

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 4, 1989

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8:30 a.m. Election of Chairman for 1989.

9:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Fair Facility Rental Fees.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

10:30 a.m. Presentation - Resource Recovery Facility Waste Heat Proposal.

11:00 a.m. Planning Commission Referred Item - Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment #R-88-010 for Lydell Knudson, Eagle Mobile Home Park Located at McLean and Beaver Marsh Roads.

1:30 p.m. Public Works Department - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Discussion - Solid Waste Billing.
2. Miscellaneous Items.

2:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel.

3:00 p.m. Presentation of 1989 Tulip Festival Poster.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 1989, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Ruth Wylie and Dave Rohrer present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1989.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to elect Commissioner Dave Rohrer as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners during 1989. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - FAIR FACILITY RENTAL FEES.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Continuation of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on December 20, 1988.

Barbara Lawrence, Skagit County Fair Manager, presented a list of proposed rental fees for facilities at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. This proposed list did not include fees for 4-H related activities. Ms. Lawrence stated she had only received one letter regarding the proposed fees. The letter was from

a camping club from Canada who felt they may not be able to afford to return if the fees are raised as proposed.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed fee of \$2 per person for use of the grounds only for bike races, runs, etc. This fee would include the use of restrooms and litter cans, and designated parking on grounds.

After additional discussion, the Board favored reducing the per person fee to \$1 instead of \$2.

John Hurd, 1243 McLean Road, Mount Vernon, was present to represent the Northwest Shetland Pony Club. Mr. Hurd stated their club has elected to move their pony show to Tacoma this year for better facilities at a more economical rate. They also felt they could draw a larger crowd from the Tacoma area.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Vaux stated he felt the fee structure should reflect two different schedules:

1. A schedule for local taxpayers who have already funded the fairgrounds considerably through taxes; and
2. A schedule consisting of higher fees to be charged for activities from outside of the area.

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, noted it would be difficult to determine Skagit County residents from out of county residents. He suggested perhaps the fees could be manipulated to afford more equality.

Mr. Hurd favored allowing the Skagit County Fairgrounds to remain usable and affordable. He stated he understands the need for the fairgrounds to meet expenses, however.

Commissioner Vaux suggested Ms. Lawrence meet with groups, such as the Northwest Shetland Pony Club, to negotiate two- to three-year graduated fee schedules for use of the facilities.

Mr. Hurd noted it may be too late to keep his club from moving to Tacoma for this year, but he felt the club would be back in Skagit County for future years if they could afford the fees.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to continue this public hearing until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 1989. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. The Board approved for signature the following Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department Professional Service Agreements for basketball referees:
 - a. Brent K. Williams, P.O. Box 494, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
 - b. Sam Monroe, 1911 E. Highland, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
 - c. Guy D. Clements, 1911 E. Division, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.
 - d. Paul Wingert, 5815 Maleng Road, Acme, WA 98220.
 - e. Jon Rickert, 905 Bradley Road, Bow, WA 98232.
 - f. Paul S. Klemetsen, 1790 Hillvue Place, Burlington, WA 98233.
 - g. Jay Garcea, 751 Hilynn Drive, Burlington, WA 98233.

These Agreements shall be effective January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989. Compensation shall be at the rates of between \$10.50 and \$15.50 per game, depending on league.
2. The Board approved for signature the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department Professional Services Agreement with Brian Hunter, 1617 North 26th Avenue, Apt. 405, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for the provision of basketball scorekeeping and youth referee services. This Agreement shall be effective January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989. Compensation shall be at the rates of between \$5.00 and \$10.50 per game, depending on league and services.
3. The Board approved for signature the Rafters Agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Downstream River Runners. Rafters desiring a permit to exit onto County property shall pay a fee of \$1 per person. The permit shall be for the period from October 1, 1988, to September 30, 1989.
4. The Board approved for signature a Facility Rental Agreement for the use of Mount Vernon High School Cafetorium for a cheerleader camp on Saturdays beginning January 14, 1989, and continuing through February 4, 1989. There will be no charge to Skagit County for this use.
5. The Board approved for signature a Facility Rental Agreement for the use of Burlington-Edison High School Fieldhouse for junior basketball skills development and girls junior high volleyball on Friday mornings beginning January 7, 1989, and continuing through April 8, 1989. The charge for use of the facility is \$35 per session.

6. The Board approved for signature a Facility Rental Agreement for the use of Burlington-Edison High School for Rhythm Fitness classes beginning January 1, 1989, and continuing through May 31, 1989. The charge for use of the facility is \$25 per session.

PRESENTATION - RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY WASTE HEAT PROPOSAL.

Darrell Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer of K & D Agriculture, Inc., presented a proposal to recover and use waste heat from the Skagit County Resource Recovery Facility.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Mintz specifically what projects he proposed would utilize the waste heat.

Mr. Mintz stated one project would involve the use of waste heat in greenhouses. He stated he did not want to divulge too much information regarding proposed projects at this early date.

Mr. Mintz explained the proposal would involve the use of two sources of heat: (1) steam which remains after running the turbo generator; and (2) hot flue gases after cleansing.

Mr. Mintz requested the County's permission to proceed with such a project prior to unveiling additional details.

Commissioner Vaux explained the County would probably need to prepare a Request for Proposals for such an undertaking. Additionally, the County has not yet formally accepted the facility, which would have to first take place.

Commissioner Vaux felt Mr. Mintz was offering a very exciting proposition. He explained that the County will have to have the Prosecutor's Office review this matter and offer direction.

Chairman Rohrer asked Bill Ness, Solid Waste Engineer, to contact the Prosecutor's Office regarding this matter.

Mr. Ness pointed out that any accepted proposal would not be allowed to interfere with the County's contract with Wright Schuchart Harbor Co.

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1. 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, January 4, 1989, 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 #813267 through #813588 (Warrants #40129 through #40348) in the total amount of \$76,137.71. (C-1-89)
 - b. Vouchers #60001 through #60018 (Warrants #60001 through #60018) in the total amount of \$28,631.98. (R-2-89)
 - c. Vouchers #52298 through #52346 (Warrants #52298 through #52346) in the total amount of \$55,938.81. (R-1-89)
2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, December 28, 1988, and Friday, December 30, 1988. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEM - REZONE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT #R-88-010 FOR LYDELL KNUDSON, EAGLE MOBILE HOME PARK LOCATED AT McLEAN AND BEAVER MARSH ROADS.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, presented site photos, aerial photos and the Planning Commission's findings regarding proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Request #R-88-010. This request was to reclassify approximately 7 acres of an approximately 14-acre parcel from Agriculture to Residential for expansion of the existing Eagle Mobile Home Park located at 1412 McLean Road, Mount Vernon.

Mr. Christensen explained the options available to the Board regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial of this request.

Mr. Christensen stated the Skagit County Health Unit in July of 1988 approved the site design and installation of septic systems for what is described as proposed lots 45, 46 and 47. As a result of the Skagit County Health Unit approval for septic system designs and their subsequent installations, three mobile homes were placed in the proposed expansion area. Although septic system approval was given, the mobile homes were placed without obtaining the necessary building permits. Consequently, the zoning and building permit infractions prompted the applicant to seek approval for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and rezone before requesting mobile home park review and approval for the expansion area.

Mr. Christensen explained the existing mobile home park is a nonconforming use in the current Agriculture zoning district and is not required to meet such conditions; however, any addition or expansion is subject to requirements under Skagit County Code 14.04.170, Mobile Home Parks.

Steve Wood, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, explained in an existing mobile home park, it is not necessary to obtain a building permit for placement of a mobile home. Septic permits were granted in this case to relocate existing mobile homes.

Lou Ankney, septic system designer and representative for Mr. Knudson, explained the property changed hands several times since the mobile home park was originally developed.

Mr. Wood explained the last three mobile homes were moved in during 1987, and no action was taken for their removal.

Mr. Ankney pointed out he only received notification yesterday of today's meeting. He noted that Mr. Knudson is out of town, and there was no time for him to make arrangements to be present. He explained that after approving the construction of three septic systems, the County rescinded approval of the placement of mobile homes.

Paul Taylor, attorney representing Bud Egbers, a neighboring landowner, pointed out that Mr. Knudson is responsible for making sure the system complies with the law. He warned the Board of the precedent which would be set, should the Board allow the illegal expansion into Agriculturally zoned land.

Leo Roozen noted there were never any permits issued for any mobile homes other than those placed in 1966. He noted that he went through the proper procedure for placement of a mobile home for farmworkers on his property and was denied.

Russ Gibbons, who lives west of the mobile home park, requested a fence be constructed between his property and the mobile home park.

Mr. Ankney noted Mr. Gibbons' property is zoned Commercial Limited, rather than Agriculture, and therefore, should have a fence along his property.

Bud Egbers, homeowner and landowner near the mobile home park, stated that agricultural land is very valuable. He wanted to see the area cleaned up and used totally for agriculture.

Mr. Ankney explained at this time Mr. Knudson was trying to establish the boundaries of the mobile home park so he could construct a fence.

Commissioner Vaux noted a problem with the coordination of agencies within the County. He viewed this matter as an illegal encroachment onto Agriculturally zoned land.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to deny Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone #R-88-010 for Lydell Knudson, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes from Commissioners Vaux and Wylie. Chairman Rohrer voted against the motion.

Additionally, Commissioner Vaux motioned to order the Health Unit (Permit Center) to obtain approval from the Board prior to issuance of septic permits, thus ensuring compliance with zoning and building permit regulations. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Vaux motioned to waive fees in the amount of \$262 for a variance from Skagit County zoning regulations, as requested by the Washington Department of Wildlife on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bryson, who are donating 0.71 acre of land on the Sauk River to the Department of Wildlife for a public fishing access area. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director:

1. Discussion - Solid Waste Billing.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Wylie motioned to reduce the following solid waste tipping fees, as recommended by the Public Works Department:

- a. Trident Seafoods for the disposal of 262.61 tons of excavated gravel from \$12,242.88 to an adjusted amount of \$6,121.44.
- b. Roozengaarde for the disposal of 150.33 tons of composted bulb waste from \$7,008.38 to an adjusted amount of \$778.71.

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. Miscellaneous Items.

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

PRESENTATION OF 1989 TULIP FESTIVAL POSTER.

The following persons were present for the presentation of the 1989 Tulip Festival Poster: Audrey Medved, Coordinator of the Tulip Festival; Don Gordon, Director of the Tulip Festival; and Kate Cruise, Manager of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. They thanked the Board for Skagit County's continued support.

Discussion ensued regarding city participation in the Tulip Festival.

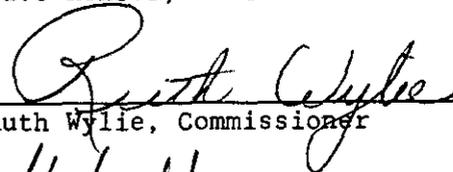
ADJOURNMENT

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

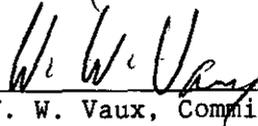
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Dave Rohrer, Chairman



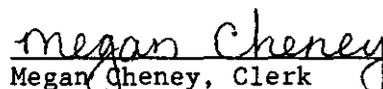
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners