

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 19, 1988

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Discussion - Helicopter Training in the Upper Valley Area
- 10:00 a.m. 1. Public Hearing Continuation: Vacation Portion of Samish Point Road  
2. Resolution - Adopting Revolving Fund for Skagit County Fair  
3. Miscellaneous Items
- 11:00 a.m. Executive Session - Labor Negotiations
- 1:30 p.m. 1. Discussion - Draft Community Center Rental Policies and Regulations  
2. Miscellaneous Items

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

**Discussion - Helicopter Training in the Upper Valley Area**

A group of citizens, headed by Vicki Cox, presented a discussion to the Board concerning the use of the upper Skagit Valley area as a training site for U.S. Army helicopters. Information was presented by Ms. Cox, Larry Kern, a previous member of the Army Helicopter Unit, Kim Koopmans, a local dairy farmer, Libby Mills, preserve steward for the Nature Conservatory, and John Smith, a resident of Hamilton. The Committee requested the Board to aid them in getting a list of questions (see attached) answered before the Forest Service grants a permit to the Army for the use of the upper Skagit Valley area. Vicki Cox also presented petitions from citizens stating their opposition to helicopters in the Skagit Valley.

**Public Hearing Continuation: Vacation Portion of Samish Point Road**

Jay Ensley, Director of Public Works, presented background and new information on the request for a vacation of a portion of Samish Point Road.

Dr. Herbert Goldston presented a compromise proposal to be considered in case the original request is denied.

Judy Simmons, a Samish Point resident, stated that her property is not in open space but she has allowed public use. Ms. Simmons stated she prefers the original proposal.

Theresa Goldston stated they were not wanting to cause dissention, but only to solve the parking problem.

Janice Brown, stated she does not live on the point and was against the original proposal, but would support the compromise proposal.

Sharon Schayes, a Samish Point resident, also stated her objection to the compromise proposal.

Richard Leidholm, a property owner on Samish Point, asked several questions regarding the regulations of open space, and stated that he has applied to have his property removed from open space.

Fred Smith, a Samish Island resident, stated his objection to the vacation of Samish Point Road.

Dawn Wells, a resident of Samish Island, stated she used the property in questions on a year-round basis, and was very much in favor of the property owners proposal.

Doris Mast, stated she favored the new proposal, since it would not vacate the entire road.

Stephanie Schayes stated she preferred the gate at Marshall Road, due to the easier access of emergency vehicles.

Vern Curtis, a long-time resident of Samish Island, stated his support of the original proposal because of the large parking problem and access of emergency vehicles.

Bill Wells, a Samish Island resident who uses the property two to three times per week, stated he felt the Marshall Road proposal was the most logical.

Commissioner Walberg moved to close the public hearing, Commissioner Rohrer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rohrer stated he was against vacating roads unless absolutely necessary, and moved to deny the vacation and to instruct the Skagit County Public Works Department to investigate providing a right-of-way for turn-around and parking on Samish Point Road.

Following discussion regarding the county's involvement in providing parking, Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the possibility of meeting in the future to discuss alternatives.

Resolution - Adopting Revolving Fund for Skagit County Fair

Commissioner Walberg moved to adopt a resolution establishing a revolving fund for the Skagit County Fair. Commissioner Rohrer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution 11649)

Miscellaneous Items

1. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board signed a Notice of Call for Bids for the Burlington-Edison Regional Park. (Resolution 11650)
2. Commissioner Walberg moved to adopt a resolution extending the call for bids for the Burlington-Edison Regional Park until August 2, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. Commissioner Rohrer seconded and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
3. The Commissioners granted approval to Jon Aarstad, Director of Parks and Recreation for use of the harvester to remove weeds in the swimming area at Clear Lake Park. The work would be done during the morning hours before the facility is opened to the public.
4. The Board signed a resolution establishing the salary of County Commissioner Districts No. 1 and 2. (Resolution 11652)
5. The Board signed a resolution changing the name of the Skagit County Microfilm Center to the Skagit County Department of Records Management, effective immediately. (Resolution 11653)

Discussion - Draft Community Center Rental Policies and Regulations

Tim Holloran, Director of Senior Services, presented a proposal regarding Community Center rental policies. Mr. Holloran stated that input had been solicited from Community Center Coordinators and also from community members.

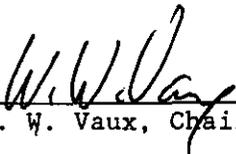
The Board gave approval to the draft and instructed Mr. Holloran to take it to the Mt. Vernon and Concrete city councils for approval.

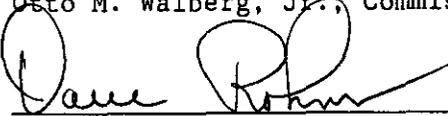
ADJOURNMENT

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

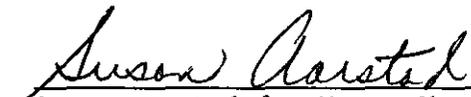
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ATTEST:

  
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Susan Aarstad for Megan Cheney, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

## HELICOPTER QUESTIONS

JULY 19, 1988

The following questions/concerns have not answered/addressed by the Forest Service or the Army:

1. What airports are being considered for the permanent move?
2. What are the potential flight patterns from each potential base to each potential training location?
3. What other training locations are being considered?
4. The U. S. Forest Service is only concerned with Forest Service land. Who will analyze the impact on the rest of the County?
5. According to Cindy Correll, of the U.S. Forest Service, flight will be Monday thru Friday only. However, it is understood that reservists fly on weekends and nights as well. Please get clarification.
6. What fresh water lakes will be used for training? Lake Shannon, Day Lake, Lake Cavanaugh? Can the Skagit County Commissioners restrict lake training outside of the U.S. Forest Service boundary in Skagit County?
7. Liability-
  - a. If the U.S. Forest Service grants approval for the Finney permit, and a negative economic impact results. What action will the County take? How will those businesses recoup their damage?
  - b. The County owns roads and associated property nearby the proposed site. What is the County's liability if an accident, fire, avalanche, etc. were to result on the County's property.
8. Additional concerns not noted in the U.S. Forest Service list:
  - Air Pollution? When an inversion occurs, or burns are in progress, will the aircraft be permitted to fly?
  - Lake training
  - Fish Impacts
  - Logging Impacts