

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 20, 1989

- 8:45 a.m. Call for Public Hearing - 1990 Skagit County Budget.
- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:
- 1) Signature: WSDOT/County Agreement - Francis Road.
 - 2) Signature: Ordinance - Speed Limit Reduction - Rhoades Road and Suenic Street.
 - 3) Discussion - Solid Waste/Recycling.
 - 4) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of Right-of-Way on Andal Gravel Pit Road.
 - 5) Signature: Final Order of Vacation - Similk Beach.
 - 6) Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING - 1990 SKAGIT COUNTY BUDGET.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, briefly reviewed the final totals for the proposed 1990 Skagit County Budget.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on December 4, 1989, to consider the adoption of the proposed 1990 Skagit County Budget. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12296)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Signature: WSDOT/County Agreement - Francis Road.

The Board approved for signature an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for federal matching grant funds for Hazard Elimination Grant #HES-2029. The work to be performed with the funds involves redesigning and constructing minor realignment of existing curves on Francis Road to provide a 35 m.p.h. curve, paving the roadway surface with asphalt concrete, and installing pavement markings and signing.

- 2) Signature: Ordinance - Speed Limit Reduction - Rhoades Road and Suenic Street.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the Ordinance establishing a speed limit revision on Rhoades Road from milepoint 0.13 to milepoint 0.82, and on the entire length of Suenic Street, at 25 m.p.h.

3) Discussion - Solid Waste/Recycling.

Rebecca Voerman gave information on her plans and current efforts toward promoting recycling in Skagit County. She stated that she believes that in order to encourage citizens to recycle, County employees should set an example. She will be asking County employees to complete a recycling survey in the near future toward that end.

Ms. Voerman stated that she feels a good recycling program should support all components of recycling. She indicated that in addition to providing collection of recyclables, Ms. Voerman felt marketing of goods made from recyclables should be supported. She stated that she is researching procurement of office products made from recyclables for the County to purchase.

Ms. Voerman stated that she is planning to survey County residents via a questionnaire to assess their needs and desires regarding a recycling program.

Ms. Voerman will be holding a meeting next Tuesday with parties interested in discussing composting of food wastes, garden wastes and sewage sludge.

Finally, Ms. Voerman indicated that she is planning to advocate safer alternatives to Household Hazardous Wastes such as cleaning chemicals and supplies via radio telecasts.

Commissioner Vaux pointed out that he understood the cities' position to be that they wished no County involvement in their recycling programs until after a recycling program is mandated. Commissioner Vaux felt that the questionnaire should go only to County residents.

Several manners of distribution were discussed, and the Board asked to see a draft of the questionnaire before it is sent out.

Mr. Spahr requested that the Board clarify how inquiries on recycling are handled at the Public Works Department. Commissioner Vaux felt the callers should be asked where they live, and referred to the appropriate agency. Commissioner Vaux pointed out that the Recycling Coordinator's salary was not funded from tipping fees, but rather was funded from other sources when the Cities showed reluctance to be responsible for part of the funding for the position. Therefore, the first priority of the Recycling Coordinator should be to serve the needs of citizens in unincorporated Skagit County.

Mr. Spahr indicated that he felt the first task of the Recycling Coordinator should be to lower the waste stream, as it effects the use of the incinerator and landfills.

Chairman Rohrer suggested that a meeting of all mayors and city representatives be held to clarify issues, and Commissioner Wylie agreed.

Commissioner Vaux maintained that the major effort of the Recycling Program should be directed toward unincorporated Skagit County, with assistance being offered to cities, but the focus remaining on the County. Commissioner Vaux and Ms. Voerman discussed the focus of recycling on rural areas, and Ms.

Voerman was directed to work with Terry Knudsen of Rural Sanitation to develop a survey base of rural households.

Commissioner Vaux then turned the discussion toward the current recycling contract with C&D Recycling. He voiced his concern over the condition of C&D Recycling's West Mount Vernon operation, pointing out that the site is extremely untidy and poorly operated. He questioned whether the contract with C&D gives the County authority to correct this unacceptable condition. The Board discussed the contract with Mr. Spahr and Bill Ness, Solid Waste/Environmental Engineer, and Mr. Ness was directed by the Board to send a letter to C&D Recycling pointing out the deficiencies noted, with a copy to Mayor Reep of Mount Vernon.

