

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 9, 1988

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9:00 a.m. Public Hearing (continued) - Amending Skagit County Code - Establishing a Claim Filing Requirement Prior to Commencing an Action for Damages Against the County.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Intent to Sell Surplus County Property.

10:30 a.m. Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director:

1. Introduction of New Employee.
2. Discussion - Concrete Senior Center Storage.

2:00 p.m. Presentation - County Insurance - Jim Sammon, Fred S. James & Company.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 1988, with Commissioners Vaux, Rohrer and Walberg present.

Public Hearing (continued) - Amending Skagit County Code - Establishing a Claim Filing Requirement Prior to Commencing an Action for Damages Against the County.

The public hearing concerning amending the Skagit County Code to establish a claim filing requirement prior to commencing an action for damages against the County had been continued until the vacant position on the Board had been filled.

A letter was read by Chairman Vaux from Don Bockelman, stating his objection to certain portions of the Ordinance.

John Moffat, from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, restated that the purpose of the Ordinance was to analyze and possibly settle claims before they reach court, thereby saving both parties financially. He also stated that most counties in the state have a similar Ordinance.

Mr. Moffat answered and clarified questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Debbie Aldrich, Bow, stated that adopting the Ordinance at this time has the appearance of avoiding lawsuits against the incinerator and urged the Board not to pass the Ordinance.

Hearing no further comment from the floor, Commissioner Rohrer moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rohrer moved to adopt the Ordinance establishing a claim filing requirement prior to commencing an action for damages against the County.

Commissioner Walberg stated that since the Ordinance does not prevent a party from filing an action for damages she would second the motion.

Chairman Vaux stated that he did not feel the Ordinance would prevent due process and does not want the Ordinance to reflect on the solid waste project.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11689 passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Board signed an agreement between the County and Ernst & Whinney for services provided to the County.
2. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board signed a resolution to waive the bid requirement for the purchase of a used passenger van for use by the Parks Department. (Resolution 11688)
3. The Board approved for signature a contract with Foothills Pontiac-Buick Toyota, 1358 Auto Blvd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273, for the sum of \$192.50 for space at the County Fair.
4. The Board amended a previously approved contract with the Skagit County Veterinary Medical Association to omit Item Number 5 concerning indemnity.
5. Terry Stevens, Padilla Bay Estuarine Sanctuary, spoke to the Board regarding his request for the County's help to provide public access to the beach across from the Interpretive Center. Chairman Vaux asked Mr. Stevens to provide the Board with further information before action could be taken.

Public Hearing - Intent to Sell Surplus County Property

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Skagit Argus on July 26 and August 2, 1988.

Ruth Wylie, County Treasurer, explained that the hearing was for the purpose of declaring property owned by the County as surplus property.

Chairman Vaux questioned Ms. Wylie as to why there was a minimum bid placed on the property.

Homer Wyatt, of Concrete, requested the Board to strike the minimum bid requirement.

Homer L. Wyatt questioned the Board regarding giving preference to buyers. John Moffat of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office stated that no preference can be given to buyers.

Hearing no further comment, Commissioner Vaux moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously.

Chairman Vaux read the resolution regarding selling surplus county property. A discussion ensued regarding adding the County's sale preparation cost to the minimum bid given.

Commissioner Rohrer moved to adopt the resolution setting the sale of County surplus property for September 28, 1988, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Hearing Rooms B and C. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ruth Wylie presented a second resolution enabling the County to sell tax title property taken in on foreclosure to be sold at the same time as the surplus owned property.

Commissioner Walberg moved to sell the tax title property on the same day as the surplus property and with the same terms. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director

1. Mr. Holloran introduced Linda Schink to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Schink has been hired as Coordinator of the Mt. Vernon Senior Center.
2. A discussion was held concerning a storage area for the Concrete Senior Center and procuring plans for the storage area. Commissioner Walberg and Commissioner Vaux will draw the plans for the area.

Presentation - County Insurance - Jim Sammon, Fred S. James & Company

Jim Sammon of Fred S. James and Company presented the Board with the package explaining insurance coverage for Skagit County. The County's premium for 8/1/88 to 8/1/89 is \$2,238.08 less than for the previous year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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, August 9, 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. Warrant Number 35929 in the total amount of \$32,121.57. (C-31-88)
- b. Voucher Number 51301 (Warrant Number 51301) in the total amount of \$154,188.17. (R-25-88)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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