

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

Tuesday, November 28, 1989

1:30 p.m. Bid Opening - One Tractor Driven Chemicals and Abrasives Spreader.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

2:00 p.m. Discussion - County Services for Upriver Communities.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 28, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer and W. W. Vaux present. Commissioner Wylie's absence was excused.

BID OPENING - ONE TRACTOR DRIVEN CHEMICALS AND ABRASIVES SPREADER.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on November 14 and 21, 1989.

The following bid was received and opened:

- a) Environmental Pollution Control, Inc.
16000 S.E. Evelyn St., P.O. Box 763
Clackamas, OR 97015

Manufacturer and Model: Epoke TK12H3
Total Out-of-Pocket Cost to Skagit County: \$14,910.25

The Board directed the Public Works Department to review all bids received and return tomorrow morning with a recommendation for award.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, November 20, 1989; and Tuesday, November 21, 1989, as presented. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.
- B. The Board approved for signature a Parks and Recreation Department Professional Services Contract with Matt Washkow to score and referee youth and adult basketball, and to act as a youth coach. He will receive \$6.00 to \$13.00 per game for scoring and officiating, and \$5.00 per hour for coaching.
- C. The Board approved for signature a Public Telephone Agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Contel of the Northwest. A public pay phone will be placed at Howard Miller Steelhead Park from September, 1989, through August, 1992, and the Parks and Recreation Department will receive a percentage of the coin-in-box, or a percentage plus a per minute rate, depending on the number of minutes of use and the amount of annual revenues. The contract also provides for discontinuation or movement of the pay phone in the event of an average annual collection less than \$3,500.

D. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented a Modification of the Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency. He explained that, due to changes in the cash flow of grants utilized by Community Action, there is a danger that the agency may cease to function. Mr. Woodmansee explained that, being in the best interest of the County for Community Action to remain viable, he is recommending that a cash flow advance of up to \$15,000 be provided to Community Action, which would be repaid within 90 days of issuance. The cash flow advance would be supported by a Cash Flow Spreadsheet outlining the agency's projected cash flow position.

The Board approved the Modification, as presented, for signature.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY SERVICES FOR UPRIVER COMMUNITY.

Chairman Rohrer opened the discussion. He stated that he has received a phone call from Mae Falavolito of the Concrete Herald, who felt that adequate advance notice of today's meeting was not received, and so would like to invite the Board for an evening meeting at a location in the upriver area. It was noted by the audience that notice of the meeting had appeared in the Skagit Valley Herald's community notices section, and in a special article.

County officials present introduced themselves to the citizens present.

Sarah Huntington, a concerned upriver citizen, reviewed her statement at the last meeting. She stated that numerous complaints from members of the upriver community have prompted her to seek the County's help in providing periodic representatives out of the current County staff at a satellite office located in the upriver community on a regular basis.

Vicki Johnson, an upriver citizen and representative of Upper Skagit Community Services, noted that there has traditionally been a separation of upper and lower valley residents. She noted problems with transportation to Mount Vernon as the main issue which precludes residents from receiving County services to which they are entitled as taxpayers. She also felt County employees and officials would do well to become acquainted with the upriver community. She noted a Well Child Clinic, Sheriff's Office services and Parks and Recreation activities as her main concerns.

Merv Peterson, a concerned upriver citizen, stated that he is a lifetime resident of Skagit County, and believes an "invisible wall" exists just east of Sedro Woolley, which causes upriver citizens to feel as though they are not part of Skagit County. He inferred that sentiment has ranged toward succession from the County at times. He noted particularly that the upriver territory is too large for one deputy to police.

Ms. Huntington noted the following services as being particularly desirable to upriver residents:

- Social and health services
- Water samples
- Health Department
- Planning Department

Ms. Johnson pointed out that the population of the upriver community probably doubles each summer due to tourism.

Chairman Rohrer stated that he has received information that the real estate office west of the County Shop is available for rent.

Paul Mahoney, Skagit County Treasurer, pointed out that the same feeling of isolation is held by residents in western Skagit County, in the Anacortes area. He felt if the County considers one area's problem, it should consider all areas of the County. Mr. Mahoney stated that his current computer system is antiquated, and it will take 12 to 18 months to upgrade it to a level that would allow a terminal to be placed upriver for access to both his office and the Treasurer's Office. At present, he could offer only a knowledgeable person to answer questions and take requests for information, to be returned later.

Ms. Johnson suggested that the upriver satellite station could be pilot project for other areas.

Ms. Huntington stated that at the last discussion, Representative Mary Margaret Haugen informed the Board of a number of counties which utilize satellite stations in remote areas. She suggested these counties be contacted.

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, stated that he would like to know specific items and services that are being requested of his office in advance of any other meetings.

Gary Frazier, Skagit County Sheriff, supported the notion of an evening meeting at an upriver location, where he could receive input from the public. He would then consider alternatives and submit his recommendations for answering the needs of the public. Sheriff Frazier stated that the Sheriff's Office cannot afford to staff an upriver satellite with a deputy at all times, but could provide administrative services on a weekly basis.

Ms. Huntington referred to Deputy Johnny Rose, who lives in the upriver community, and stated that his 8:00 to 5:00 shift was not providing protection when it is most needed. Sheriff Frazier explained that his policy has been to break the county's patrol territory into sectors, and to provide equal patrol throughout the county so that there is protection 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Ms. Huntington and Mr. Peterson advocated the visibility of deputies and an established pattern of service.

Commissioner Vaux then asked Ms. Huntington to make arrangements, through her position on the school board, to use the Concrete High School Cafeteria one evening at 7:00 p.m. during the week of January 16 through 19, for a community discussion with the Board and County officials.

Judy Menish, Skagit County Treasurer, also felt it would be helpful to pin down what specific needs the upriver community has of her office.

Mr. Peterson pointed out that many upriver residents are unaware of what is offered by County government.

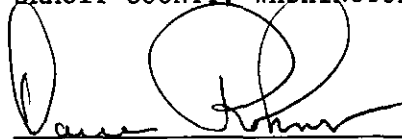
Jon Aarstad, Parks and Recreation Director, suggested that a small brochure containing a directory of services for the County would be helpful. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Peterson agreed.

The meeting terminated at this point, with the Board directing that plans be made for an evening meeting at an upriver location.

ADJOURNMENT

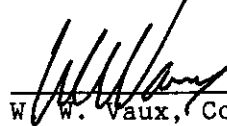
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

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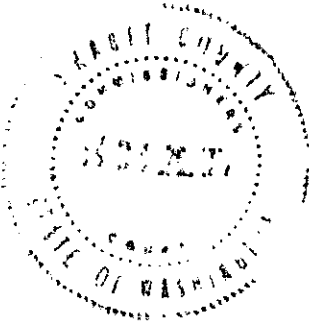


Dave Rohrer, Chairman

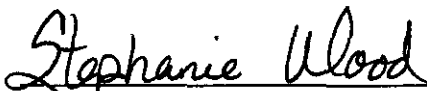
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. Vaux, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners