

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 28, 1989

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Discussion - Community Mental Health Center Annual Report.
- 10:00 a.m. 1. Proclamation - Literacy Month.  
2. Resolution - Authorizing Request for Proposals - Sheriff Law Enforcement/Jail Software.
- 10:30 a.m. Planning Commission Referred Item - Jesse Ivy Rezone #R-89-001.
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion - Firearms Use at Big Lake.
- 1:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Consideration of Fire Protection District #12 Resolution #88-2 to Withdraw Certain Property from the District Located on Bayview Ridge.
- 2:30 p.m. Discussion - Referendum 37 - JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Coordinator.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 1989, with Commissioners Wylie and Vaux present. Chairman Rohrer's absence was excused.

DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER ANNUAL REPORT.

Jere LaFollette, Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Center, reviewed the Center's annual report with the Board. He gave the Board a brochure describing services offered at the Mental Health Center, and listed the program's achievements over the past year. He gave information on the goals of the Mental Health Center for next year.

Carl Holtsmeuller, Abused Child Program Coordinator, described the services provided to child abuse victims and their families. He described new programs that have been offered this year, including an outreach program to the Hispanic community. He explained the interactions of the Mental Health Center with other community agencies.

Carolyn Sutton, D.S.H.S. Division of Community and Family Services, addressed the need for a Hispanic outreach program in the community.

Gretchen Paque, Victim/Witness Advocate for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, commented on her efforts with the Mental Health Center at creating an interviewing team for child abuse victims.

Kathleen Ridgeway, Outreach Program Coordinator and Parent Services Education

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Coordinator, explained the programs she is coordinating and her plans for future services, workshops and treatment modalities.

Betty Hicks, President of the Board of the Skagit County Mental Health Center, reported on the status of the renovations being performed on the old Sun Graphics Building for use as a day treatment center.

Discussion was then held on alternative emergency care for children.

**PROCLAMATION - LITERACY MONTH.**

Judy Lenstrom, Literacy Council Coordinator, gave a history of the Skagit County Literacy Council and outlined the concerns for the population of illiterate adults nation-wide. She expressed appreciation from the Literacy Council for the Proclamation.

Bill Shuler, Executive Director of the Skagit County Community Action Agency, addressed the importance of the work performed by the Literacy Council and re-emphasized the need in Skagit County for aid to the illiterate.

Sharon Texman, Social Worker, described her experiences with the geriatric illiterate.

Commissioner Vaux read the Proclamation and motioned to proclaim April as Skagit County Literacy Awareness Month. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

**RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - SHERIFF LAW ENFORCEMENT/JAIL SOFTWARE.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented a resolution authorizing a call for proposals for software for the Sheriff's Department and Jail.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution to request proposals for the Sheriff's Department and Jail software, with a proposal deadline of April 24, 1989, at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was carried and so ordered. (Resolution 11984).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, recommended acceptance of a final settlement on the Linda Mitchum Claim of \$6,500.00 to close the claim, along with a signed release.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to accept the final settlement of \$6,500 and a signed release, as negotiated by John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, in an earlier executive session. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEM - JESSE IVY REZONE #R-89-001.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, presented photographs of the site of the proposed rezone on Guemes Island. He also pointed out the area in question on an engineer's survey and aerial photo, which he provided.

John Leonard, Surveyor and Engineer with Leonard and Boudinot, explained the geographic conditions of the area.

Gary Christensen reviewed the motion made by the Skagit County Planning Commission to recommend approval of a reclassification from Rural to Rural Intermediate of property located just north and west of the intersection of South Shore Drive and West Shore Drive, Guemes Island, for the purpose of creating three residential building lots.

John Leonard explained the original zoning assignment of the property and gave indications and reasons for Mr. Ivy's application.

John Hunslor, Mr. Ivy's neighbor to the north, voiced his approval of the reclassification and further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the planning commission's recommendation as outlined in the recorded motion of the Skagit County Planning Commission #R-89-001. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

DISCUSSION - FIREARMS USE AT BIG LAKE.

Lonnie and Grace Aschenbrenner, of 1896-A Sulphur Springs Road, Mount Vernon, explained the problems they have been experiencing with the discharge of firearms by bird hunters in the residential area of Big Lake. They have discussed this problem with the Washington State Game Department, who referred them to the Board of Commissioners.

Sheriff Gary Frazier reported a minimal number of complaints answered in the Big Lake area on firearms use; however, stated that many of the complaints may have been referred to the Game Department for action. He explained that although hunting is allowed on Big Lake, the Sheriff's Department has alternatives under the law for firearms violations, and invited them to report any dangerous shooting to the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Vaux recommended to Mr. and Mrs. Aschenbrenner that they draw up a petition banning the discharge of firearms from Big Lake and gather signatures from area residents. They should then return with their petition to the Board for consideration of a public hearing. Both the Board and the Aschenbrenners were in agreement with this suggestion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Tom Sheehan, Director of Emergency Management, reported that he had just received a communication advising that the Senate Ways and Means Committee

is removing the \$1,383,874 funding put in the budget for emergency management. He urged the Commissioners to phone members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee to amend proposed Substitute Senate Bill 5352 to put \$1,383,874 back into the budget.

Chairman Rohrer was present for the following items. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #12 RESOLUTION #88-2 TO WITHDRAW CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE DISTRICT LOCATED ON BAYVIEW RIDGE.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Call for Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on March 14 and March 21, 1989.

David Svaren, Attorney for Fire District #12, explained that the Port of Skagit County is located in Fire District #12, but does not compensate Fire District #12 for fire protection. From April of 1987 through December of 1988 the Port and Fire District #12 have negotiated to form an equitable contract for fire protection; however, a decision has been reached to by the Port Commissioners and set forth in Resolution #88-2 to deannex the Port property from Fire District #12. By statute, this deannexation must be approved by the County Commissioners, following a public hearing of the facts involved.

Ted Banta, Skagit County Fire Chiefs Association President, indicated that he felt a contract should be worked out between the Port and District #12 to provide coverage to the Port in an amicable settlement.

Patricia Burkland, Director of the Port of Skagit County, explained that although the Port is unable to pay for coverage retroactively, they are still willing to negotiate with Fire District #12, and asked that the public hearing be continued while negotiations are being conducted. Representatives for Fire District #12 were in agreement.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, May 30, 1989 at 1:30 P.M. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

DISCUSSION - REFERENDUM 37 - JOANN ANGEVINE, HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR.

JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Coordinator, gave information on Referendum 37, passed in 1979, and on the four projects completed by Skagit County with the \$375,000 in non-matched funds from this. She indicated that the fourth project, New Leaf, Incorporated, was operational for only three years, and that under direction from the administrator of Referendum 37, Skagit County has been paying itself back the \$20,700.00 for New Leaf. She recommended that the Board consider a resolution to allow Skagit Valley College to take ownership of the New Leaf building to combine it with a previous Referendum 37 project, Chinook Enterprises. The \$6,200 already paid back to Fund #116 would then be paid to Skagit Valley College, along with an additional \$14,500 from the general fund to complete the specifications of the Administrator of


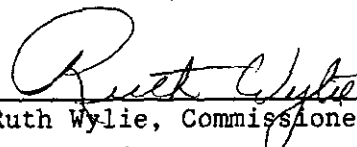
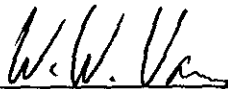
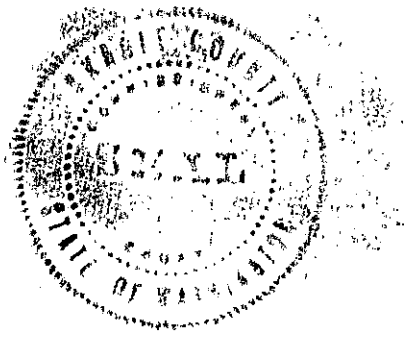
Referendum 37.

The Board directed Ms. Angevine to draw up such a resolution and present it to the Board.

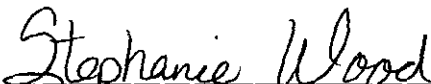
ADJOURNMENT

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

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Skagit County Board of Commissioners