

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 27, 1988

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

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9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Introduction of New Staff.
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.
3. Swimming Pool/Spa Bacteriological Sampling Proposed Policy.
4. Environmental Health Section Workload.

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

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

1. Public Hearing - Vacation of Portion of Samish Point Road.
2. Public Hearing - Road Establishment of Porter Street.
3. Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on all County Roads within the Plat of Vedere Terrace.
4. Call for Bids - One (1) New Portable Telescopic Personnel Lift.
5. Signature - Upper Finney Creek D.O.E. Flood Control Grant.
6. Signature - C.R.P. Revision of Lake Cavanaugh Road Project.
7. Signature - Final Records on Marine Drive.
8. Signature - Modification of Resolution #11599 - Department of Emergency Management Sale of Motor Vehicle.
9. Presentation - Certificate of Good Practice.
10. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:30 a.m. Presentation - Skagit County Annual Report.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

3:00 p.m. Work Session - 1988 Overlay Projects.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Introduction of New Staff.

Carolyn Milat, Public Health Director, introduced Linda Bjerkness, who was recently employed as a Public Health Nurse.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, introduced George Waun, a field trainee from the University of Washington. Mr. Waun will be training with the Health Department for approximately 10 weeks.

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, prepared a sketch of Mr. Jensen's property off of Wilson Road in the Bayview area. Presently, a residence and mobile home on his property are both connected into a sewage system which was installed in approximately 1970. Mr. Jensen proposed additional trenches be added to the existing drainfield to accommodate the additional residence.

Mr. Karsh informed the Board that soils tests have determined the water table in the area of the existing sewage system would cause the need for a mound or sand filter system in that location. However, Mr. Karsh explained that County regulations would allow the design and installation of a conventional sewage system for the mobile home nearer the road, with a setback of at least 30 feet from the road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to deny Mr. Jensen's request for a waiver of the regulations, and require Mr. Jensen to submit a new sewage system design for the mobile home, as recommended above by Mr. Karsh.

Mr. Karsh additionally made the following points:

1. The Board should establish a time schedule for completion of this matter.
2. The Board should also require the installation of a protective curtain drain to prevent the area from becoming additionally saturated with water.
3. There no longer appears to be a failure of the existing system, since Mr. Jensen routed runoff in the barn area away from the existing system.

Commissioner Walberg amended his motion to include a deadline of October 1, 1988, for approval of the proposed sewage system. Additionally, Commissioner

Walberg amended his motion to require installation of a protective curtain drain, as recommended by Mr. Karsh. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Swimming Pool/Spa Bacteriological Sampling Proposed Policy.

Lorna Haycox, Environmental Health Specialist II, explained during the past 14 years, it has been the policy of the Health Department to take bacteriological samples routinely at all swimming pools and spas regardless of past history, operation, or disinfectant level. According to State statute, each Health Officer determined the bacteriological frequency. Each sample costs \$15 to process, plus the additional cost of collecting and processing the paperwork. This cost is passed to the owner.

Ms. Haycox explained that a Department of Social and Health Services Committee is in the process of drafting a new set of regulations. It is hoped that they will be approved by the State Board of Health sometime in 1989. At that time the Health Department plans to adopt the State regulations and the Ad Hoc Committee's policy procedures.

In the meantime, in an effort to be more efficient with staff time, monetary resources, and to be most effective while inspecting a pool or spa, Ms. Haycox recommended the following policy amendment: If the free chlorine residual is over .8 ppm or if the bromine level is over 1.0 ppm, a bacteriological sample will not be taken. Ms. Haycox additionally noted that the reinspection policy will remain unchanged. If a facility's bacteriological sample is unsatisfactory, they will be charged for reinspection.

Regarding fees, Ms. Haycox favored allowing the existing rates to remain for a period of time. Possibly, if a facility remains in good standing for a certain period of time, a rebate could be made.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to accept Ms. Haycox's recommendation and adopt the following policy regarding inspection of pools and spas in Skagit County: If the free chlorine residual is over .8 ppm or if the bromine level is over 1.0 ppm, a bacteriological sample will not be taken. Existing fees will remain as is until further notice. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Environmental Health Section Workload.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, explained the past five years have seen new public expectations, increased regulatory responsibilities, developing environmental health concerns, as well as a larger population to be served. Staff members have instituted a number of procedures to reduce program time, while maintaining a satisfactory level of service. However,

additional employees will be needed if the Skagit County Health Department is to continue to meet local, State and public mandates and expectations.

Mr. Thayer provided statistics and reviewed the seven major program areas under the Environmental Health Section; factors affecting workload; workload and population factors; areas of concern; and efforts to streamline services. In conclusion, Mr. Thayer explained that if essential services are to be provided to the public, staffing of the Environmental Health Section will need to be enhanced. He noted the Health Department's 1989 budget will propose adding an Environmental Health Specialist position.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:**

1. Public Hearing - Vacation of Portion of Samish Point Road.

Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department, explained the need to continue this public hearing until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 1988, in order to allow 20 days for posting the notice in the field.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to continue the public hearing regarding the vacation of a portion of Samish Point Road, until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Public Hearing - Road Establishment of Porter Street.

Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department, explained the need to continue this public hearing until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 1988, in order to allow 20 days for posting the notice in the field.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to continue the public hearing regarding the establishment of Porter Street as a County road, until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on all County Roads within the Plat of Vedere Terrace.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 7, 1988, and June 14, 1988.

Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Engineer's Report.

Jeff Monsen, County Engineer, reviewed the Engineer's Report, and explained the results of a speed study. The roads in the Plat of Vedere Terrace are

typical of streets built in the late 1950s and early 1960s for residential developments within cities and towns. Pavement width is 27 feet running from curb to curb. Dwellings are single family and located in close proximity to one another on small lots. The traveled portion of the streets is often restricted, due to the frequent on-street parking. Due to this fact, vehicles must reduce speeds to safely pass when on-street parking is encountered.

Mr. Monsen recommended the posted speed limit within the Plat of Vedere Terrace be lowered from 25 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h., based in part on the restricted lane widths that are encountered during on-street parking. Mr. Monsen explained that the petitioners requested the speed limit be lowered to 15 m.p.h., however State statutes only make provision for speed limits of a minimum of 20 m.p.h.

Tim Reichert, a resident within the Plat of Vedere Terrace, favored reducing the speed limit to 20 m.p.h., due to the number of children in the neighborhood.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Walberg motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department, and lower the posted speed limit on roads within the Plat of Vedere Terrace to 20 m.p.h. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Signs will be posted within one week.

4. Call for Bids - One (1) New Portable Telescopic Personnel Lift.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the purchase of one new portable telescopic personnel lift. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11622)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 1988.

5. Signature - Upper Finney Creek D.O.E. Flood Control Grant.

The Board approved for signature a Flood Control Assistance Account Program Grant Agreement with the State of Washington, Department of Ecology for funds for the emergency project on Upper Finney Creek. This project, which has already been completed, consisted of placing rock rip-rap and select fill on the left bank of Finney Creek adjacent to the upper Finney Creek Road at three locations about 900 total feet in length. The total eligible project cost is \$59,014.50

6. Signature - C.R.P. Revision of Lake Cavanaugh Road Project.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution (Revision #2) authorizing construction funds in the amount of \$346,024 for reconstructing 1.45 miles of Lake Cavanaugh Road #0020. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11623)

7. Signature - Final Records on Marine Drive.

The Board approved for signature the Final Cost Record for the asphalt overlay and guardrail installation along 0.48 mile of Marine Drive #1061. The final cost for this project is \$145,487.68.

8. Signature - Modification of Resolution #11599 - Department of Emergency Management Sale of Motor Vehicle.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution correcting Resolution #11599 which authorized the sale of a motor vehicle to the Skagit Mountain Rescue Unit. Resolution #11599 incorrectly described the vehicle as a 1974 Ford Van (ID #E24GHU92704), and the correct description is a 1953 3/4 ton Dodge panel truck (ID #80250570). Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11624)

9. Presentation - Certificate of Good Practice.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Vaux presented Jay Ensley, Director of the Public Works Department, with a Certificate of Good Practice, as awarded by the County Road Administration Board.

Mr. Ensley thanked the staff of the Public Works Department, as well as Jeff Monsen, County Engineer, and the Board of Commissioners, for making this certificate possible.

10. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution initiating a County road project for the placement of two lifts of Bituminous Surface Treatment on the Granstrom Road. Construction cost is estimated to be \$36,000. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11625)
- b. A brief discussion was held regarding a letter received from the City of Anacortes in which the city proposed the County incinerate Anacortes sludge.

The Board concurred that the cities collectively should make a proposal to Skagit County for incineration of municipal sludge. At this early date, however, the Board instructed the Public Works Department to inform the City of Anacortes that the County is involved with testing the incinerator at this time, and would consider hearing a proposal from the cities collectively at some point in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. The Board approved for signature a signature authorization form for the Imminent Threat Grant for provision of a water system in the Rockport community.
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution re-appointing Ben Bourns to the Northwest Senior Services Advisory Board for a three-year term effective July 1, 1988, with said appointment to expire on June 30, 1991. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11626)
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing Sue Hinton to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board for a three-year term effective June 27, 1988, with said appointment to expire on June 26, 1991. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11627)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Gene H. Spangler, 2327 Cavanaugh Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$184.37, due to reduced valuation as determined by the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (#006588)
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 13, 1988; Monday, June 20, 1988; Tuesday, June 21, 1988; and Wednesday, June 22, 1988. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SKAGIT COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT.

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, and Kathryn Longfellow, Internal Auditor/Chief Accountant, were present for this item.

Mr. McInturff explained that this is the first year his office completed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is in addition to the minimally required annual report. He presented each of the Commissioners with a report, and invited questions following a review. Mr. McInturff informed the Board that Skagit County is the only third class county in Washington State which

has completed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Completion of the report is looked favorably upon when a County's bond rating is determined.

Mr. McInturff informed the Board he has applied for national and state certification of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

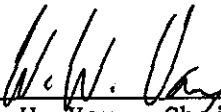
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Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of the property located at 121 Broadway, Mount Vernon, which is currently the Skagit County Public Defender's Office. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #11628)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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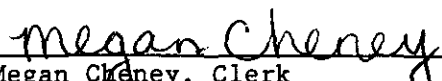
  
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