

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, January 9, 1989

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

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health - Variance Request of Howard P. Smiley to Allow a Reduction in the Minimum 1 Acre Lot Size for a 9-Lot Subdivision Along Blodgett Road Requiring Alternative On-Site Sewage Systems.

10:00 a.m. Signature - 1989 Contracts with Northwest Regional Council for Senior Services.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Discussion - Load Rating Request for Proposals.
2. Discussion - Information Packet for Chilberg Public Meeting.
3. Discussion - Proposed Public Works Department Flex Time.
4. Submittal - Quarterly Section Status Reports.
5. Miscellaneous Items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel and Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - VARIANCE REQUEST OF HOWARD P. SMILEY TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN THE MINIMUM 1 ACRE LOT SIZE FOR A 9-LOT SUBDIVISION ALONG BLODGETT ROAD REQUIRING ALTERNATIVE ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS.

Steve Wood, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, explained Howard P. Smiley is proposing to divide a parcel of property into 9 lots, 8 of which will be less than the required 1 acre in size (41,295 square feet vs. 43,560 square feet). It was Mr. Smiley's initial intention to meet the minimum lot size standards; however, after determining his desired lot configurations and lot sizes, Mr. Smiley was advised that gross land area definitions exclude road rights-of-way being included in overall land area calculations.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, had reviewed the request and determined there should be no health risk if the final plat is approved with lots requiring alternative on-site sewage systems that are designed, installed and maintained according to County and State regulations. Mr. Karsh recommended approval of this appeal request with the following conditions:

1. Each lot of the proposed development must comply with Code by having an individual, complete site evaluation reviewed and approved by the Health Officer.
2. The site evaluations must be conducted and observed by the Health Officer during the wet season (February through April).

Mr. Smiley was present and explained he was under the impression originally that one-half of the right-of-way could be included in the square footage of the lots.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the requested variance of Howard P. Smiley, subject to the above-listed recommended conditions. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the Amendment to the Washington State Building Code Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Burlington (signed November 14, 1988) to provide a means for processing those building permits within the City of Burlington that were issued by the County during 1988, and have not received final inspection. This Agreement shall be effective from the date of signing through January 1, 1990. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

SIGNATURE - 1989 CONTRACTS WITH NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR SENIOR SERVICES.

The Board approved for signature the following Northwest Regional Council Contracts for Senior Services effective January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989:

1. Skagit County Senior Nutrition Project, Contract #89-3170-21, in the amount of \$145,274.
2. Skagit County Senior Employment, Contract #89-3150-19, in the amount of \$4,474.
3. Skagit County Senior Volunteer Project, Contract #89-3190-14, in the amount of \$4,000.

4. Skagit Information and Assistance/Case Management, Contract #89-3110-06, in the amount of \$108,338.
5. Skagit County Senior Health Screening, Contract #89-3235-13, in the amount of \$7,000.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. The Board approved for signature the Acknowledgement of Assessment Results for the 1988 Senior Health Screening Program.
2. The Board approved for signature the Amendment to the 1988 Health Department Consolidated Contract #1620-65265(5) with the Department of Social and Health Services to reflect changes in local work methods and number of reported items. This Amendment shall be effective December 28, 1988.
3. The Board approved for signature the Agreement with Marilyn Miranda for her services as a registered dietician for the Health Department's nutritional programs as the need may occur. Compensation shall be in the amount of \$13.25 per hour, and the total sum of compensation shall not exceed \$1,200 annually, without County approval. This Agreement shall be reviewed and approved annually.
4. Tim Boles, of the Washington State Centennial Committee of Skagit County, presented the newly designed Skagit County flag which he will present at the Governor's Inaugural Ball on Wednesday, January 11, 1989.
5. Michael Rickert, Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, introduced S. Gene Willett, the newly hired Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Willett.

6. Jerry McInturff informed the Board of the upcoming County Auditor's Automation Project to be taking place in the Licensing Division in May and June of this year. Modifications to the office will be necessary to accommodate the new equipment.

