

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, May 16, 1989**

- 10:00 a.m. Proclamation - Bike Ride Plus Sunday.
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion - Child Care Survey - Kay Haaland.
- 11:00 a.m. Parks and Recreation Department:
- 1) Call for Public Hearing - Changes in Fee Schedule for Skagit County Fair.
  - 2) Signature - Contracts with DNR for Northern State Hospital Grounds.
  - 3) Miscellaneous Items.
- 1:30 p.m. 1) Discussion - Puget Power Energy Conservation Grant.  
2) Call for Bids - Concrete Community Senior Center - Energy Conservation Indoor and Outdoor Lighting.  
3) Update Senior Services.
- 2:00 p.m. 1) Discussion - Planning and Community Development Grants.  
2) Miscellaneous Items.  
3) Dedication of Plaque - Gerald O. Martin - Services During Mt. St. Helens Eruption. (Public Safety Building North Parking Lot)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 1989 with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

**PROCLAMATION - BIKE RIDE PLUS SUNDAY.**

Commissioner Vaux read a proclamation naming May 21, 1989, Bike Ride Plus Sunday in Skagit County, in honor of a fundraising event sponsored by the American Diabetes Association to raise money for diabetes research.

Gary Jones, local route chairperson, informed the board that the association hopes to raise over \$6,000 this year from its walk/ride/jog-a-thon beginning at Edgewater Park on May 21 at 9:00 a.m. He stated that prizes donated by businesses throughout the state will be awarded to participants with the most pledges by June 5, 1989.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to proclaim May 21, 1989, Bike Ride Plus Sunday in Skagit County. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

This item was discussed at this time for the convenience of the audience.

1. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve a resolution reappointing Bryan

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Sakuma to the Noxious Weed Control Board, following the expiration of his current term. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12049)

2. A resolution was presented calling for a Public Hearing to make changes to the Skagit County Code Chapter 2.36. Certain portions of paragraph 2.36.030 have been proposed for deletion by Skagit County Civil Deputy John Moffat, in accordance with a recent Supreme Court ruling, In Re J.D., requiring counties to bear the cost of for guardians ad litem and attorneys for indigents involved in juvenile dependency and termination proceedings

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a Public Hearing to consider changes to Skagit County Code, Chapter 2.36, on Tuesday, June 13, 1989, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12050)

3. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Record of Proceedings from Monday, May 15, 1989, as submitted. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION - CHILD CARE SURVEY - KAY HAALAND.

Kay Haaland of the W.S.U. Cooperative Extension stated that she is the Chairperson of a county-wide Child Care Task Force which has recently affiliated with United Way of Skagit County. She introduced Rudy Johnson, Executive Director of United Way of Skagit County. Ms. Haaland reported that their organizations had recently conducted a survey of child care providers in Skagit County, and are in the midst of conducting a survey of employees of major employers in Skagit County, to obtain data to help plan child care efforts by the two groups. She requested permission of the Board to survey Skagit County employees. She reported that the data obtained would be analyzed by Washington State University.

The Board voiced support of Ms. Haaland's survey of County employees.

Rudy Johnson stated that surveys had already been sent to the public schools and the Anacortes refineries. He stated that Skagit Valley College and community action agencies are discussing a joint child care venture.

Bob Birdsong, owner of Wee Care Day Care, stated that the college is awaiting only an Environmental Impact Statement before closing a deal with Wee Care to use their LaVenture Road center for their plans.

Mr. Johnson stated that payment for day care at the college's center will most probably be on a sliding scale according to the parents' ability to pay.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR:

1. Call for Public Hearing - Changes in Fee Schedule for Skagit County Fair.

Jon Aarstad supplied the Board with a proposed fee schedule for 1989 Skagit County Fair tickets. He stated that \$1.00 has been added to the price for adult, student and senior citizen tickets, a family pass has been added, and the cost of a season pass has been decreased by \$1.00. There will no longer be a charge for the grandstand shows.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for a Public Hearing regarding proposed changes in the fee schedule for 1989 Skagit County Fair tickets, to be held on Tuesday, May 30, 1989, at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Signature - Contracts with DNR for Northern State Hospital Grounds.

The Board approved for signature the renewal of a Department of Natural Resources use permit for 600 acres at the Northern State Hospital Grounds to be used for grazing and recreation, at a cost to the County of \$2,250.00, for the period of May 1, 1989, through April 30, 1990.

3. Miscellaneous Items.

A. The Board approved the following Contracts for Skagit County Fair Concessionaires, to commence on August 9, 1989, and continue until August 13, 1989.

- 1) Sigrid's Funnel Cakes, 4813 W. Margaret, Pasco, WA 99301, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- 2) Royal Concessions, 16708-258th Ave. East, Buckley, WA 98321, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- 3) South Philly Steaks, P.O. Box 421, Puyallup, WA 98371, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- 4) Linda's Concessions, 101 North Pine, Burlington, WA 98233, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- 5) Bavarian Bakery, 2804 Colby, Everett, WA 98201, for a concessionaires charge of \$150.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- 6) Gateway Kiwanis, 1999-23 Ratchford Road, Sedro Woolley, WA 98273, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.

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- 7) Knights of Columbus, 926 North 14th, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
  - 8) Incredible Edibles, Rt. 2, Box 358, Deer Park, WA 99006, for a concessionaires charge of \$50.00, and a guarantee of \$100.00 or 15% of total gross receipts less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- B. The Board approved for signature the following Contracts for Skagit County Fair Commercial Displays and Vendors, to commence on August 9, 1989, and continue until August 13, 1989:
- 1) Aqua Design, Inc., 1842 Iron Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 2) Skagit Valley Laboratories, 1310 E. Division, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 3) Glenn E. Campbell - Watkins Products, 2317 Montgomery Pl., Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 4) Skagit Valley Hospital and Health Center, P.O. Box 1376, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for the sum of \$440.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 5) Portal Industries, 2275 Thompson Drive, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 6) Walt's Enterprises - Walter L. Paull, 18557 S.E. 245th Place, Kent, WA 98042, for the sum of \$159.50 for vendor space outside.
  - 7) Magic Pantry, 1402 Main, Lynden, WA 98264, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.
  - 8) Sterling Mystique, Rt. 1, Box 423, Vashon, WA 98070, for the sum of \$159.50 for vendor space outside.
  - 9) Emerald City Distributors, 21321 35th Ave. S.E., Bothell, WA 98021, for the sum of \$159.50 for vendor space outside.
  - 10) Customized Services, Box 151, Grand Coulee, WA 99133, for the sum of \$159.50 for vendor space outside.
  - 11) Lynn Blazek - Discovery Toys, 2312 Martin Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, for the sum of \$220.00 for vendor space in the Commercial Building.

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C. The Board approved for signature an Artistic Services Agreement for Northwest Folklife Festival Ethnic Heritage Celebrations (NWFLF) to provide an "Ethnic Heritage Celebrations" Concert on Sunday, August 13, 1989, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Skagit County Fair, for the sum of \$3,000.00.

D. Jon Aarstad explained that his seven summer part-time employees were sent an employment letter stating that their wage level would be a 3A, the same as Public Works summer employees, whereas they actually should be receiving wage level 2A, which is .44 cents per hour less. This causes conflict in that his permanent part-time employees are paid at salary level 2A, so that they receive less than the seasonal employees. He recommended that all part-time Parks Department employees be raised to salary level 3A, or that a letter be sent by the Board to the summer Parks employees explaining that they will be receiving level 2A salaries.

The Board directed Mr. Aarstad to work with Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, to equitably resolve the differences in salaries.

E. Jon Aarstad explained that he instructed his aide to send out requests for bids for Fair security, not issuing a public Notice of Call for Bids, as he thought the bids would be less than \$3,500 limit set by resolution of the Board. He received two bids back, one for \$5,679 and one for \$7,500. His aide, unknowingly, gave Security Plus, the low bidder, written notification of acceptance of the bid, as she was unaware of the process for bids exceeding the \$3,500 limit. Mike Woodmansee suggested that this case might satisfy the portion of Resolution #11162 which adopts the County's bid procedure and states that contracts "involving a unique skill or ability" are exempt from the bid process set by the resolution.

The Board instructed Mr. Aarstad to attach a note to the Auditor's copy of the contract, referencing the portion of the Board's resolution cited by Mr. Woodmansee. Commissioner Wylie remained opposed and stated her belief that the bid should have been obtained through the public bid process.

F. Jon Aarstad reported that he has received a request from Walton Beverage for an exclusive Pepsi products contract at the 1989 Skagit County Fair, in consideration of the following:

- 1) Donation of \$500 of radio advertising budget for the month of July.
- 2) Provision of two ice storage units and bagged ice at \$.50 per bag for the duration of the Fair.
- 3) Donation of a refreshment center for entertainers.
- 4) Donation of prizes worth approximately \$100.

This proposal was approved by the Fair Advisory Board at their May 9, 1989, meeting. The Board of Commissioners approved the awarding of

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Walton Beverage with the exclusive contract for soft drinks at the 1989 Skagit County Fair.

G. Mr. Aarstad stated that he had received a request from the Fidalgo Island Brewing Society to hold an open amateur beer competition at the 1989 Skagit County Fair. He provided the Board with a copy of the general rules recommended by the Brewing Society. He further stated that the contest has been approved by the Fair Advisory Board, with the following stipulations:

- 1) That the Society provide their own trophies, as no funding is available from the County for these.
- 2) That no judging be held publicly on the ground of the Fair.
- 3) That no tasting be conducted on the Fair grounds, and that displays contain only colored water.

The Board concurred with the recommendation of the Fair Advisory Board and approved the contest.

H. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reminded the Board that the Law Office of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis and Holman were hired last year to research the claims made against Wright Schuchart Harbor, following submittal of an estimate of \$5,500 to \$7,500 for the investigation. A bill was received last week from the firm for \$6,800, although work is still incomplete on the investigation. A letter was received by Jon Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, from the firm asking for direction on the course of the investigation; however, no estimate for additional charges was included.

The Board instructed Mr. Woodmansee to send a letter to the law firm asking them what the original estimate included, and how much more time and funds will be required to complete the assignment.

**SENIOR SERVICES - TIM HOLLORAN, DIRECTOR:**

**1. Discussion - Puget Power Energy Conservation Grant.**

Tim Holloran reported that a grant has been received from the Puget Power Company for energy conserving indoor and outdoor lighting at the Concrete Senior Service Center. The grant promises reimbursement at a rate of 70%. A recommended bid package, a copy of which was provided to the Board, was received from Puget Power and, with the exception of a few minor changes, will be utilized for the obtaining of bids.

The Board approved the use of the bid package and instructed Mr. Holloran, in addition to publication of a formal Notice of Call for Bids, to send a Notice of Call for Bids to all electricians in the County.

2. Call for Bids - Concrete Community Senior Center - Energy Conservation Indoor and Outdoor Lighting.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for installation of emergency conservation indoor and outdoor lighting for the Concrete Community/Senior Center, to be received and opened on Tuesday, June 6, 1989, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12051)

3. Update Senior Services.

Mr. Holloran gave information on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer recognition luncheon on Thursday, May 18, 1989. He reported on the senior meals program, and provided the Board with a packet of information on Skagit County Senior Services.

Mr. Holloran discussed the janitorial maintenance of the Mount Vernon Senior Center. He stated that 15 hours per week is presently allotted for cleaning of a 9,506 square foot building. Currently, a high school student is providing janitorial services for the building; however, a letter has been received from the Mount Vernon Senior Center Advisory Board, discussing complaints and concerns regarding the efficiency of the work being done by the present janitor. Tim Holloran made the following suggestions:

- 1) Continue with the present janitor through June 30, 1989.
- 2) Ask for an additional two hours for janitorial services in the Senior Services budget, bringing the total hours to 17 per week.
- 3) Go out for bids for a temporary janitorial service on July 1, 1989.

Mr. Holloran further advocated the transfer of the Senior Center to the County Facilities Management Department.

The Board consented to the hire of a temporary janitorial service, and directed Mr. Holloran to contact the Facilities Management Director and the current Janitorial Supervisor for suggestions regarding future janitorial service contracts.

DISCUSSION - PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

Betsy Stevenson, Associate Planner, gave information on a 205J Grant application which is being constructed for submittal to the Department of Ecology (D.O.E.) to obtain monies to fund a study of the water quality of the Swinomish Slough and/or some areas of the Skagit River for suspected contamination. She stated that originally the Swinomish Indian Tribe had agreed to act as lead agency for the grant, since this would allow administrative costs reimbursement at a higher rate. Following review of a partially completed Scope of Work compiled by the Tribe, the D.O.E. recommended that the Scope of Work be rewritten, as it appeared to be too broad. Ms. Stevenson asked for direction from the Board on how to proceed with a new Scope of Work.

John Thayer and Lorna Haycox, representing the Skagit County Health Department, discussed the involvement of the Department of Social and Health Services with water quality testing. Mr. Thayer discussed the Swinomish Tribe's present sewer system.

Kraig Olason, Manager of the Skagit Conservation District, discussed the impact of dairy waste on the water quality in the Upper Skagit Bay area. He provided a packet of information outlining a proposal for a water quality improvement project for the Upper Skagit Bay, with the objective of reducing agricultural non-point pollution.

Discussion then ensued regarding the Tribe's role as lead organization for the grant.

The Board then instructed Ms. Stevenson to proceed with a new Scope of Work, incorporating the plan submitted by the Soil Conservation District, the Tribe and the County, which would satisfy both D.O.E. and D.S.H.S. protocols, and which would designate Skagit County as the lead agency.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Dave Hough, Senior Planner, updated the Board on the proposal of developer J.C. Dellinger for annexation of property to the City of Burlington for the purpose of construction of housing units. He stated that Joe VonMoos, owner of National Fruit Canning Company, has contacted the Planning Department to state that, without question, the proposed annexation would affect his operation. Mr. Hough proposed that a letter be sent to the Burlington City Council noting the prematurity of the consideration of the action, as well as the impact to National Fruit Canning Company. He further suggested that Betsy Stevenson, Associate Planner, present the letter to the Council at their next work session.

The Board concurred with this suggestion, and directed Mr. Hough to draft the letter. They further advised Ms. Stevenson to state the Board's support of Mr. Hough's letter.

#### DEDICATION OF PLAQUE - GERALD O. MARTIN - SERVICES DURING MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTION.

The Board adjourned to the north parking lot of the Skagit County Public Safety Building, where Chairman Rohrer made a formal dedication of the Department of Emergency Services radio van in Mr. Gerald O. Martin's name, in recognition of his heroic services in radio broadcasting during the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, in which he lost his life. A plaque, also dedicated to Mr. Martin, was presented to Bill Maris, a close friend of Mr. Martin's and a member of the Radio Amateurs Civil Emergency Services. Gene Bostock, State Radio Officer from the Washington State Department of Emergency Management, was present to witness the dedication, as well as Radio Amateurs Civil Emergency Services Officer Paul Leach. The Department of Emergency Services van was equipped with radio equipment by the R.A.C.E.S.

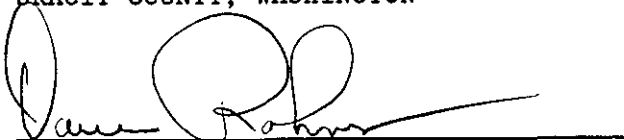


group, and the plaque presented to Mr. Maris will be mounted in the van to commemorate Mr. Martin.

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

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W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners