

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

November 13, 1989

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

- 1) Discussion - Skagit County Public Health Parent Skills Training Project.
- 2) Discussion - Suggested Reinspection Fee for Critical Violations at Temporary and Mobile Food Booths.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

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

- 1) Public Hearing - Vacation of Unused County Right-of-Way - Plat of Bayview.
- 2) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction - Rhoades Road and Suenic Street.
- 3) Signature: Interlocal Agreement with Department of Wildlife.
- 4) Signature: Ordinance - South Skagit Highway Speed Reduction.
- 5) Signature: Ordinance - Lyman Hamilton Highway Speed Reduction.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - Four New 1990 Model Pick Up Trucks.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

2:00 p.m. Proclamation - Economic Opportunity Act - 25th Anniversary.

3:30 p.m. Discussion - County Services for Upriver Community.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) **Discussion - Skagit County Public Health Parent Skills Training Project.**

Carolyn Milat, Skagit County Health Department Director, stated that funds are available through the State legislature for a variety of activities involving substance abuse. She stated that Human Services Director JoAnn Angevine has approached the Health Department with an offer of funds for the next 18 months to sponsor a parenting skills program. The program would target teenage parents, abusive parents and substance abusing parents. She stated that, since it is difficult to motivate this group to attend classes away from home, the program has been planned to provide home visits by public health nurses. With the available funds, a portable television and VCR will be purchased to show 15 minute parenting skills films in the homes of targeted parents. Ms. Milat stated that \$18,000 is available from January 1, 1990, through June of

1991. She stated that the allotments will be \$2,700 for equipment and materials and \$15,300 for additional nursing staff.

The Board discussed other similar programs in the area. The Board supported Ms. Milat's plans.

2) Discussion - Suggested Reinspection Fee for Critical Violations at Temporary and Mobile Food Booths.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, stated that the 1989 temporary food booth season is almost at an end. He stated that this year a number of temporary food booths have upgraded to mobile food booths, which become involved in a number of 2 to 3 day events each year. Mr. Thayer noted that included in the licensing fee for a food booth is an inspection by a Health Department professional. Mr. Thayer stated that at times, when health violations are noted to the owner, it is necessary to reinspect the food booth for compliance with the requests made at the first inspection. Sometimes even a third inspection is necessary. Mr. Thayer noted that, without follow up inspections, there is great potential for harm to the public.

Mr. Thayer advised that, while mobile food booths buy an annual license, they do not operate every day, and may work as few as three events per year. This necessitates a concentration of Health Department inspections in the few days they are open. Temporary food booths generally serve a single one-day event, for which single licenses are purchased which include a Health Department inspection. A reinspection may have to be held a few hours later in the cases of temporary food booths. Mr. Thayer indicated that the Health Department would like to get a message to food booth owners that food must be sold safely to the public. In order to do so, Mr. Thayer recommended a reinspection fee to be charged whenever the booth is assessed a "red score" of 15 or more and requires an additional inspection. Mr. Thayer stated that this is currently done at the same level for restaurants. The following fee schedule was recommended:

Temporary food booth reinspection.....	\$25.00
Mobile food booth reinspection (1st reinspection in calendar year).....	\$50.00
Mobile food booth reinspection (2nd or subsequent reinspections in a calendar year).....	\$75.00

Mr. Thayer noted that fixed restaurant reinspections are currently assessed at \$50.00 for the first reinspection, \$75.00 for a second reinspection, and \$100.00 for the third or subsequent reinspections.

The Board discussed with Mr. Thayer the charges for temporary food booth reinspections versus mobile food booth reinspections. Mr. Thayer admitted that both reinspections require the same staff time to complete. The Board expressed to Mr. Thayer their wish that temporary food booths be charged the same as mobile booths for reinspections. Mr. Thayer concurred and stated he would bring the issue back for a vote when he submits the entire fee schedule for consideration later this year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. As of this date, November 13, 1989, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature Warrant #49509 in the amount of \$1,250.00 (C-48-89).
- B. The Board approved for signature the following Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:
- 1) Nature Conservancy, Washington Field Office, 1601 2nd Ave. #910, Seattle, WA 98101, in the amount of \$79.69, due to the cancellation of 1989 tax per the Department of Revenue. (010589)
 - 2) Nature Conservancy, 1601 2nd Ave. #910, Seattle, WA 98101, in the amount of \$24.90, due to an exemption per the Department of Revenue. (010689)
 - 3) Nature Conservancy, 1601 2nd Avenue #910, Seattle, WA 98101, in the amount of \$20.37, due to a refund per the Department of Revenue. (010489)
 - 4) George Lomsdalen, 816 S. Anacortes St., Burlington, WA 98221, in the amount of \$112.20, due to a senior citizen exemption. (012589)
- C. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the Record of the Proceedings from Monday, November 6, 1989; Tuesday, November 7, 1989; and Thursday, November 9, 1989, as submitted. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused for the following items:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) Public Hearing - Vacation of Unused County Right-of-Way - Plat of Bayview.

Mr. Spahr reported that the petition for the vacation of the unused County right-of-way in the Plat of Bayview has been withdrawn, making a public hearing unnecessary.

2) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction - Rhoades Road and Suenic Street.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on October 24 and 31, and November 7, 1989.

Mark Spahr located the Rhoades Road and Suenic Street on a vicinity map. He explained that, based on the residential nature of the streets and the pedestrian traffic there, the Engineer's Report recommends that the speed limit on both streets be lowered from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.

Mayor Donald "Spud" Walley from Sedro Woolley stated that both ends of Rhoades Roads are within the County, while the middle section is in the Sedro Woolley city limits. Lowering the speed to 25 m.p.h. would be compatible with the speed established for the road within the city limits.

Mary Franks, a Suenic Street resident, stated that many cars use the road as a short cut between Highway 20 and Highway 9. Their speeds are a danger to the children in the neighborhood, and she supported the lowering of the speed limit.

In answer to Mrs. Franks' questions, Mr. Spahr stated that "SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs have been deemed a liability risk by virtually all street departments in the nation, as they appear to give children license to play in the streets and right-of-ways. He stated that no such signs could be posted in Mrs. Franks' area.

Chairman Rohrer produced for the record a letter from Dagni Cole, 1003 Rhodes Road, who favors the lowering of the speed limit.

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

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to decrease the posted speed limit on Rhoades Road from milepoint 0.13 to milepoint 0.82, and the entire length of Suenic Street (milepoint 0.00 to milepoint 0.12) to 25 m.p.h. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

3) Signature: Interlocal Agreement with Department of Wildlife.

Mr. Spahr submitted for signature an ongoing agreement with the Department of Wildlife for maintenance, noxious weed control, and pavement maintenance at certain facilities owned by the Department of Wildlife in Skagit County. Payment occurs at the rate of cost plus 9%, and the contract continues through 1994.

The Board approved the contract for signature.

4) Signature: Ordinance - South Skagit Highway Speed Reduction.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the Ordinance establishing a speed limit revision from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. on a portion of the South Skagit Highway from milepoint 7.97 to milepoint 9.72. (Ordinance #12286)

Traffic Safety Engineer Ed Hawes noted that the milepoints had been incorrectly listed on the advertisements and earlier documents pertaining to the revision; however, the intent had been understood by all present at the public hearing, and correct vicinity maps demonstrating the area had been used for reference.

5) Signature: Ordinance - Lyman Hamilton Highway Speed Reduction.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the Ordinance establishing a speed limit revision on the Lyman-Hamilton Highway from milepoint 1.79 to milepoint 4.43 and from milepoint 5.39 to milepoint 6.91. (Ordinance #12287)

6) Miscellaneous.

A. As requested by the Public Works Department, Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for bids to be opened on November 28, 1989, at 1:30 p.m., for one new traction-driven chemicals and abrasive materials spreader. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12288)

B. Don Nelson, Flood Control Section Manager, gave an assessment of the flood situation which occurred over the past weekend. He gave the following chronology:

11/08/89		Skagit River began rising slowly.
11/09/89	10:00 a.m.	Skagit River reached flood stage at Concrete.
11/09/89	7:00 p.m.	Skagit River crested at 31 feet at Concrete (5 feet above flood stage).
11/10/89	2:00 a.m.	Skagit River lowered to 29 feet at Concrete.
11/10/89	4:00 p.m.	Skagit River crests again at 33 feet at Concrete.
11/11/89	9:00 a.m.	Skagit River crests at 31.2 feet at Mount Vernon (3 feet above flood stage).

Mr. Nelson stated that voluntary evacuations occurred at Thunderbird and Cape Horn. Crews topped the upper portion of the dike on Cockerham Island also. Mr. Nelson reported that most of the problems occurred on the streams in local areas rather than on the Skagit River. He briefly mentioned several creeks and streams where the most severe flooding occurred. Mr. Nelson indicated that he will be assessing the County for flood damage, attempting to qualify for State emergency funds.

Chairman Rohrer discussed with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Spahr various flood control problems in Skagit County.

C. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution designating "CommonGround: A Center for Conflict Resolution" as a Dispute Resolution Center in Skagit County. (Resolution #12289)

BID OPENING - FOUR NEW 1990 MODEL PICK UP TRUCKS.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on October 31 and November 7, 1989.

The following bids were received and opened:

Bid Item #1 was two new 1990 half-ton four-wheel drive gasoline pickup trucks.
Bid Item #2 was two new 1990 half-ton four-wheel drive diesel pickup trucks.

a) Cascade Chrysler
660 Auto Blvd.
Burlington, WA 98233

Bid Item #1: Dodge W-150-S - \$30,406.48.
Bid Item #2: No Bid.
Bid deposit enclosed.

- b) Seaside Chevrolet Buick, Inc.
1004 Commercial Avenue
Anacortes, WA 98221

Bid Item #1: Chevrolet CK10903 - \$27,937.42.
Bid Item #2: Chevrolet CK10903 - \$31,146.92.
Bid deposit enclosed.

- c) Vern Sims Ford, Inc.
116 West Ferry Street
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Bid Item #1: 1990 Ford F-150 4x4 - \$28,595.00
Bid Item #2: No Bid.
Bid deposit enclosed.

- d) Blade Chevrolet
1100 Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Bid Item #1: Chevrolet CK10903 - \$28,728.30.
Bid Item #2: Chevrolet CK10903 - \$29,708.50.
Bid deposit enclosed.

- e) Skagit Ford-Subaru
P.O. Box 1377
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Bid Item #1: Ford F-150 - \$29,805.45.
Bid Item #2: No Bid.
Bid deposit enclosed.

The Public Works Department requested to be allowed to review the bids and return at a later date with a recommendation for award. The Board granted their request.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to appoint June Keepers of Mount Vernon to complete the term of Ben Bourns, who has retired, on the Northwest Senior Services Board. The appointment shall be effective November 13, 1989, and expire on June 30, 1991. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12290)

PROCLAMATION - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT - 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

Commissioner Wylie read the proclamation commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Economic Opportunity Act, which fostered such organizations as Community Action Agencies, and motioned to declare the week of November 13 through 17,

1989, Economic Opportunity Week, as well as recognizing Skagit County Community Action Agency, Cascade Job Corps, Skagit Valley College Headstart, and Volunteers in Services to America (VISTA) for their contributions. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which was carried and so ordered.

Representatives from Skagit County Community Action Agency, Cascade Job Corps, Head Start and VISTA Volunteers were present to accept the proclamation, as well as to discuss their organizations with the Board.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY SERVICES FOR UPRIVER COMMUNITY.

Sara Huntington, Cascadian Farms employee and part owner of the Mountain Song Restaurant of Marblemount, opened the discussion. She stated that she represents the upriver community in conveying to the Board their interest in having County services provided at an upriver location on a periodic basis. She suggested that the County institute a satellite office, which could rotate uses between the departments offering upriver services.

Ms. Huntington made the following suggestions for needed services:

- Commissioners' Office Periodic meetings could be held upriver, perhaps one time per month. Also, the District #3 commissioner could have an office upriver, where he would spend a certain amount of time each week.
- Health Department Water sample kits could be offered on Mondays and picked up for delivery to the courthouse later that afternoon.
- Assessor Staff person to answer tax questions and complaints.
- Auditor
- Licenses and Permits
- Sheriff's Office Service to the upriver community is slow or non-existent, even with one deputy having his residence there.
- Treasurer

Vicki Johnson of the Upper Skagit Community Services stated that the following social services functions are needed:

- Health Department An office for the visiting nurse to hold private discussions.
- Child Protective Services An office for private consultations and discussions with parents and children.
- Legal Services Professional to advise on legal matters such as divorces.
- Youth Services Programs sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department such as swimming, volleyball and other classes.
- Cooperative Extension At least a display of pamphlets, also involvement in programs such as master gardener classes.

A suggestion was made to use the Puget Power building for a County satellite office.

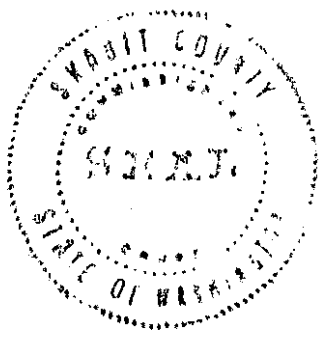
State Representative Mary Margaret Haugen discussed satellite services offered to remote areas in other counties such as Island County, Clallam County, Benton County and Pierce County. She was supportive of Skagit County's establishment of extended services to the upriver community.

Chairman Rohrer suggested that a meeting be arranged with the department heads responsible for the services requested by the group. The Board directed the Clerk of the Board to arrange for a meeting, inviting those present today, and include it on the Board's agenda.

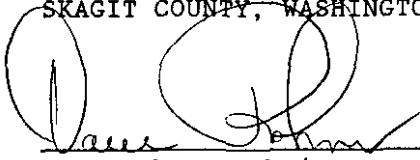
The Board further discussed with the group the use of Western Washington University interns to administrate new programs, construction of new parks in the Marblemount area, and inclusion of the Newhalem-Diablo area currently in Whatcom County in Skagit County. Representative Haugen also noted that a meeting has been scheduled with State upriver landowners for January 6, 1989, at which questions will be answered regarding land use issues.

ADJOURNMENT

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



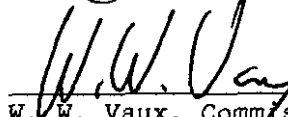
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