Mr. McInturff also informed the Board that Skagit County has been designated as the Regional Training Center for Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties. He requested the use of one hearing room continuously for approximately 4 1/2 weeks during May and June. He explained he could bill the other counties for any expenses incurred by Skagit County for this training.

The Board approved of the use of one hearing room for regional training for the County Auditor's Automation Project during May and June, 1989.

7. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 3, 1989, and Wednesday, January 4, 1989. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
8. The Board approved for signature the Letter of Understanding between Skagit County and Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, Marine Division ILWU, which provides for election or designation of a union steward.
9. Commissioner Vaux motioned to elect Commissioner Wylie to act as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in the absence of Chairman Rohrer. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jay Ensley, Director.

1. Discussion - Load Rating Request for Proposals.

The Board concurred with the Public Works Department's recommendation to issue a Request for Letters of Interest from structural engineering firms to provide structural analysis and bridge ratings for 40 prestressed concrete girder bridges, and to provide field inspection of selected bridges as may be necessary to complete analysis and bridge rating.

Letters of interest and statements of qualification must be submitted to the Skagit County Public Works Department by January 31, 1989.

2. Discussion - Information Packet for Chilberg Public Meeting.

The Board received information packets regarding the proposed Chilberg Road improvement project. A public meeting on this matter is scheduled for January 23, 1989, at 7:00 p.m., at the Rexville Grange.

3. Discussion - Proposed Public Works Department Flex Time.

The Board received information and commitments from various employees in the Public Works Department who were interested in a flex time program.

It was proposed that every employee would be on site between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., five days per week. Employees could, however, begin work as early as 7:00 a.m., and work as late as 5:00 p.m., with the additional option of either a 1/2-hour or 1-hour lunch.

Following discussion, Commissioner Vaux expressed his lack of support for the program because he felt each employee should be on site during normal working hours for both the benefit of the public and other departments.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of the survey crew adopting a 4-day, 10 hours per day workweek during spring and summer months. This could

possibly allow the survey crew to accomplish more in the same 40-hour week.

Chairman Rohrer concurred with Commissioner Vaux regarding the proposed flex time program for the Public Works Department, exclusive of the survey crew.

Commissioner Wylie stated that flex time programs serve some purpose, but with a small staff, adequate coverage for absences is difficult.

The Board did, however, support the adoption of a 4-day, 10 hours per day workweek during spring and summer months for the survey crew, should this be proven advisable by the Public Works Department.

Robin LaRue, Section Manager - Design and Construction, pointed out that it might be difficult for a survey crew to work only 4 days, for example, if a contractor needed stakes on a Friday.

4. Submittal - Quarterly Section Status Reports.

The Board received quarterly section status reports from the various divisions within the Public Works Department.

5. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. A brief discussion was held regarding the parcel of property adjacent to the County shop in Burlington, which was recently purchased by Skagit County.
- b. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution empowering Skagit County to act on behalf of the Skagit Emergency Management Council to bill such persons responsible for hazardous materials incidents as defined in RCW 4.24.314 to cover extraordinary costs. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #11900)
- c. Photos were reviewed and a discussion was held regarding the options of either marking or removing an old County bridge pier in Swinomish Slough. The Army Corps of Engineers has already approved the installation of piling to mark the remaining pier as a navigation hazard.

Commissioner Vaux will further investigate this matter with people who use the boat launch.

- d. The Board was informed of an upcoming work session to be scheduled possibly next week to discuss Guemes Island Ferry rates.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, informed the Board that former Senator Lowell Peterson passed away on Saturday, January 7, 1989.

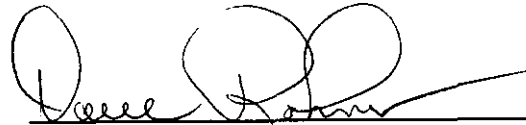
The Board authorized the preparation of a memorial resolution ordering the County flags to be flown at half mast for three days.

2. The Board authorized the preparation of a letter of support to the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe with regard to their application for HUD/CDBG funding for the Upper Skagit Enterprise Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman

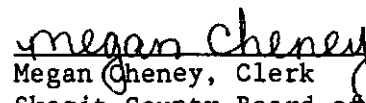


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Megan Cheney, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