Finally, the Board discussed with Mr. Spahr, Mr. Ness and Ms. Voerman the subject of CFC (chlorofluorocarbon) gases, which was brought up by a concerned citizen, Mr. Don Bockelman, to the Board and covered widely in the media. Mr. Bockelman has challenged that the Resource Recovery Facility emits CFC gases.

Ms. Voerman noted that CFC's are reported to be responsible for ozone depletion and the global warming effect commonly known as the "greenhouse effect". Ms. Voerman stated that she contacted Jim Knudsen of the Department of Ecology, who has worked extensively with incinerators. He stated that CFC's are not emitted by incinerators, and referred her to another specialist for further information. Ms. Voerman then contacted a representative of Jay Willenburg of the Air Emissions Program at the Department of Ecology, who stated that at present there is no way to test for CFC gases. He stated that when working properly, as does the Skagit County incinerator, organics break down in the 1800 degree heat and CFC gases are not emitted.

The Board directed Ms. Voerman to continue to monitor the issue and report to the Board.

4) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of Right-of-Way on Andral Gravel Pit Road.

Mr. Spahr located the right-of-way on a vicinity map in the Big Lake area. He stated that the vacation has been requested by Mr. James Kaech, et al.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for a public hearing on December 11, 1989, at 10:30 a.m., to consider the vacation of County right-of-way known as Andral Gravel Pit Road. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12298)

5) Signature: Final Order of Vacation - Similk Beach.

Jeff Monsen, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the vacation request of Earl P. Morgan of August, 1988, for vacation of right-of-way in the Sound View addition to Similk Beach. Mr. Monsen stated that Mr. Morgan wished to perform some property improvement and agreed to exchange a strip of land to the County for drainage purposes in return for a desired portion of County right-of-way. Mr. Morgan has now satisfied all conditions of the agreement with the County.

The Board approved for signature the Final Order of Vacation for an alleyway between Lots 15 and 16 in Block 1 of Sound View Addition to Similk Beach.

6) Miscellaneous.

A. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services, as presented by Tom Sheahan, Department of Emergency Management Director, with William M. Lokey of Tacoma, Washington, to develop and present a Tabletop Exercise to evaluate and train the March Point Community Awareness and Emergency Response Plan participants. The Contractor will receive \$500 in payment for these services.

B. Mr. Sheahan explained that the Department of Emergency Management has been approached by the State Department of Natural Resources with an offer to furnish equipment and manpower to assist in flood damage repair and restoration of private property. Mr. Sheahan stated that this is a pilot project which the department wishes to institute immediately under the management of the County Department of Emergency Management. Mr. Sheahan stated that he feels an agreement similar to the Right of Entry Contract used by the Flood Control Section of the Public Works Department could be adapted and approved by the Chief Civil Deputy for work performed on private property.

The Board directed Mr. Sheahan to proceed immediately with the administration of this project.

Mr. Sheahan stated that a number of projects have already been suggested, and that any other suggestions will be put on a list and ranked accordingly.

C. The Board approved for signature an Out-of-State Travel Request for Don McKeehen, DWI/Traffic Safety Coordinator, to travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland, from December 10 through December 15, 1989, to attend the Basic Emergency Public Information Course sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Most of Mr. McKeehen's expenses would be reimbursed by the FEMA, with the County being liable for only \$66.50, which is available in the employee training budget.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, November 13, 1989; Tuesday, November 14, 1989; and Wednesday, November 15, 1989, as submitted. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public meeting on November 30, 1989, at 7:00 p.m., in the County Administration Building Hearing Rooms, to consider the establishment of a Public Transportation Board of Directors. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12299)

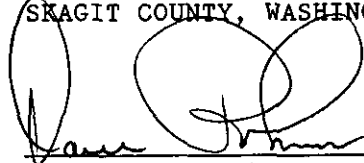
C. As of this date, November 20, 1989, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature the following warrants and vouchers:

- 1) Warrant #62156 through #62282 (Voucher #62156 through #62282) in the amount of \$185,111.26 (R-30-89).
- 2) Warrant #20419 through #20422 (Voucher #890282) in the amount of \$1,220.00 (P-13-89).
- 3) Warrant #49511 through #49946 (Voucher #911218 through #911787) in the amount of \$384,248.15 (C-50-89).

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman

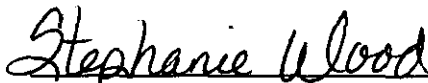
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners