

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 31, 1988

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Discussion - Washington School Playground.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Portion of Josh Wilson Road.
2. Discussion - Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone Easement.
3. Signature - Gravel License/Agreement.
4. Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Island County.
5. Signature - Change Order #7 - Resource Recovery Facility.
6. Miscellaneous Items.

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1:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:

1. Signature - Clear Lake Park Management Contract with YMCA for Swim Lessons.
2. Signature - DOE Contract - Padilla Bayshore Trail.
3. Update - Padilla Bay National Reserve Operations.
4. Discussion - Skagit Playfields.
5. Discussion - Fair Capital Purchase.
6. Signature - Lease Agreement with Department of Natural Resources.
7. Discussion - Fair Relocation Long Range Planning.
8. Miscellaneous Items.

2:30 p.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - WASHINGTON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

Linda Jenkins, Principal of Washington Elementary School, and Curtis Johnson, were present for this discussion.

Ms. Jenkins presented a site plan and draft budget for development of a Washington School Westside Community Playground. She explained that the draft budget totaled \$26,235, of which \$13,500 has already been raised. The School District contributed \$6,000 for maintenance, and the remaining \$7,500

was donated by private contributions. The proposed project included soccer and baseball fields, playground system, picnic area, track, fitness center and landscaping.

Mr. Johnson requested the Board consider contributing \$5,000 from Skagit County toward the project.

Commissioner Walberg asked how the proposed project would benefit Skagit County.

Ms. Jenkins explained the courtyard (picnic) area was suitable for family use, and the baseball and soccer fields would be available to the community.

Commissioner Walberg pointed out that the money should come from the School District.

Chairman Vaux concurred, and explained that the Board can't very well contribute funds to one school's projects without contributing money to all of the schools in Skagit County.

Commissioner Walberg stated he would be favorable to offering the use of County equipment on the project.

Chairman Vaux concurred. He explained that park development moneys all over the nation used to be funded by the Federal Revenue Sharing Program. However, that program was canceled in recent years, so the funds are no longer available. Chairman Vaux expressed an interest in looking at the proposed project on site.

Mr. Johnson stated he understood the Board's concerns, and welcomed the Commissioners to visit the site.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested the County could possibly construct a sign for the facility through the County sign shop.

Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation for the Board's consideration of in-kind services for the project.

The Board will visit the site at a later date.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer:
  - a. Zona Rose Morrison, P.O. Box 206, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$150.17, due to senior citizen exemption. (#006188)

- b. L. C. Logan and W. L. Massey, 7208 700 Avenue West, Suite 204, Oak Harbor, Washington 98277, in the amount of \$142.09, because the property was sold to the City of Sedro-Woolley in 1977. (#006288)
- c. Wayne A. Fraser, 1274 Marine Drive, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$52.97, due to error in ownership. (#006388)

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

- 2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, May 23, 1988, and Tuesday, May 24, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 3. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Brown and McMillen Division I, #P-88-004. (Resolution #11589)
- 4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed by Skagit County for conveyance of the real property described in Skagit County Auditor's File #252063 (portion of right-of-way of State Route 20, Lateral Highway #19) to the State of Washington, Department of Highways. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, and said Quit Claim Deed was executed. (Resolution #11590)
- 5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed by Skagit County for conveyance of the real property described in Land Title Company's Policy #T-57106-G (portion of right-of-way of State Route 20 in the Concrete vicinity) to the State of Washington, Department of Highways. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, and said Quit Claim Deed was executed. (Resolution #11591)
- 6. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the following Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor:
  - a. Monica O'Bryan, 1519 Sam Bell Road, Bow, Washington 98232, in the amount of \$10,100 for tax year 1988, due to fire in a vacated house. (#87-08)
  - b. Paul and Gail Crocket, P.O. Box 159, Marblemount, Washington 98267, in the amount of \$560 for tax year 1988, due to spontaneous combustion in a barn. (#87-10)
  - c. Scott W. Cheney, 948 Sudden Valley, Bellingham, Washington, in the amount of \$375 for tax year 1988, due to vandalism of a wooden shed/cabin. (#87-07)

- d. Anton Weekley, 202 Highland, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$6,200 for tax year 1987, due to a house fire. (#87-06)
- e. Grace Talin, 8377 Tampico Court, Fair Oaks, California 95628, in the amount of \$2,100 for tax year 1988, due to demolition of machine shed, storage shed and shed. (#87-05)
- f. Charlie E. Gilden, 1409 B Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$200 for tax year 1988, due to destruction of small house. (#87-04)
- g. Isabelle Williams, et al., 2130 McDougall, Everett, Washington 98201, in the amount of \$6,400 for tax year 1988, due to vandalism to house, attached garage and shed. (#87-11)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Portion of Josh Wilson Road.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as advertised in The Skagit Argus on May 17, and May 24, 1988.

Jay Ensley explained that portion of the old Josh Wilson Road, #3300, lying southerly of the new alignment of the Josh Wilson Road in Section 29, Township 35 North, Range 3 East, W.M., was proposed to be changed to Crestview Lane, #3302. A resident of this portion requested the name change.

Seeing no comment from the public, Commissioner Walberg motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution changing the name of that portion of the old Josh Wilson Road, #3300, lying southerly of the new alignment of the Josh Wilson Road, to Crestview Lane, #3302. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11592)

2. Discussion - Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone Easement.

Al Morgan and Jim and Erika Hume, residents of the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone, were present for this discussion.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, located the zone on a map, and described the project. He explained that a change in the plans required use of an existing ditch across Mr. Morgan's property, which is outside of the

existing Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone boundaries. Mr. Morgan was requesting the County require an easement for use of that ditch and compensate him, due to the fact that the property is outside of the zone. Mr. Nelson further explained that during establishment of the zone, other easements within the boundaries of the zone were acquired free, with a waiver of those property owners' participation in the assessments. According to the Assessor's valuation, Mr. Nelson established a value of \$976 for the easement. Mr. Nelson noted that the zone will receive \$1,000 in property assessments annually.

Mr. Morgan stated he was not aware of the change in plans until construction began on his property. He felt he should sign an easement for use of the property currently being discussed, as well as his property within the zone's boundaries. He also requested compensation for use of his property outside of the zone, because this was not originally part of the plan.

Commissioner Walberg suggested Mr. Morgan sell to the zone that portion of his property outside of the zone which is required for the ditch.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Hume asked if the zone could be enlarged to include that portion of Mr. Morgan's property.

Additional discussion followed.

In answer to a question from Mr. Hume, Mr. Nelson explained that maintenance on the new ditch will be assessed as previously established.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to grant a 20-foot easement for compensation to Mr. Morgan in the amount of \$976. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Marvin Orestad, a resident of the zone, questioned whether or not there remains enough money for maintenance of the ditches. He noted a ditch which currently needs maintenance.

Mr. Nelson explained the County will loan the zone adequate funds to maintain the ditch.

### 3. Signature - Gravel License/Agreement.

The Board approved for signature a License/Agreement with Three Rivers Timber Company (formerly Scott Paper Company) for the purchase of approximately 30,000 cubic yards of pit-run gravel at a cost of \$1 per cubic yard. This License/Agreement shall expire on December 31, 1988.

4. Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Island County.

The Board approved for signature an Interlocal Agreement with Island County for the importation of up to 56 tons of acceptable refuse per day from the following sources:

- a. Stanwood/Camano for a fee paid to Skagit County in the amount of \$35 per ton;
- b. Oak Harbor for a fee to be negotiated; and
- c. Island Disposal for a fee paid to Skagit County in the amount of \$22 per ton to dispose of full containers.

The terms of this Agreement shall be a maximum of two months beginning on or about June 1, 1988.

5. Signature - Change Order #7 - Resource Recovery Facility.

Jay Ensley reviewed each item contained in Change Order #7 for the resource recovery facility. He explained that the date of certification was being extended from July 5, 1988, until July 27, 1988. Also the completion date was being extended from August 4, 1988, until August 26, 1988. Total cost of this change order was \$10,000 plus cost of Item #2 to be determined.

Chairman Vaux commended Mr. Ensley for his negotiation of Change Order #7.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve Change Order #7 for the resource recovery facility. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous Items.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the closure of Morford Road, #0555, from the intersection of Old Day Creek Road, #0670, thence northerly for approximately 2,200 feet, the area adjacent to the Judy Reservoir, for the period beginning June 15, 1988, and extending until December 1, 1988. This closure is necessary for the construction of the PUD water treatment plant located along said portion of Morford Road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11593)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for replacement of the roof of the Skagit County Senior Center at Mount

Vernon to Quality Roofing, of Bellingham, for their base bid and Alternate #1 total price of \$33,270. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11594)

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Lois E. Doolin, 2725 East Fir, Space #60, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$32.11, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#005688)
3. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control and Lewis Gene Kindred, 2054 Cook Road, Sedro-Woolley, for services consisting of noxious weed spraying at the rate of \$6.46 per hour and use and operation of a boat at the rate of \$145 per day. This Contract shall be effective April 15, 1988, and shall continue until August 30, 1988.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director:

1. Signature - Clear Lake Park Management Contract with YMCA for Swim Lessons.

The Board approved for signature an Agreement with the Skagit Valley Family YMCA for the YMCA's provision of personnel and program management necessary to operate a beach front swimming program at Clear Lake Park.

Mr. Aarstad explained this Agreement provides for the YMCA's charge and collection of fees from the facility. The YMCA pays their expenses, and then at the end of the program (approximately September 18, 1988), the County will receive any proceeds which remain after expenses. Mr. Aarstad indicated this could be expected to amount to between \$800 and \$1,500.

The duration of this agreement is from May 1, 1988, until September 18, 1988.

2. Signature - DOE Contract - Padilla Bayshore Trail.

The Board approved for signature a Coastal Zone Management Grant from the State of Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) to the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department for a total of \$20,000 in funding for the Padilla Bay bayshore pedestrian/bicycle trail along 2.2 miles of dike top within the boundary of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Jon Aarstad explained that \$10,000 will be provided by DOE in direct payment for the project, while an additional \$10,000 will be provided in the form of an interpretative signage program along the trail.

3. Update - Padilla Bay National Reserve Operations.

Terry Stevens, Director of the Padilla Bay National Reserve, presented a poster to each of the Commissioners. He explained that this was the sixth year of operation of the facility. Mr. Stevens updated the Board on the facility's educational opportunities, research programs, pesticide study in Padilla Bay, as well as their study of the impacts of residual oil in the Bay.

Mr. Stevens thanked the Board for support with obtaining State funding. He noted they have started a Padilla Bay Foundation to support the goals and objectives of the Padilla Bay Estuary. However, the project involving access to Padilla Bay is running short of funds, and Mr. Stevens requested assistance from the County in the form of in-kind services.

Commissioner Walberg requested Mr. Stevens provide the Board with a list of items still needing completion.

The Board thanked Mr. Stevens for his report.

4. Skagit Playfields.

A brief discussion was held regarding alternatives to the existing dirt access road to the Skagit Playfields. Consideration may also be given to the possibility of locking the gates to the facility after regular hours.

5. Discussion - Fair Capital Purchase.

Jon Aarstad presented a memo to the Board regarding the purchase of bleachers for the Skagit County Fair and various options for refurbishing the bleachers. Mr. Aarstad recommended Option 1 (total cost of \$13,542) be approved at this time, with consideration of planning to accept Option 3 (total cost of \$15,724) during an upcoming budget session either for 1990 or 1991.

Following discussion, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Option #3, which includes aluminum planking, for a total cost of \$15,724. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Signature - Lease Agreement with Department of Natural Resources.

This item was not available for signature at this time, and will be addressed at a future date.



7. Discussion - Fair Relocation Long Range Planning.

Jon Aarstad presented a memo and outlined five phases proposed for relocating the current fairgrounds to the Northern State Hospital site. He reviewed such items as safety and security (including general maintenance and flood and stream control), design of the fairgrounds, roadways/parking, building refurbishment, and new facility construction. He also briefly addressed possible financial considerations. Mr. Aarstad requested comments from the Board.

The Board instructed Dave Hough, Senior Planner of the Department of Planning and Community Development, to continue with the lake study.

Mr. Hough noted that some buildings should be torn down.

The Board requested a detailed budget be provided for consideration.

8. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. Jon Aarstad presented the Board with a list of volunteers and their number of hours worked at the Friday Creek Park.
- b. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution rejecting the bid received for the design, construction and installation of a maintenance shop at Howard Miller Steelhead Park. The bid, which was received from Axthelm and Swett Construction, Inc., was considerably higher than the amount budgeted for this project. (Resolution #11595)
- c. Regarding the provision of beauty bark for landscaping the Clear Lake Park, Commissioner Rohrer agreed to take care of this matter.
- d. Mr. Aarstad informed the Board that his department has been inundated with park maintenance work, since this is their busiest time of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

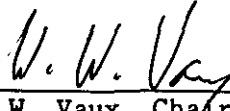
As of this date, May 31, 1988, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

1. Vouchers #880113 through #880137 (Warrants #11688 through #12131) in the total amount of \$633,407.02. (P/05/88)
2. Vouchers #74122 through #74268 (Warrants #74122 through #74268) in the total amount of \$253,691.59. (PR/10/88)

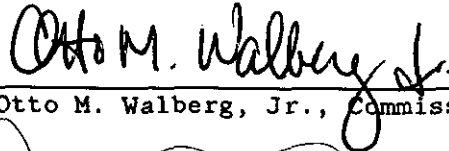
ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux, Chairman



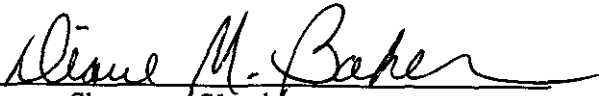
Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners