Allen Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$789.17, due to senior citizen exemption. (#004488)
- e. Maurice Keller, 818 Cedar Grove Road, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$88.12, due to senior citizen exemption. (#004088A/004088B)

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- 12. The Board approved for signature a request for additional Emergency Shelter Grant Program funding for the Skagit County Community Action Agency. The request for additional funds is to pay for unexpected design and construction costs, as well as furnishings, and to set up an office in the shelter building.

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



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