

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 31, 1989

10:00 a.m. Budget/Finance Department:

1. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Current Expense Fund #001.
2. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Human Services Fund #116.
3. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Public Health Fund #101.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. Public Works Department - Solid Waste:

1. Discussion - Toxicology Study.
2. Signature - Resolution Consultant Selection Process for Hazardous Waste Management Plan.
3. Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

BUDGET/FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Current Expense Fund #001.

Commissioner Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on May 23 and 30, 1989.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that \$12,000 is needed to fund an additional clerical position for District Court that was previously approved by the Board. This position is necessary because of an increase in traffic citations referred by officers at the new Port of Entry, and will be funded by the revenues from these citations.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$12,000 from the Current Expense Fund's Traffic Infraction Penalties to the Salaries Fund and various benefit funds. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12083)

2. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Human Services Fund #116.

Commissioner Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on May 23 and 30, 1989.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that \$9,500 in additional grant monies from D.S.H.S. has been offered to the Human Services Department for their Minority Mental Health Program. The money will be used for education and distribution of materials to the Swinomish and Upper Skagit Tribes.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$9,500 to the Human Services Minority Mental Health Fund from additional D.S.H.S. grant monies. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12084)

3. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Public Health Fund #101.

Commissioner Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on May 23 and 30, 1989.

Mr. Woodmansee related that \$2,100 in Regional 3 AIDS Network grant money is available to the Public Health Department for AIDS Education activities.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$2,100 in Region 3 AIDS Network grant monies to the Public Health Fund #101 in the form of salaries, equipment and travel allowances. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12085)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt a resolution appointing Mitch Johnson, a Mount Vernon resident, to the Fair Advisory Board, to fill an existing vacancy; his term to expire on May 31, 1992. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12086)

B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund:

- 1) Phyllis V. Rindal, 1636 Cleveland, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$610.83 due to a senior citizen exemption. (004689)
- 2) William E. Cox, 3504 M Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$40.81 due to the sale of a portion of property to the City in December of 1986. (003989)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - SOLID WASTE:

1. Discussion - Toxicology Study.

Bill Ness, Environmental/Solid Waste Engineer, explained that the Institute of Wildlife Toxicology, with whom the County holds a contract for a wildlife toxicology study at the incinerator, plans to move their base of operation from Western Washington University (W.W.U.) in Bellingham to Clemson University in South Carolina. He stated that this discussion concerns whether or not to continue with the present contract, even though the Institute is moving. Mr. Ness turned the discussion over to representatives of W.W.U. and the Institute.

George Cobb, Institute of Wildlife Toxicology Section Leader, made the following points regarding the transfer of the Institute to Clemson University.

- a) Most of the sampling will be finished by the time the final stages of the move are complete, with only three samples left, which can be collected without difficulty by qualified Institute designees.
- b) A portion of the sample analysis is being done at Cal Labs, per the agreement with the County.
- c) Shipment of samples to Clemson for further analysis can be facilitated without any loss of integrity in the samples.

Mr. Cobb further stated that a lab facility will be maintained at W.W.U. at least until September, where he will stay until the final stages of the move. The grant monies will then flow from Clemson University rather than W.W.U., and Mr. Cobb will remain as contact person. He gave reasons for the move as being increased access to a wider variety of instruments, access to more collaborative work, increased space, and the offering of a Ph.D. program; all of which would yield more timely, better quality data and better validation of results.

H. William Wilson, Director of Instrument Center and a Professor of Chemistry at W.W.U., introduced himself as the person who would coordinate the Institute's program at W.W.U. after the relocation.

John Miles, Dean of Environmental Studies at W.W.U., stated that the normal procedure for university grants and contracts is to transfer to the new institution the responsibility for the grant or contract.

Commissioner Vaux received answers from Mr. Cobb to several questions regarding Dr. Rod Kendall's transfer to Clemson with the program.

Commissioner Vaux then gave a brief history of the contract, saying that the Board was approached by Dr. Mark Backlund to institute a toxicology study at the incinerator. The Board was subsequently contacted by Mr. Cobb and Dr. Kendall with a proposal for a toxicology study. Commissioner Vaux toured the facility and recommended acceptance by the Board, stating that a study of this type had never been done from the initial start-up of an incinerator and it would provide valuable information. Next Bill Ness and Commissioner Vaux

were able to secure 50-50 matching grant monies from the Department of Ecology, with W.W.U. providing the County's 50%.

Mr. Cobb then discussed the freezing unit at W.W.U. and its availability for archiving of duplicate samples which were taken in case of a challenge to the data gathered. He stated that the sampling process is estimated to end in September of 1990, the contract running through the spring of 1991. The analysis phase will begin following the completion of sampling.

Katherine Bens, Section Leader, stated that the total cost of the grant will remain the same, and that a letter of agreement should be signed by both the County and Clemson University, agreeing to the transfer of the grant and contract. She stated there would be no change in the amount of testing performed. Ms. Bens answered questions regarding other existing Institute projects in Washington and their dispositions.

Mr. Ness then recommended that he contact the Department of Ecology and relay the information received today to the grant administrator.

The Board agreed with Mr. Ness's recommendation, and directed him to send a letter to the Department of Ecology with the information regarding the transfer of the grant. He should state the Board's agreement to the transfer and their hopes that the D.O.E. will continue with their support. Mr. Ness was further directed to ask for written confirmation within 30 days of the D.O.E.'s continuing support.

2. Signature - Resolution Consultant Selection Process for Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Vaux stated that after discussion with Bill Ness, Bob Ruby of the Skagit Council of Governments and Jacque Gent of the Public Works Department, he has concluded that it would be extremely cumbersome for more than one Board member to participate in the Management Planning Committee because of the necessity to publish each meeting where more than one Board member is in attendance. He therefore motioned to adopt the resolution previously submitted by Mr. Ness for composition of the Hazardous Waste Management Planning Committee. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12087)

3. Miscellaneous.

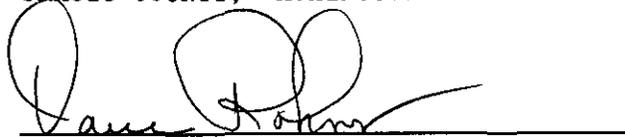
- A. Mark Spahr, Public Works Director, stated that four candidates have been selected for the interviewing process for the Assistant Section Manager, Flood Control position. He invited a Board member to participate in the interviews. Commissioner Vaux volunteered to participate.
- B. As of this date, May 31, 1989, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature Manual Warrant #MW-910-44642 (Warrant #44642) in the amount of \$750.00 (C-22-89).
- C. Betsy Stevenson, Associate Planner, presented a revised Department of Ecology Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant Application. She stated that the application is for \$250,000 over a two year period, with \$62,000 in

local matching funds, and that the application has been modified according to the direction of the Board following a discussion on Tuesday, May 16, 1989. The Application was approved for signature.

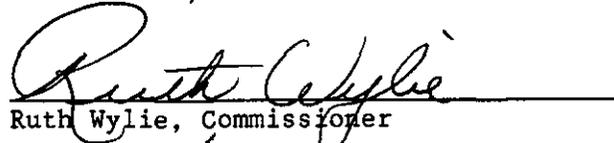
ADJOURNMENT

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

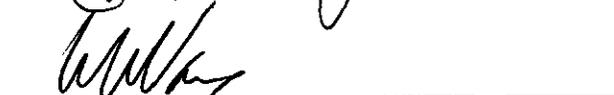
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman



Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners