

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

**Tuesday, February 20, 1990**

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

- 1)    Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Portion of South Skagit Highway in Vicinity of S.R. 9.
- 2)    Update - Implementation Schedule of Recycling Plan.
- 3)    Signature - Project Prospectus for Indian Slough Bridge.
- 4)    Signature - County Agreement for Funding of Indian Slough Bridge.
- 5)    Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and Dave Rohrer present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:**

- 1)    **Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Portion of South Skagit Highway in Vicinity of S.R. 9.**

Chairman Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on January 23, 30 and February 6, 1990.

Mr. Spahr located the area in question on South Skagit Highway on a vicinity map. He presented an Engineer's Report regarding the matter for the Board's review, and noted that a petition opposing the speed limit reduction and containing approximately 150 signatures was received today.

Ed Hawes, Traffic Safety Engineer, reminded the Board that the speed limit on a section of South Skagit Highway encompassing the community of Day Creek was recently reduced from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. This was felt to be prudent in that the road travels through a fairly densely populated area which also contains a church and a small grocery store. The requested area between milepoint 1.00 and milepoint 2.10 would connect with the previous reduction area.

Mr. Hawes recommended that the roadway in question be allowed to remain at the posted speed limit of 50 m.p.h. Following a study of the roadway, he determined that a reduction in speed would be likely to increase the number of passing maneuvers and thereby endanger motorists traveling the highway. South Skagit Highway is also a major collector for the area, and should continue to operate as such.

Jo Swanson, who lives within the area in question, stated that the request has been made because of the danger to school children and elderly residents living in the area from speeding traffic, especially log truck traffic. She stated that because of a blind curve just east of the area, an accident has occurred involving one of her neighbors who was backing out of her driveway.

Judith Hawes, 2333 South Skagit Highway, stated that her main concern is the trucks coming along the road, which endanger her children while they wait for the bus or walk to the neighbor's.

Mr. Hawes located the "blind" curve referenced on a vicinity map. He stated that he did not do a sight distance study during his initial review of the road, since he did not feel there was a danger to residents along the highway if cars were traveling along the roadway at 50 m.p.h. He suggested that, if the Board desired, he could perform a sight distance study from the residents' driveways and perhaps perform brush cutting or additional signing to help protect the residents.

At this point, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Rohrer then motioned to allow the speed limit on the referenced portion of highway to remain at 50 m.p.h. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

The Board directed Mr. Hawes to perform sight distance studies in relation to the residents' concerns, and direct appropriate brush cutting or signing, as necessary.

2) Update - Implementation Schedule of Recycling Plan.

Rebecca Voerman, Recycling Coordinator, explained that contingent approval for the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan was given by the Department of Ecology (DOE). Final approval is contingent upon inclusion of an implementation schedule for items contained in the recycling plan. Ms. Voerman presented to the Board her implementation schedule, which, she stated, has been approved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the local mayors.

Ms. Voerman explained that current law states that in cities having populations of 5,000 or more, or in areas having population densities of 300 homes per square mile or more, curbside recycling must be implemented within one year of the update to counties' solid waste plans.

Ms. Voerman proposed that she make corrections to the previously submitted plan to satisfy DOE's concerns, and that she incorporate the implementation schedule in an additional chapter of the plan. Ms. Voerman reviewed the implementation schedule, discussing a pilot recycling program, aided by Terry Knudsen of Rural Sanitation.

Jenny Spray of Mount Vernon asked questions regarding local bans on product packaging, and Ms. Voerman explained current legislation which prohibits cities and counties from imposing such bans.

Ms. Voerman stated that her goal is to submit the update to the Solid Waste Comprehensive Management Plan one year ahead of schedule, as she understands from sources at the DOE that there will be a better change of receiving State funds for implementation of the plan if submittal occurs earlier.

The Board approved Ms. Voerman's plans.

Ms. Voerman then presented each Board member with a nylon shopping bag, to replace plastic or paper bags which are commonly utilized at grocery stores.

- 3) Signature - Project Prospectus for Indian Slough Bridge.
- 4) Signature - County Agreement for Funding of Indian Slough Bridge.

Mr. Spahr explained that annually the Public Works Department performs structural inspections on each of Skagit County's 90 bridges. Generally, the bridges are in fairly good condition due to an aggressive maintenance program adopted by the County. This year, it has been determined that brackish water contact has caused erosion and deterioration of the girders upholding the Indian Slough Bridge on the Bayview-Edison Road. He stated that load restrictions are not yet needed on the bridge.

Mr. Spahr explained that a SWIB report was submitted for Federal funds for repair of the bridge, and approval has been received for 80% funding of the repairs. Mr. Spahr stated that the cost to replace the bridge is estimated at \$130,000, and would be performed in the Spring/Summer of 1991. The replacement will include some widening of the bridge, and raising the height by four to five feet to avoid further damage from contact with brackish water.

The Board approved of the plans for replacement of the bridge, and approved for signature a Washington State Department of Transportation Agreement and a Federal Aid Project Prospectus for construction of 28 feet of bridge known as the Indian Slough Bridge, at a total cost of \$130,000 (\$101,600 in Federal funds and \$28,400 in local matching funds).

- 5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items from the Public Works Department.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Don Bockelman, representing the Citizen's Alert environmental activist group, made a statement regarding the County's termination of their operating contract for the Resource Recovery Facility with Wright Schuchart Harbor. He read several excerpts from the original contract with WSH, from pages 41, 48, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 49. He made objections regarding the County's failure to pursue recovery of damages from WSH for

what he perceived as breaches of contract. Mr. Bockelman felt the termination of the contract without public hearings was a "severe breach of the public trust".

The Board requested that Mr. Bockelman submit his comments and questions in writing to the Public Works Department for a response.

- B. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Records of the Proceedings from February 1, 5, 7, 12, 13, and 14, as submitted. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.
- C. As of this date, Monday, February 20, 1990, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature the following warrants and vouchers:
- 1) Warrants #1716 through #1769 (Vouchers #PDRAWFEB042 through PDRAWFEB085A) in the amount of \$16,296.39 (P-03-90).
  - 2) Warrants #79189 through #79239 (Vouchers #79189 through #79239) in the amount of \$14,228.35 (PR-3-90).
- D. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution appointing Dave Christianson to the Noxious Weed Control Board for a term of four years, expiring February 1, 1994. (Resolution #12383)
- E. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for County legal printing for the period from July 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991, to be opened on March 26, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12384).
- F. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on March 5, 1990, at 1:30 p.m., to consider an amendment to the Skagit County Code Chapter 9.08 regarding Outdoor Public Musical Entertainments, Amusements and Assemblies to add a variance procedure. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12385)
- G. The Board approved for signature an Application for Dance License of Robert W. Austin, DBA Totem Trail, 5551 Hwy 20, Rockport, WA, for a one year period beginning March 1, 1990, and ending March 1, 1991.
- H. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution establishing a salary increase of 3.25% and health and welfare benefits for Non-Union Employees of Skagit County for the year 1990. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12386).
- I. The Board approved for signature an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services for DSHS-Birth to Six Project

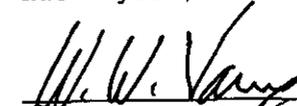
funds in the amount of \$6,423.00 to be channeled to SPARC for the period between January 1990, through September 1990.

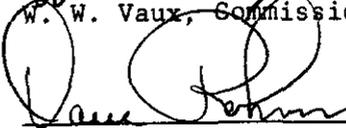
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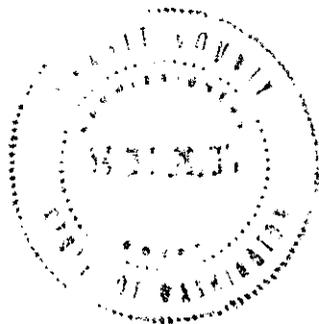
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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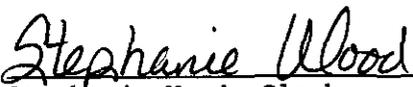
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners