

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 5, 1990

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

- 1) Discussion - Recycling Survey Results.
- 2) Discussion - Country Club Drive R.I.D.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Amendments to Skagit County Code Chapter 9.08
- Outdoor Public Musical Entertainments, Amusements and
Assemblies.

- 2:00 p.m.
- 1) Resolution - Insurance Revolving Fund.
 - 2) Resolution - Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget
- Insurance Reserve Fund.
 - 3) Resolution - Request for Proposals - Agent(s)/Brokers(s)
of Record - Skagit County Insurance Program.

2:30 p.m. Presentation of Property Inventory.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 1990, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present. Chairman Wylie's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) Discussion - Recycling Survey Results.

Rebecca Voerman, Recycling Coordinator, gave an overview of a recycling questionnaire, which was mailed out and returned in January and February, providing a copy of the survey results to each Board member.

Ms. Voerman first acknowledged the people who helped with the survey. She gave a special thanks to Eric Hall of WSU Cooperative Extension, who donated more than 100 hours to the project.

Ms. Voerman stated that distribution of the survey was somewhat informal, questionnaires being available at all County disposal sites, at some cities and chambers, and in some stores. A total of 377 questionnaires were specially sent to each resident in an identified pilot curbside recycling area. A total of 595 surveys were returned, 128 of those, or 34%, from the pilot area. Results of the survey were broken down by city and community, as well as for the County as a whole.

Ms. Voerman highlighted areas she found to be of interest in the survey. She stated that the answers to #3 - Why is recycling important to you - lead her to believe the public is environmentally aware. Question #4 - What do you

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currently recycle - shows that the most frequently recycled items are aluminum and newspapers. Most people would like to recycle plastics, but are unable to.

Question #6, regarding household hazardous wastes, shows that a number of people, about 92% feel that disposal of household hazardous wastes is important. About 70% of the respondents knew about the County's household hazardous waste clean up day.

Question #8, which asks about current methods of waste reduction, shows that education is needed for some programs to be successful.

Question #9, which asks the respondent to make multiple choices of things that need to happen in Skagit County for successful recycling, shows that people want curbside recycling, as well as collection of recyclables at drop boxes. They are, however, not as interested in collection of yard and garden wastes. A total of 28% of those surveyed would be willing to pay from nothing to \$1 for recycling programs, and 58% would be willing to pay \$3 and up.

Ms. Voerman stated that the survey has provided her department with a good mailing list of individuals interested in recycling.

The Board discussed past and future household hazardous waste clean up days and how they are funded. It is the plan of the Public Works Department to have annual clean up days in conjunction with local cities, and also to investigate joining with other counties to share the costs of a regular collection unit.

2) Discussion - Country Club Drive R.I.D.

Robin LaRue, Design/Construction Supervisor, stated that following his discussions last week with the Board regarding the proposal for a Country Club Drive R.I.D., he met with the committee acting as representatives for the residents. They requested to be allowed to be present at the next discussion with the Board, and to be allowed to address the Board.

Glenn Garberg, a member of the committee, stated that he is concerned because he was lead to believe that the County intended to move along quickly to establish the R.I.D. He feels that he has paid road taxes as long as he has lived on Country Club Drive, and that he has never seen any benefit from those taxes on his road.

Stanley Omdahl, another committee member, stated that he feels Country Club Drive has always been treated as a County Road, as school buses use the road, therefore it is part of the County's responsibility.

Commissioner Vaux then stated that it is his opinion that the first meeting was held with residents of Country Club Drive to present alternatives for bringing their road up to County standards so as to be acceptable for inclusion in the County's road program. A clear majority of the residents

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avored the alternative that would be the least expensive to the residents, but left with impression that the R.I.D. would go forward. Now the County has further qualified their position by pointing out that drainage needs to be addressed in conjunction with the R.I.D., and has further raised the costs to the property owners because of new design considerations.

Mr. Larue stated that the drainage concerns identified are additional problems that the Public Works Department feels should be addressed now, at the time of construction, rather than later, when the road belongs to the County.

Commissioner Vaux explained to the committee members present that the additional costs associated with the chosen alternative that are now being suggested by the Public Works Department are for additional excavation of the existing roadway surface before constructing the new roadway. It is felt that excavation is necessary, or else the level of the roadway will be so high that property owners' landscaping will suffer, and driveway "feathering" will have to be performed practically to the level of the homeowners' garages.

Commissioner Rohrer maintained his earlier stated belief that County funds should not be expended to subsidize this project. He stated that a number of his constituents have voiced their objections to utilization of County funds on private roads. He stated that he would like discussion of this matter continued until Chairman Wylie is present.

More arguments were made by the members of the Country Club committee. Amid the arguments it was mentioned by Commissioner Rohrer that the Public Works Department's recommendation for a drainage plan for the entire Country Club area would be helpful in decision making. It was noted that part of the Country Club is contained within Drainage District #19, so it is impossible to form a sub-flood control district.

Mr. LaRue again expressed his concerns for a timely resolution of the matter so that construction can begin during this year's construction season.

Finally, Commissioner Vaux requested that the discussion be continued to March 19, 1990, during the 10:30 a.m. Public Works session. Commissioner Rohrer agreed with this request.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item #3. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

1. Public Works Department

- a) Call for Public Hearing - Reduction of Speed Limit on a Portion of Bayview-Edison Road #3121, between Bayview Road and Bayview Mobile Home Park, from 50 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. to be held on March 19, 1990, at 10:30 a.m. (Resolution #12394)

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- b) Call for Bids - Aggregate Crushing Project, Butler Hill Gravel Pit and Upper Samish Gravel Pit, to be received and opened on March 27, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. (Resolution #12395)
- c) Call for Bids for Purchase of Culvert Stock for 1990, to be received and opened on March 19, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. (Resolution #12396)
- d) Call for Bids - Purchase of One New Passenger Van for County Auditor, to be received and opened on March 19, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. (Resolution #12397)

2. Office of Assigned Counsel

- a) Contract for Professional Services with Alfred L. Heydrich for legal representation in defense of Marlin Johnson, who is charged in Superior Court with Assault II, at the rate of payment currently being allowed by the County, from December 11, 1989, until the disposition of the case.

3. Skagit County Treasurer

- a) Petition for Property Tax Refund, Stan Knight, 1580 Hwy 9, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Petitioner has asked for a waiver of the penalty and interest in the amount of \$93.57. Skagit County Treasurer has requested a hearing on the matter.

4. Parks and Recreation Department

- a) Professional Services Contract - Jeff Garcea - to perform basketball scoring and officiating for the year 1990 at current County basketball officials and scorers compensation.
- b) Instructional Services Contract - Mount Vernon High Cheerleaders - to provide Cheerleader Camp on Saturdays in January and February, being compensated with 90% of the fees after expenses.

5. Board of County Commissioners

- a) Record of the Proceedings, February 20, 1990.
- b) Record of the Proceedings, February 21, 1990.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. As of this date, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature the following warrants and vouchers.

- 1) Warrants #79240 through #79374 (Vouchers #79240 through #79374) in the amount of \$271,459.46 (PR-4-90).
- 2) Warrants #1784 through #2314 (Vouchers #923 through #1457) in the amount of \$816,248.96 (P-04-90).

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 9.08 - OUTDOOR PUBLIC MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS, AMUSEMENTS AND ASSEMBLIES.

Commissioner Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on February 20, 1990.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, stated that a need has been identified to add a new section to the Skagit County Code section dealing with the permitting of outdoor public musical entertainments, amusements and assemblies that draw more than 100 participants, to allow for a variance procedure from some of the more stringent requirements of the section. Mr. Taylor indicated that the strict application of the code created hardships for two musical events proposed last year, and that the relaxation of monetary and time restraints would have allowed these events to be held.

Mr. Taylor stated that the proposed procedure would create the same type of variance procedure as required in Chapter 14.04 of the Code, which deals with the zoning code. It allows the Board to hear variances, and to attach conditions and safeguards to the variances. Mr. Taylor indicated that no fee is attached to the variance request, but that the code currently requires a \$500 permitting fee.

Loren Sande of Clear Lake had questions regarding the current ordinance.

Seeing no further public comment, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing, with Commissioner Vaux seconding. The motion carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Rohrer then motioned acceptance of the proposed ordinance, as outlined by Mr. Taylor. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Ordinance #12398)

RESOLUTION - INSURANCE REVOLVING FUND

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, explained that a need has been identified, through the current Risk Management Program, for a checking account that would be at the disposal of the Risk Manager to deal with minor claims that occur on a day-to-day basis. The account balance would not exceed \$5,000, and a combination of two of three signatures, the Risk Manager, Administrative Officer, or Chief Civil Deputy, would be required to validate the checks. No single check could total over \$1,500. Handling minor claims as they are received would avoid the more cumbersome claims settlement process now in effect, and would be a service to the public, as they would not have to wait as long for settlement of minor claims.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the proposal, with Commissioner Vaux seconding. The Board asked that the \$1,500 check limit be added to the resolution and presented again for signature only.

RESOLUTION - CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET - INSURANCE REVOLVING FUND.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, explained that in the past, the Public Works Department has been allowed to purchase their own insurance and handle their own claims within their department's budget. Now that a risk manager has been added to the County's staff, Mr. Woodmansee suggested it would be prudent to put the insurance and claims management of the Public Works Department under the insurance reserve fund and charge the cost to the road fund. A total of approximately \$300,000 for insurance and \$100,000 for claims would be expended. The revenue source would be an interfund transfer from the road fund.

Commissioner Rohrer agreed with this proposal, and motioned approval. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12399)

RESOLUTION - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - AGENT(S)/BROKER(S) OF RECORD - SKAGIT COUNTY INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Mr. Taylor explained that the last time the County's Agent/Broker of Record was put up for competitive bid was in the 1970's, at which time Sedgwick James (formerly Fred S. James) was chosen. A number of changes have occurred since then, particularly the establishment of the Washington Counties Risk Pool, and it is felt that it would be appropriate to go out for competitive bid again.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a Request for Proposals for an Agent/Broker of Record for Skagit County, to be accepted up to May 15, 1990. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12400)

PRESENTATION - PROPERTY INVENTORY.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that the law states that annually, on the first Monday in March, the Board of County Commissioners must review the County's property inventory. This he presented to the Board.

The Board approved the Property Inventory of Skagit County - 1990, for signature.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to call for public hearings regarding the expansion of a Critical Water Supply Service Area currently encompassing the Anacortes-Fidalgo area to include the entirety of Skagit County, to be held on March 19 and 26, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12401)

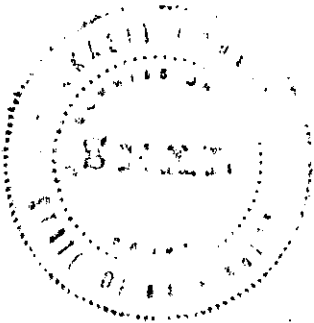
B. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the ordinance amending SCC 14.04.223 to provide for the Board

of County Commissioners to review and decide variance requests in Agriculture and Agriculture Reserve zoned lands. (Resolution #12402)

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ruth Wylie, Chairman

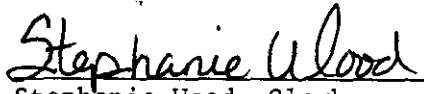


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners