

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 10, 1989

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

- 1) Introduction of Jeff King, Summer Intern: John Thayer.
- 2) Update on Big Lake Resort Water Supply: Lorna Haycox.

10:30 a.m. Public Works - Mark Spahr, Director:

- 1) Public Hearing - Vacation of Short Plat #57-80 - Allan Island.
- 2) Public Hearing - Extension of Cable Franchise.
- 3) Discussion - Apple Industry Alar Issue and Possible S.B.A. Assistance - Tom Sheahan, Director, Department of Emergency Management.
- 4) Discussion - Railroad Grade Crossings.
- 5) Discussion - Guemes Ferry Rate Clarification - Seasonal Surcharge.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. Public Works Department:

- 1) Bid Opening - Rosario Road, et al, Asphalt Overlay.
- 2) Bid Opening - Chilberg Road Reconstruction.
- 3) Bid Opening - Sauk and Gibraltar Landfill Closures.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

2:30 p.m. Douglas S. Ramey Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision Regarding Variance Request #V-89-007 of Clarence Rozema.

3:30 p.m. 1990 Budget Call.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, July 10, 1989, in regular session, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer and Ruth Wylie present. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

- 1) Introduction of Jeff King, Summer Intern: John Thayer.

John Thayer introduced Jeff King, a senior at the University of Washington's School of Environmental Health, who will be interning with the Skagit County Health Department for a 10 week period, which began June 20. Mr. Thayer announced that at a recent WSEHA Conference in Seattle, Mr. King received the Ed Picket Scholarship during the awards banquet. Mr. King will be working with Lorna Haycox on water projects during his internship with Skagit County.

2) Update on Big Lake Resort Water Supply: Lorna Haycox.

Lorna Haycox, Environmental Health Specialist, introduced Jim Stidman, owner of Big Lake Resort and Carousel Apartments. Ms. Haycox gave information on events that have occurred since her last update to the Board on April 10, 1989. Ms. Haycox stated that Mr. Stidman's R.V. permit has expired as of July 2, 1989. She stated that the following occurrences are important to the renewal of Mr. Stidman's permit:

- a) The Gunderson Road LUD was approved on May 23, 1989, bringing PUD water sources closer to Big Lake.
- b) A special interest group made up of Big Lake citizens has begun collecting signatures, with the intent to encourage PUD hook-up of the Big Lake area.
- c) Water clarity, turbidity and chlorination tests have improved since Mr. Stidman's hiring of Kelly Wynn to run his water system.
- d) Moe Batra of DSHS, who was involved in the original improvement planning with Mr. Stidman, has made comments regarding the renewal of Mr. Stidman's R.V. permit.
- e) Three banks have refused Mr. Stidman for a water system loan.

Ms. Haycox provided a copy of a letter she sent to Mr. Stidman listing Mr. Batra's recommendations for renewal of the R.V. permit. She stated that the following conditions have been recommended by Mr. Batra:

- a) Installation of storage tanks to provide adequate contact time.
- b) Continuance of satisfactory daily turbidity and chlorination testing.
- c) Continuance of moratorium on issuance of construction permits at Big Lake Resort and Carousel Apartments.
- d) Continuance of progress toward petitioning for PUD water hook up.
- e) Installation of a chlorine alarm system and relocation of intake line.

Mr. Stidman produced copies of his successful turbidity test sheets, and explained his efforts to develop a better water system at his establishment.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to allow the renewal of Mr. Stidman's R.V. permit, subject to the recommendations of Mr. Batra of DSHS. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

Mr. Stidman then explained that he wished to add two more bathrooms to his R.V. site, as well as a spa and picnic gazebo; however, he is unable to do so because of the building moratorium on his facility.

Ms. Haycox explained that Mr. Batra had requested the Board's building moratorium in light of a substandard water system at Mr. Stidman's facility. Mr. Batra subsequently approved Mr. Stidman's plan for improvement of the drinking water system, with a deadline of July 10, 1989. The improvement plan has not yet been completed, in that a new filtration system has not yet been installed, the old one being basically dysfunctional. Ms. Haycox stated that movement of the intake line may improve the quality of the water enough to negate the need for a new filtration system, although testing throughout the

summer will be necessary to evaluate the results and pronounce Mr. Stidman's system appropriately improved.

Mr. Stidman maintained that his previous successful turbidity and chlorination tests should be proof of his system's improvement, and that further delay of building improvements financially impacts his business.

The Board directed Ms. Haycox to make contact with Mr. Batra to see if Mr. Stidman's attempts at improvement are sufficient to warrant a lifting of the building moratorium.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) **Public Hearing - Vacation of Short Plat #57-80 - Allan Island.**

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 20 and 27, 1989.

Mr. Spahr located Lot #14 on Allan Island on a vicinity map. He stated that the lot is owned by a single individual, Mr. Donald L. Anderson, who has requested vacation of all county right-of-way within his 20+ acre lot. Mr. Spahr presented an Engineer's Report which recommends the vacation.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to approve the vacation of County right-of-way within short plat #57-80 on Allan Island, Lot 14. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

2) **Public Hearing - Extension of Cable Franchise.**

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 20 and 27, 1989.

Mr. Spahr stated that an application has been received from Port Townsend Cable T.V., Ltd., for the extension of an existing Franchise #11782 for coaxial and fiber cable television system for homes in the area from Lyman to Rockport. This franchise was originally owned by Concrete Cable T.V. Mr. Spahr located the franchise area on a vicinity map.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to approve the application of Port Townsend Cable T.V., Ltd., for extension of Franchise #11782. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered (Franchise/Resolution #12123)

3) Discussion - Apple Industry Alar Issue and Possible S.B.A. Assistance - Tom Sheahan, Director, Department of Emergency Management.

Mr. Sheahan stated that he has received a memo from Ben Dew, Administrator of the Individual Assistance Program - Washington State Department of Community Development, Emergency Management Division, which he provided for the Board's review. The memo states that, although no relief programs are available through Federal programs for apple growers affected by the loss of income due to sales drop offs from the Alar herbicide scare, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has an economic injury program that may be available for related businesses. Mr. Sheahan stated that in order for Skagit County businesses to qualify for assistance, at least five applications must be received. Each applicant must have been turned down by a lending agency in order to qualify for assistance. Mr. Sheahan asked the Board to adopt a resolution declaring an economic emergency in Skagit County due to the financial impact on apple growers because of the Alar issue.

The Board instructed Mr. Sheahan to make inquiries as to how many businesses have been affected by this issue and to what extent they have been affected. After consideration of this information, the Board will make a determination on the declaration of an economic emergency.

4) Discussion - Railroad Grade Crossings.

Ed Hawes, Traffic Safety Engineer, stated that recent accident investigations at railroad crossings in Skagit County have brought increased awareness of the need for traffic control at five railroad crossings in the county. Engineering reports have been completed on these crossings, which suggest the installation of stop signs at each of the five crossings: Garden of Eden Road, Colony Road, Gardner Road, Legg Road and South Texas Road. Two of the five crossings, Colony Road and Leg Road, are slotted for installation of active signals in the near future. In addition to installation of stop signs, the Public Works Department is planning to study traffic patterns at each individual railroad crossing.

The Board discussed with Mr. Hawes the process for public notification of a traffic revision. Additionally, the Board discussed the considerations which led to the recommendation to install these stop signs. Mr. Hawes stated those considerations were:

- a) The amount of vehicle traffic utilizing the crossing.
- b) The amount of train traffic utilizing the crossing.
- c) The amount of sight distance available to vehicles and trains.
- d) The judgement of the engineers.

The Board then instructed the Public Works Department to proceed with the installation of stop signs at the proposed railroad crossings.

5) Discussion - Guemes Ferry Rate Clarification - Seasonal Surcharge.

Mr. Spahr reminded the Board that Resolution #11939 established a policy of imposing a season surcharge, as deemed necessary to cover the costs of additional ferry runs, and that Resolution #11951 set the rate for a car and

driver during the months of May through September at \$6.20 round trip. Mr. Spahr pointed out that an oversight has been discovered whereby the seasonal rate for a car and driver (\$6.20) exceeds the amount for a motorhome (\$5.35). He presented a resolution which would clarify the discrepancy in these ferry passage rates by increasing the seasonal rate for a motorhome to \$6.35 round trip.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution modifying Resolution #11951, attachment A, to reflect that, effective 07/11/89, a motorhome of 20 feet or less, during the months of May through September, will be charged a rate of \$6.35 round trip, and a motorhome more than 20 feet, during the months of May through September, will be charged a rate of \$6.35 plus \$0.45 per foot over 20 feet round trip. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12124)

6) Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Spahr reported that the State legislature has passed an increase to the tax on solid waste collected in the unincorporated areas of counties, raising the tax from 3.6% to 4.6%. This 1% tax increase would be an approximate \$1,900 increase to rate payers in Skagit County through the end of 1989. Mr. Spahr recommended that, instead of passing on a rate increase at this time, the County absorb the \$1,900 increase through 1989, and consider a rate increase at a later date. The Board concurred with Mr. Spahr's recommendation.
- B. Mr. Spahr requested a meeting with a Board member to discuss composition of the notification to incorporated cities on the need to submit Letters of Intent regarding inclusion in a Skagit County P.T.B.A. Commissioner Wylie volunteered to meet with Mr. Spahr and Mr. Monsen today at approximately 2:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, June 26, 1989; Tuesday, June 27, 1989; Wednesday, June 28, 1989, and Monday, July 3, 1989. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.
- B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from the Public Transportation Improvement Conference of Thursday, June 29, 1989. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.
- C. The Board approved for signature the following Petition for Property Tax Refund:
 - a) Beth Seward VanWyk, 2631 Club Court #305, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$315.40, due to payment of the property taxes on her property at 111 Northridge Townhouse, Mount Vernon, by both herself and the mortgage company. (006589)

- D. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature a resolution approving the sewer extension hook up to Whatcom Water District #12 of Short Plat #30-89 belonging to Rupert and Joan Pleas. (Resolution #12125)
- E. The Board approved for signature a Care Provider Service Agreement with DSHS for provider numbers to bill Title #19 for Maternity Case Management and Support Services through the Skagit County Health Department.

Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux were present for the following items.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

1) **Bid Opening - Rosario Road, et. al Asphalt Overlay.**

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 27 and July 4, 1989, and in The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce on June 30 and July 7, 1989.

The following bids were received and opened:

- a) Lakeside Industries
P.O. Box 729
Anacortes, WA 98221
- Total Bid: \$341,266.71

- b) Associated Sand and Gravel Co., Inc.
6300 Glenwood Avenue
Everett, WA 98203
- Total Bid: \$347,954.56

The Public Works Department will review the bids received and return at a later date with a recommendation for award.

2) **Bid Opening - Chilberg Road Reconstruction.**

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 20, 27 and July 4, 1989, and in The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce on June 23, 29 and July 6, 1989.

The following bids were received and opened:

- a) Associated Sand and Gravel Co., Inc.
6300 Glenwood Avenue
Everett, WA 98203
- Total Bid: \$351,022.10

- b) Lakeside Industries
P.O. Box 729
Anacortes, WA 98221

Total Bid: \$346,761.25

The Public Works Department will review all bids and return at a later date with a recommendation for award.

3) Bid Opening - Sauk and Gibraltar Landfill Closures.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 20, 27 and July 4, 1989, and in The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce on June 23, 29 and July 6, 1989.

The following bids were received and opened:

- a) Strider Construction Co., Inc.
2430 E. Bakerview
Bellingham, WA 98226

Total Bid for Closure of Gibraltar Landfill: \$260,000.00
Total Bid for Closure of Sauk Landfill: \$169,000.00
TOTAL BID FOR CLOSURE OF BOTH LANDFILLS: \$429,000.00

- b) Scoccolo Construction, Inc.
2825 S. 154th Street
Seattle, WA

Total Bid for Closure of Gibraltar Landfill: \$343,200.00
Total Bid for Closure of Sauk Landfill: \$261,800.00
TOTAL BID FOR CLOSURE OF BOTH LANDFILLS: \$605,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. As discussed at an earlier session during which the Board signed a resolution requesting Small Business Administration aide for the fishing industries in Skagit County effected by the Alaska oil spill, the Board approved for signature a letter to the Honorable Governor Booth Gardner. The letter declared that the responsibility for the oil spill should lie with the Exxon Company, therefore, they should be held responsible for the loss of income to the fishing related industries. A copy of the letter will be sent to the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Office.

Douglas S. Ramey Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision Regarding Variance Request #V-89-007 of Clarence Rozema.

Due to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rozema were unavoidably prevented from attending, Commissioner Vaux motioned to continue the hearing of Mr. Douglas S. Ramey's appeal to Monday, July 17, 1989, at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Ramey had previously agreed to the postponement.

1990 BUDGET CALL.

Present for this discussion were department heads or managers from each County department.

Kathy Longfellow, Internal Auditor/Chief Accountant, handed out budget packets to each member of the audience, containing all necessary documents for submission of each department's yearly budget requests. She briefly reviewed the completion of the worksheets and forms included.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, provided each member of the audience with a copy of a letter from the Board regarding their 1990 budget requests. He made the following requests of each department head or manager:

- a) Use the forms provided to make any changes to titles, descriptions, department information, etc., as this will be the best opportunity for review and changes.
- b) Provide the Board of Commissioners with one copy of all forms submitted to the Auditor's Office for advance review.
- c) Explain all requests completely and be specific in making requests.
- d) Give a concentrated effort to making three-year projections for facility and other needs.

Mr. Woodmansee further explained that, regarding data processing needs, each department head or manager should meet individually with Steve Kleinbart, Data Processing Coordinator, to formulate a plan for data process needs. These requests will then be incorporated into the basic data processing budget.

There were no further questions from the audience, and the discussion was terminated.

ADJOURNMENT

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



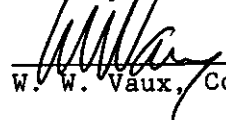
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman

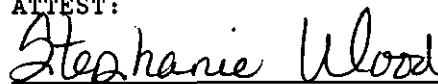


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners