

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

Monday, October 9, 1989

- 9:00 a.m. BOARD OF HEALTH:
- 1) Proposal for AIDS - Peer Counseling Application.
 - 2) Laboratory Update.
- 9:30 a.m. Board of Agricultural Coordinating Council - Land Use Discussion.
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Public Information Officer.
- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:
- 1) Signature - Bid Award - Furnish/Install Bed, Box, and Hoist on County-Owned Truck Chassis.
 - 2) Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Snowmobile and Winter Recreation Programs.
 - 3) Resolution - Road Number Change/Clarification for Chinook Drive.
 - 4) Resolution - Road Name Clarification - a) Gunderson Road to Gunderson Lane, b) Crestview Lane to Crestview Drive.
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 - 11) Discussion - Consideration of Contract with Department of Fisheries Regarding Fish Passages.
 - 12) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer and Ruth Wylie present. W.W. Vaux's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) **Proposal for AIDS - Peer Counseling Application.**

Carolyn Milat, Skagit County Health Department Director, stated that the Skagit County AIDS Task Force has formulated a plan for AIDS prevention in Skagit County. She stated that the Washington State Region 3 AIDS Task Force has endorsed the plan, and has tentatively pledged \$10,000 for the project. She asked for the Board's endorsement of the plan and for the seeking of funds for implementation of the plan. Ms. Milat introduced Alex Whitehouse, Region

3 AIDS Task Force Coordinator, and Jere LaFollette, Co-Chairman of the Skagit County AIDS Task Force.

Mr. LaFollette stated that he and Ms. Milat are co-chairmen of a task force of local health professionals and interested parties which has met over the past 1-1/2 years to look at pro-active methods for controlling the spread of AIDS. He stated that the Task Force formed an ad hoc committee to work with high risk youth, who are considered the group at highest risk for contracting AIDS. The ad hoc committee formulated a plan for working with this high risk group in recruiting and training of outreach coordinators from amongst the peer group of teenagers and youth. Mr. LaFollette explained that the U.S. Council of Mayors holds available demonstration funding for AIDS projects, and with the approval of the Board, the AIDS Task Force will request an additional \$30,000 in grant money from the U.S. Council of Mayors. Mr. LaFollette explained that the award of \$10,000 from the Region 3 Task Force is contingent upon the winning of the grant from the Council of Mayors.

Mr. Whitehouse stated that the award conferred by the Region 3 Task Force is the largest of the new AIDS grants awarded. He stated that the funds available from the Mayors Council are intended to go toward programs attempting to curb the spread of AIDS.

The Board endorsed the AIDS Task Force's proposal, and agreed to sign a letter of support to be used in obtaining the grant funding mentioned.

2) Laboratory Update.

JoAnn Lynn, Health Department Microbiologist and Lab Supervisor, summarized the services performed by the Skagit County Health Department Laboratory. She stated that the Lab is the regional water lab for the Counties of Skagit, Island and San Juan, testing both public and private water supplies. She stated that there has been a 10% increase over last year in the testing of water samples. Ms. Lynn described the newest tests being performed by the Lab and their new computer statistical reporting capabilities.

Ms. Lynn then described the clinical laboratory testing performed by the Lab, which constitutes about 30% of the Lab's work load. She stated that recent new rules will be requiring the Lab to perform efficiency testing on area physician's laboratories.

Chairman Rohrer requested that a tour of the laboratory, as well as other Health Department facilities, be arranged for later this month.

3) Miscellaneous.

A. Ms. Milat stated that a lab aide is needed for the Health Department Laboratory. She explained that usually an aide is available through the PIC program; however, PIC has no eligible candidates at this time. She stated that she would like to hire an aide for two hours per day until the spring. She would like to offer this position to high school and college students as a work study program. The Board directed Ms. Milat to discuss her request with Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer.

B. Ms. Milat informed the Board that John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, has been recommended by his peers and chosen by the Governor for appointment to the State Board of Health. The Board congratulated Mr. Thayer on his appointment.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL COORDINATING COUNCIL - LAND USE DISCUSSION.

Kay Haaland, Cooperative Extension Chairman, introduced Chuck Dynes, Chairman of the Skagit Agricultural Coordinating Council.

Mr. Dynes provided the Board with a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Skagit County Agricultural Coordinating Council, and with a letter thanking the Board for its past support of the agriculture industry of Skagit County and suggesting a one year moratorium on the rezoning of all agricultural land in Skagit County, to allow time to review the County's comprehensive plan. Mr. Dynes stated that his group was formed last year, and consists of representatives from many facets of the agricultural industry, such as dairy farmers, crop farmers and seed farmers. Mr. Dynes stated that the first focus of the group was on the proposed development of the tourist-oriented Hollyhock Farms, located on agriculturally zoned land, by the Trillium Corporation. He stated that his council supports the views expressed by the Skagitonians to Preserve Our Farmlands, as stated in The Skagit Valley Herald, September 27, 1989, issue.

Ms. Haaland explained that the Skagit Agricultural Coordinating Council was formed in the 1960's, and continued to exist through the 70's. She stated that the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board recommended re-establishing the Council in 1989, and that the project has generated a great deal of interest within the agricultural community. She referred to several members of the Skagitonians to Preserve Our Farm Lands, who were present for the discussion, stating that the Skagitonians, while a separate organization, are in agreement regarding the issues surrounding the development of Hollyhock Farms.

Ken Christianson, Co-Chairman of the Skagitonians to Preserve Our Farmlands, stated that his group has focused on the rezoning of farm lands purchased by the Trillium Corporation, but that they are interested in a number of other issues as well. He stated that his group is interested in supporting alternatives to the rezoning of agricultural lands, and are in the process of drawing up Bylaws and establishing a Board of Directors.

Dave Hedlin, member of the Skagitonians and a local farmer, further discussed the purpose of the group.

Lisa Nielson, Co-Chairman of the Skagitonians, stated that her group is interested in establishing a relationship with Skagit County to assist in agricultural land planning.

Chairman Rohrer stated that the Board will need time to study the issue of the establishment of a moratorium. Commissioner Wylie pointed out that the Board

would need to call for a public hearing where testimony would be received for and against the establishment of a moratorium.

The Board took the suggestions of the two groups under advisement.

DISCUSSION - PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

Patricia Kale submitted her resume' and cover letter for the Board's perusal. She stated her wish for the establishment of the position of Public Information Officer in Skagit County, and that she be considered an applicant for this position. Ms. Kale offered to answer any questions the Board may wish to ask her.

Tom Sheahan, Department of Emergency Management Director, addressed the Board, reviewing the present County efforts towards keeping the public informed, including the maintenance of lists of appropriate individuals in industry, special interest groups and civic organizations where information may be disseminated. He also stated that Mark Spahr and Don McKeehen of the Public Works Department will be attending training in this field in the coming year.

Commissioner Wylie asked Ms. Kale what she would have to offer Skagit County, and what her reason would be for choosing Skagit County as an employer. Ms. Kale compared Skagit County with Snohomish County, and stated she would be primarily working with keeping the public informed, as well as dispelling any negative image the County might project and acting as a barrier for officials, especially for controversial issues.

The Board thanked Ms. Kale for her information.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

These items were taken at this time due to the length of the Public Works Department session.

- A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, October 2, 1989, and Tuesday, October 3, 1989, as submitted. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.
- B. The Board approved for signature the following Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:
 - a) Raymond W. Shulmier, 3648 Ashworth Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98103, in the amount of \$25.12, due to a manifest error (010989).
 - b) Washington Loggers, 3949 Iron Gate Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, in the amount of \$12.49, due to the sale of the property to the Department of Natural Resources (011589).
 - c) Michael M. Elvsaas, 2115 32nd, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$3.71, due to the sale of the property to an exempt party (011089).
 - d) Richard O. Burbank, 1887 Hwy. 20, Burlington, WA 98233, in the amount of \$77.92, due to a senior citizen exemption (011289).
- C. Commissioner Wylie motioned to reappoint Howard Shapiro of Mount Vernon

to another three year term as a member of the Developmental Disabilities Administrative Board, his present term having expired on September 10, 1989. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12236)

- D. The Board approved for signature a Jail Facility Use Agreement with the City of Burlington, furnishing jail facilities for holding City prisoners upon arrest, awaiting trial, and serving jail terms, at a cost of \$34.00 per detention day. The agreement is automatically renewing, unless otherwise modified or terminated.
- E. The Board approved for signature an Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Police Aid and Cooperation between the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, LaConner, Mount Vernon, and Sedro Woolley, authorizing the Sheriff's Office to provide manpower, resources and facilities whenever necessary to assist any other jurisdiction in matters relating to law enforcement.
- F. In accordance with actions previously taken, the Board approved for signature the following resolutions:
- a) Approving the Fir Conway Lutheran Church Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Request #R-89-006 (Resolution #12237).
 - b) Approving the Robert Royal (Wildwood Chapel) Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Request #R-89-007 (Resolution #12238)
 - c) Approving a Special Use Permit #89-012 of Robert Andrews to operate a produce market in Conway (Conway Farmers Market) (Resolution #12239).
 - d) Approving the Planned Unit Development of Cascade Ridge (Keith Johnson) (Resolution #12240).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Signature - Bid Award - Furnish/Install Bed, Box, and Hoist on County-Owned Truck Chassis.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature a resolution awarding the bid for the furnishing and installation of a bed, box and hoist on a County-owned truck chassis to Smiley's, Inc., of Mount Vernon, WA, for the bid price of \$11,701.38.

- 2) Signature - Interlocal Agreement - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Snowmobile and Winter Recreation Programs.

Mr. Spahr explained that the Washington State Parks and Recreation Department permits winter recreation in certain areas in Skagit County. The County Roads Department has traditionally performed snow plowing on roadways and parking lots adjacent to these areas, and has been approached once more to enter into a cooperative agreement to perform this service this winter.

The Board approved for signature a Cooperation/Collection Agreement with the Washington States Parks and Recreation Commission to perform snow plowing and maintenance near State recreation areas in Skagit County, for the sum of

\$800.00, with provisions for exceeding the reimbursement limit if inordinate heavy snowfall should occur.

3) Resolution - Road Number Change/Clarification for Chinook Drive.

Mary Cherberg, Office Engineer, explained that Chinook Drive, off of Peterson Road, has two different road numbers where it makes a 90 degree turn. She explained that the Public Works Department would like to combine the road sections under one number to simplify maintenance records. She stated that the road addresses would not be affected.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution changing the portion of the road commencing at the intersection of Chinook Drive and West Chinook Drive and running east to Keta Avenue and north to Peterson Road from Chinook Drive #3317 to Chinook Drive #3315. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12242)

4) Resolution - Road Name Clarification - a) Gunderson Road to Gunderson Lane, b) Crestview Lane to Crestview Drive.

Ms. Cherberg explained that Gunderson Lane, off of Highway 20 outside Burlington, was originally established as Gunderson Road, although it is signed Gunderson Lane and addresses on the road are identified as Gunderson Lane. She stated that a similar situation has occurred at Crestview Lane, which was originally established as Crestview Drive. Ms. Cherberg recommended adoption of a resolution to correct the matter for record keeping purposes.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution changing the name of Gunderson Road to Gunderson Lane, and changing the name of Crestview Lane to Crestview Drive. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12243)

5) Resolution - Road Name Change/Clarifications - a) Chinook Drive to West Chinook Drive, b) Cohoe to Keta Avenue.

Ms. Cherberg explained that a portion of Chinook Drive, as listed on County records, has for some time been signed West Chinook Drive, and addresses listed as such. She recommended changing the road name to correspond with the signing. She also recommended changing the name of Cohoe Drive in Burlington to Keta Avenue, where it falls within the County, to coincide with a similar change made by the City of Burlington. She stated that approximately four households will undergo an address change because of this name change.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution changing the name of a portion of Chinook Drive to West Chinook Drive, and changing the name of Cohoe Drive to Keta Avenue. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12244)

6) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction - South Skagit Highway in Vicinity of Day Creek.

Mr. Spahr stated that, based on an investigation of complaints of unsafe speed limits on South Skagit Highway, conducted by Ed Hawes, County Traffic Safety Engineer, it is requested that a public hearing be held to consider the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Engineer's report to lower the speed limit in the area of Day Creek from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing to be held on October 23, 1989, at 10:30 a.m., to consider the lowering of the speed limit on South Skagit Highway between milepost 9.07 and milepost 9.72 from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12245)

7) Call for Bids - Cape Horn, et al, Guardrail Installation.

Mr. Spahr explained that each year the Public Works Department conducts a review of guardrails in Skagit County. He stated that this year, the Public Works Department recommends the improvement of guardrails on the Cape Horn Road and Concrete Sauk Valley Road. He requested that the Board call for bids for removal of some substandard guardrail, modification of some guardrail, including faces and posts, and provision and replacement of approximately 8,965 feet of new guardrail.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for bids to be opened on October 30, 1989, at 1:30 p.m., for removing 855.4 feet of beam guardrail, modifying 2,410.5 feet of existing guardrail and installing approximately 8,965 feet of new guardrail at specific locations on Cape Horn Road and Sauk Valley Road. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. (Resolution #12246)

8) Signature - Resolution Rejecting Landscape Service Bids for Resource Recovery Facility.

Mr. Spahr stated that, acting on the direction of the Board, the Public Works Department has prepared a resolution rejecting all landscape service bids received for the Resource Recovery Facility. He stated, however, that he has just learned that the Department of Ecology will not release the \$347,000 in retainage for the Incinerator until the facility has been landscaped. Mr. Spahr also stated that 2/3 of the soil purchased for the landscape project has been distributed in preparation for winter maintenance.

Bill Ness, Solid Waste/Environmental Engineer, stated that of the 5 acres of grounds, approximately 1/3 is parking lot and 2/3 is grass area. The Board clarified for Mr. Ness that the 2/3 of grass area should be seeded in grass immediately, and further, that the Board does not wish to attempt to break the installation of an irrigation system out of the present bid, but wishes to call for new bids for an irrigation system as a single bid item, with new bid specifications worked up by the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution rejecting all bids received on September 5, 1989, for landscaping services at the Resource Recovery Facility. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12247)

9) Call for Public Hearing - Establishment of Remaining 1990 Solid Waste Rates/Inman Landfill Operating Hours.

Mr. Spahr explained that following closure of last weeks public hearing regarding solid waste rates, the Board set rates for municipal and private tipping fees, for private citizen per load fees, and for compactor fees. He stated that still unresolved are establishment of fees for disposal of tires, demolition debris and special wastes. It has also been requested that the hours of operation of the transfer sites be revised. Mr. Spahr offered a resolution calling for a public hearing to consider those matters.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on October 24, 1989, at 9:00 a.m., to consider the remainder of the 1990 Solid Wastes Rates and the hours of operation at Inman Landfill. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12248)

10) Signature - Contract Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Contractor.

Mr. Spahr gave information on the efforts to organize a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Skagit County. He stated that a grant of \$25,000 was received from the Department of Ecology for the project. He stated that a bid call was advertized for a contractor to perform receiving, packaging and transportation of hazardous wastes, and that two bids were received, one from Northwest EnviroServices and one from Chem Pro.

Mr. Spahr stated that the Board concurred with the recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept the bid of Northwest EnviroServices. He noted that it was recently advertized that Northwest EnviroServices is under criminal investigations for alleged improper handling of hazardous wastes at a site approximately three years ago. Mr. Spahr stated that in speaking to a number of individuals involved, including our own Chief Criminal Deputy, John Moffat and employees of Northwest EnviroServices, he has concluded that it would be appropriate to enter into a contract agreement with Northwest EnviroServices, and that, in fact, Northwest EnviroServices would endeavor to perform an excellent service to Skagit County in an effort to clear their record of these allegations.

Mr. Ness stated that both Northwest EnviroServices and Chem Pro have been involved in Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days throughout Washington State for a number of years. He stated that the Department of Ecology has strict guidelines regarding handling of hazardous wastes which must be adhered to.

Chairman Rohrer indicated the Board's wish that a State inspector be invited to be present at the Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste collection site.

The Board then approved for signature a contract with Northwest EnviroServices of Seattle for receipt, packaging and transportation of hazardous wastes to be collected at the Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on October 21, 1989, for the sum of \$50,638.00.

11) Discussion - Consideration of Contract with Department of Fisheries Regarding Fish Passages.

Mr. Spahr explained that, in light of the Board's identification of certain culverts made during the Board's tour of Skagit County waterways with representatives of the Department of Fisheries, representatives of the Public Works Department have been working with the Department of Fisheries on the issue of replacing culverts where it is impossible for spawning fish to pass through. Mr. Spahr submitted an example of an agreement between the Department of Fisheries and Pacific County for this replacement, in which the Department of Fisheries promises to pay 50%. Mr. Spahr stated that, by replacing these culverts in Skagit County, it will promote better fish habitat.

Mr. Spahr stated that two main issues occur to him in considering such a contract; 1) how much time would be allowed for these replacements, and 2) what liabilities would we assume for lowering the base of these culverts, thereby changing stream characteristics. Also, he was concerned with the maintenance of the culverts. Mr. Spahr stated that these issues, as well as the cost estimates compiled by the Department of Fisheries, will be reviewed over the next several weeks, and that he will return with a contract following an agreement with the Department of Fisheries.

Chairman Rohrer voiced his support for such a project, and the discussion ended.

12) Miscellaneous.

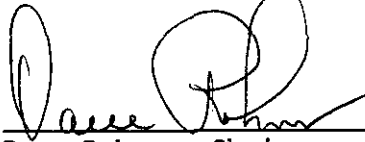
A. Don Nelson presented a Rock Rip-Rap Grant to a citizen in Dike District #8 near Sedro Woolley, who wishes to perform work on Coal Creek near Hoehn Road about 200 to 300 feet upstream from his property, where erosion has occurred.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to award 75 cubic yards of rock to Doyle Frisbee for rock rip-rapping of the Coal Creek bank near his property, for a total of \$243.75 from the River Improvement Fund. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12249)

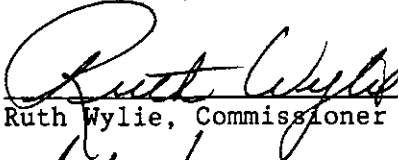
ADJOURNMENT

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

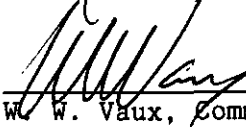
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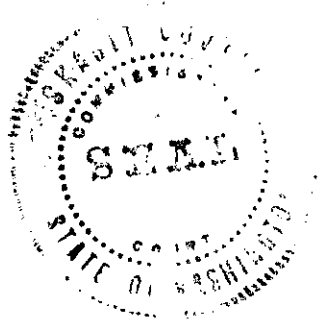
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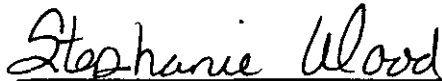
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ATTEST:



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