

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

**Tuesday, September 12, 1989**

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation of Auditor's Preliminary Budget.
- 10:00 a.m. Signature - Lease with Bruce Backlund - Facilities Management.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 2:00 p.m. Proclamation - National D.A.R.E. Day.
- 2:30 p.m. Request for Proposals - Public Works Department and Commissioners' Office Computer Network.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer and Ruth Wylie present. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

**PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET.**

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, presented the preliminary 1990 Skagit County budget to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. McInturff reviewed his introductory letter with the Board, which included an overview of revenues, expenditures, personnel requests and five-year comparisons. Additionally, Mr. McInturff again recommended development of a fiscal policy plan for Skagit County. Mr. McInturff also provided a Financial Indicators Report to accompany the preliminary budget, and aid the Board in making budgetary decisions.

**SIGNATURE - LEASE WITH BRUCE BACKLUND - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, stated that the Parks and Recreation Department leases a facility in downtown Mount Vernon for the storage of equipment. That property has changed hands twice since January, the current owner being a Bruce Backlund. Mr. Backlund wishes to continue to lease the building to Skagit County, but is raising the lease payment from \$250 per month to \$400 per month, commencing on October 1, 1989. Mr. Howard stated that this is a good price for downtown property and, since the Parks Department still has need for storage space, he recommended approval of the lease agreement. Mr. Howard stated that the agreement has a 60 day termination clause, and that the facility study being conducted will address long-term solutions to these types of problems.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the signing of the lease agreement with Bruce Backlund for the lease of property mentioned above. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

- A. The Board approved for signature the appointment of Debra L. Hicks as Deputy County Clerk.

- B. Commissioner Wylie stated that in March a letter was received from the Northwest Agricultural Research Foundation further discussing their request for funding for Dinoseb research. She stated that she has asked Ken Christianson of the Foundation here today to provide an update on the status of the funding.

Mr. Christianson discussed the funding currently held for Dinoseb research from the pea seed deduction. He stated that an additional amount of \$20,000 is still needed for funding through June 31, 1990. Mr. Christianson indicated that \$36,000 per year for a two year period was planned for research. Mr. Christianson related that, although Snohomish County offered to donate \$10,000 towards the research to be paid through Washington State University, to date a check has not been received. Mr. Christianson stated that he has been working primarily with Commissioner Vaux on the funding. Mr. Christianson stated that the bulk of the peas produced in Washington are in Skagit and Snohomish Counties. He stated that generally, weed control has been fairly good this year without Dinoseb, although other factors make control more difficult than before.

Mr. Christianson stated that he felt part of the problem in getting Snohomish County to agree to donate funds is their reluctance to enter into an agreement with a non-governmental entity, although they were willing to work through W.S.U.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that it would be possible to donate the entire \$20,000 to the Foundation, and then recoup Snohomish County's share afterward.

Commissioner Wylie volunteered to call Snohomish County to learn the status of the promised funding. Mr. Christianson offered to provide Commissioner Wylie with the percentage figures of pea production by county. He stated that funding at this stage is relatively critical, and the Board determined that a voucher could be signed by one commissioner if an agreement is reached later this week, and later signed by the other two.

#### PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL D.A.R.E. DAY.

Commissioner Wylie read the proclamation and motioned to declare September 14, 1989, as National D.A.R.E. Day in Skagit County. Sheriff Gary Frazier was present to accept the Proclamation, and explained the role of the Skagit County Sheriff's Department in the D.A.R.E. program.

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE COMPUTER NETWORK.

This item was postponed until another day due to the inability of the Data Processing Department to present their proposal at this time.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. The Board approved for signature an Out-of-State Travel Request for Chief


Larry Talbott to attend to the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, from October 1, 1989, to December 16, 1989. The Federal Government will pay for most of the cost of the school, plane fare and room and board, with the County only being responsible for uniforms and other miscellaneous items.

- B. As of this date, September 12, 1989, the Board did approve for signature Warrants #61622 through #61709 (Vouchers #61622 through #61709) in the amount of \$352,606.24 (R-23-89)

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman

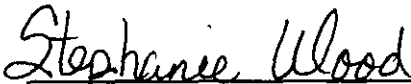


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

