

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, October 17, 1989

- 9:00 a.m. Fire Hydrant Maintenance
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 10:30 a.m. Executive Session - Litigation
- 1:30 p.m. Authorization - Request for Proposals - Assessor's and Treasurer's Office Computer System.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 2:00 p.m. Discussion - Skagit County's 1990 Legislative Revenue Efforts - Washington Association of County Officials, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and Washington Association of Counties.
- 3:00 p.m. Tour of Computer Networks at Port of Skagit County.
- 4:00 p.m. Discussion - Flood Awareness Week - Army Corps of Engineers.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

DISCUSSION - FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

The Board met with Tom Sheahan and commissioners from Fire Districts 11, 4, 6, 13 and 2 to discuss responsibility relative to the maintenance of fire hydrants. The Fire Hydrant Maintenance Questionnaire was reviewed briefly. Responses were received from 10 districts, with 8 no responses. It was noted that some fire districts did not respond to the questionnaire because they have no hydrants.

Commissioner Vaux clarified that the main issue revolves around whether fire districts would be willing to pay maintenance on hydrants or not. Commissioner Wylie noted that out of the nine districts who responded to the questionnaire, six indicated they would not be willing to pay maintenance and three that they would.

Dennis Hofsted of the Mount Vernon Fire Department advised that there had been discussion relative to the PUD maintaining the fire hydrants, but there was concern about what would be charged for this service.

After further discussion it was agreed that some of the issues need to be

looked at and resolved at a public hearing.

Commissioner Wylie motioned that a public hearing be held Tuesday, November 14, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in Hearing Rooms B and C, County Administration Building. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #)

Commissioner Rohrer requested that Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Services, gather all the necessary facts and information prior to the hearing on November 14.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1) Commissioner Vaux motioned that the out-of-state travel request of Tom Sheahan to attend the B.C./States Oil Spill Task Force Emergency Response Sub-Committee meeting in Vancouver, B.C. October 19, 1989 at a cost of \$20.00 be approved. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 2) Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Record of Proceedings for Monday, October 16, 1989. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 3) The Board approved for signature an Application and Agreement for Use of School Facility between Skagit County Parks and Recreation and Burlington-Edison Public Schools for Volleyball League starting October 10, 1989.
- 4) The Board approved for signature an Application and Agreement for Use of School Facility between Skagit County Parks and Recreation and Burlington-Edison Public Schools for a Volleyball Tournament November 18, 1989.
- 5) The Board approved for signature an Application and Agreement for Use of School Facility between Skagit County Parks and Recreation and Burlington-Edison Public Schools for Open Gym Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.
- 6) The Board approved for signature an Application and Agreement for Use of School Facility between Skagit County Parks and Recreation and Burlington-Edison Public Schools for Men's Basketball League October 30, 1989 and November 6, 1989.
- 7) The Board approved for signature a School Facility Rental Application and Agreement between Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Mount Vernon School District #320 for volleyball Friday, October 20, 1989.
- 8) The Board approved for signature a Professional Services Contract between Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Mark Shamp for referee services October 12 through December 31, 1989.

- 9) The Board approved for signature a Professional Services Contract between Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Rose Ploeg for referee services October 11 through December 31, 1989.
- 10) The Board approved for signature a Professional Services Contract between Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Clyde Worhland for referee services October 12 through December 31, 1989.
- 11) The Board approved for signature a Professional Services Contract between Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Drew Fleshman for basketball scorekeeping October 12, 1989 through December 31, 1989.
- 12) The Board approved for signature an Application and Agreement for Use of School Facility between Skagit County Parks and Recreation and Burlington-Edison Public Schools for Men's Basketball League October 30, 1989 and November 6, 1989.
- 13) Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature an Agreement between the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department, Fair Division, to sponsor an Antique Show and Sale April 6, 7, 8, 1990. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the payment of a non-refundable fee of \$200 to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival for promotional activities. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 14) The Board approved for signature a Lease between Skagit County and Summersun Greenhouse Company commencing October 1, 1989 and expiring on September 30, 1994.

**AUTHORIZATION - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - ASSESSOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICE
COMPUTER SYSTEM**

Mike Woodmansee reported that Skagit County is soliciting Requests for Proposals and Statements of Qualifications from firms for a Property Tax Administration, Property Tax Collection, Property Appraisal computer software system.

Bob Lee, of the Assessor's Office, noted that part of the expense is in data conversion and that training will also be included in the cost of the system. He added that Skagit County will be off the Snohomish County system by approximately June of 1990.

Commissioner Wylie motioned that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners authorize the Skagit County Assessor's Office and Skagit County Treasurer's Office to submit a request for proposals for a computerized property appraisal, tax administration and collection system. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION - SKAGIT COUNTY'S 1990 LEGISLATIVE REVENUE EFFORTS - WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, AND WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Commissioner Vaux introduced Jim Metcalf of the Washington Association of Counties and Fred Saeger of the Washington Association of County Officials.

Mr. Metcalf said that since the criminal justice system is bursting at the seams with growth, they believed that the approach to the Legislature needed to be changed. Also, they felt the fiscal and administrative problem needed to become a public problem as well. After reviewing some of these issues they decided that public awareness needed to be increased and they would approach county department heads and officials to approach their own communities regarding the situation. A campaign approach should be taken, with community groups being educated regarding the situation. With increased public awareness and understanding, it is felt that the Legislature will look at the situation in a different light. The resources exist at the state level to deal with this problem and, therefore, it is important that the Legislature see the situation as a priority.

Mr. Metcalf added that at this point they have stayed away from proposing a solution to the problem. They believe that it is important to get a commitment from the Legislature. After that, a solution can be introduced.

Fred Saeger talked about some of the problems facing county governments relative to the criminal justice system and its increased demands on county governments. The problem varies from county-to-county. Mr. Saeger reviewed some graphs and charts demonstrating the increase in violent crimes and arrests in Skagit County. He said he believes that if the realities of the situation are explained to the public there will be a change in public perception.

Mr. Saeger requested that Skagit County elected officials put together a campaign to increase public awareness in this matter. He also made some suggestions about ways to approach the situation, emphasizing a team approach.

Mike Rickert, Prosecuting Attorney for Skagit County, noted that the biggest increase in Skagit County is in the District Court. Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, noted the domino effect on County departments. He indicated there is a large increase in the workload of the Auditor's Office due to criminal justice matters. Every office is impacted.

The Board thanked Mr. Saeger and Mr. Metcalf for their presentation, indicating that serious consideration would be given to their suggestions relative to this matter.

DISCUSSION - FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK - ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Don Nelson, Public Works Department, introduced members of the Army Corps of Engineers. He noted that the Corps will be looking over the situation in

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Skagit County relative to flood potential and offering recommendations to the County if needed.


The Board expressed appreciation to the Corps for their assistance to Skagit County now and in the past.

The Corps of Engineers thanked Skagit County for observing Flood Awareness Week, emphasizing education and awareness in Skagit County.

ADJOURNMENT

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


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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



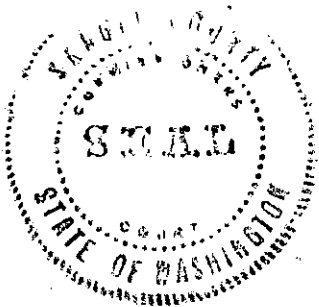
Dave Rohrer, Chairman




Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Jean Copping, Acting Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners