

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 5, 1989

- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Sale of Aquatic Weed Harvester
- 1:30 p.m. Public Works Department - Jay Ensley, Director:
1. Call for Bids - Recycling at Skagit County Solid Waste Facility
 2. Discussion - Litter Disposal Policy
 3. Discussion - Landscaping at Incinerator

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W.W. Vaux present.

DISCUSSION - SALE OF AQUATIC WEED HARVESTER.

Betsy Stevenson, Assistant Director - Planning and Community Development, explained that the County's aquatic weed harvester was obtained with money from a Department of Ecology Grant, and was intended for use in cleaning up Hart, Erie and Campbell Lakes. The \$175,000 grant is now complete.

Rob Hunter, a steel fabricator from Imagineering, 1230 E. Lake Drive, Sedro Woolley, indicated that his company has constructed a prototype of an aquatic weed harvester, and would like to purchase the County's harvester at a fair price.

Betsy Stevenson indicated that under the terms of the grant, it may not be possible to sell the harvester, and if it is possible, the \$175,000 grant may have to be repaid.

Commissioner Vaux pointed out that a conflict with a private enterprise may exist if the weed harvester were sold to Mr. Hunter, and stated his opposition to such a sale.

The Board directed Steve Wood, Director - Planning and Community Development, to look into the terms of the grant and communicate with Mr. Hunter. If Mr. Hunter still wishes to pursue the purchase, he may recontact the Board for further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1. In accordance with action previously taken, a resolution approving the Jesse Ivy Rezone Request #R-89-001 was approved for signature. (Resolution #11992)

2. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve a resolution increasing per diem amounts for the Board of Equalization from \$50.00 to \$75.00 effective April 1, 1989. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution #11993)
3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the following Petition for Property Tax Refund as approved by the Skagit County Treasurer and Assessor:
 - a. Heather Lane Christian Retirement Home, 1929 Douglas Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$2,266.44, due to an exemption per the Department of Revenue. (002489)
4. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve a resolution appointing Mr. Rob C. Johnson to the Housing Authority of Skagit County to complete the unexpired term of Theophilus W. Mungen, with the appointment to expire on October 22, 1993. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #11994)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - JAY ENSLEY, DIRECTOR:

1. Call for Bids - Recycling at Skagit County Solid Waste Facility.

Jay Ensley explained that a contract is needed for recycling of solid wastes at all Skagit County Solid Waste Facilities, including the public area at the incinerator, Inman Landfill, Sauk, and all compactor sites.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt a resolution calling for bids for a three-year renewable recycling agreement for recycling of solid waste at all Skagit County Solid Waste Facilities. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution #11995)

2. Discussion - Litter Disposal Policy.

Bill Ness, Solid Waste/Environmental Engineer, explained that the present County policy for non-profit organization solid waste disposal is to waive the tipping fee. In light of recent requests by various non-profit organizations to waive fees, Mr. Ness asked the Board for clarification on the County policy.

Several alternatives to waiving the tipping fees were discussed and the Board subsequently directed the Public Works Department to draw up a policy incorporating the following considerations:

- a) Waste generated within County right-of-way by any organization may be brought for disposal at no cost.
- b) Specific time periods will be advertised for amnesty for any organization's clean-up projects.
- c) Organizations conducting clean-up projects outside of amnesty days or outside County right-of-ways will be charged a reduced fee, as determined by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Ness will return his completed policy to the Board for approval.

3. Discussion - Landscaping at Incinerator.

Bill Ness, Solid Waste/Environmental Engineer, presented a plan compiled by the Wright Schuchart Harbor Company for the Resource Recovery Facility. He explained that the plan contains specifications for a number of rare plants which may be difficult to care for. He noted that the estimated cost for labor, materials and topsoil is approximately \$65,000.

Jay Ensley, Public Works Director, requested authorization to begin bringing in topsoil, but stated that the Board would be consulted again regarding the conceptual design of the landscaping, and the Wright Schuchart Harbor plan will be subject to Board approval.

The Board directed the Public Works Department be begin bringing in topsoil, and to prepare a Request for Proposals, using the Wright Schuchart Harbor plan, for review by the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. A Washington State Parks grant application for a trailgrooming Snowcat for use by the Northwest Glacier Cruisers to groom trails in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest area, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, was approved for signature.
2. A Washington State Department of Agriculture Invoice Voucher to claim the regular allocation of \$41,031.00 from the State Fair Fund for the Skagit County Fair was approved for signature.
3. An out-of-state travel request was approved for signature for Robert E. Lee of the Assessor's Office to travel to Sacramento, California to attend a Governmental Technology 1989 Conference, May 16-19, 1989.
4. A memo to the Water Quality Funding Advisory Committee regarding Skagit Conservation District's county-wide animal waste program and newsletter funding requests was approved for signature.
5. A contract between the Skagit County Planning Department and the Skagit Soil Conservation District for professional services was approved for signature. The contract commences on January 1, 1989 and continues until December 31, 1989.

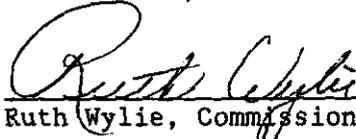
ADJOURNMENT

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

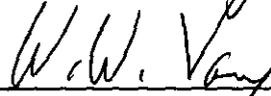
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman



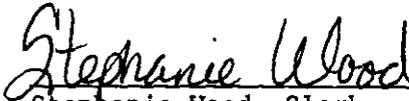
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners