

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

**Wednesday, August 30, 1989**

1:30 p.m.      Discussion - Greenhouse Facility at Gibraltar.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 30, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer and Ruth Wylie present. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

**DISCUSSION - GREENHOUSE FACILITY AT GIBRALTAR.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, explained that the current lease of the County-owned Gibraltar Greenhouse with Summersun, a wholesale plant company, will expire September 30, 1989. Mr. Howard stated that a public hearing is now required to consider the continuance of a lease or the sale of the facility. Mr. Howard stated that since the Board's visit to the site last week, he has discovered that a Marvin Portis is developing adjacent property as residential lots, and that he is required to upgrade Gibraltar Pit Road for this reason. Mr. Howard said that the area is zoned residential and residential reserve. A map of the area was provided. Mr. Howard reported that all terms of the grant to build the greenhouse have been satisfied, leaving the greenhouse free for disposal. Mr. Howard stated that he contacted Conrad Claybo, operations manager, regarding the possible County uses for the gravel pit located on the property. Mr. Claybo stated that the gravel has not been utilized for the past 10 years, and has no present value to the County as a construction material. Also, the area is not desirable for stockpiling.

Carl Lobe, owner of Summersun, requested that the lease be extended through June. He stated that he has crops scheduled to be planted there for which he has no other location. The greenhouse is only usable for certain crops during approximately a six month growing season due to the infringement of trees. During that period, 10 people are employed at the greenhouse. Mr. Lobe explained the problems of roof maintenance and the undesirability of the surrounding real estate, especially with the greenhouse included. Mr. Lobe made two suggestions for a long term solution. He stated that he is interested in the greenhouses for overflow crops and would like to continue to use them if 1) the County retained the real estate and sold him the buildings, signing a lease agreement for the real estate where the greenhouses are located, or 2) the County would rent the greenhouses to Summersun for a period of 5 years, after which Summersun would remove the greenhouses.

These suggestions were briefly discussed, and then Commissioner Wylie motioned to hold a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 1989, at 2:00 p.m., to discuss the lease extension or sale of the Gibraltar property, as is required by law. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

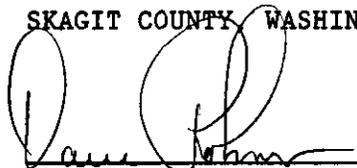
- A. As of this date, August 30, 1989, the Board did approve for signature the following warrants and vouchers:

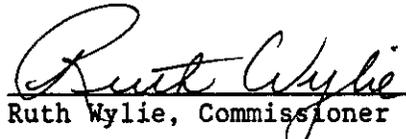
- 1) Warrants #47274 through #47275 (Vouchers #919-47274 through #920-47275) in the amount of \$150,650.07 (C-38-89).
- 2) Warrant #61621 (Voucher #61621) in the amount of \$286,055.84 (R-22-89).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Dave Rohrer, Chairman

  
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Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

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W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

