

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 10, 1990

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

- 1) Discussion - Solganic's Proposal for Forest Land Application of Sludge.
- 2) Schedule of Charges - Proposed Revisions to Laboratory and Environmental Health Fees.

10:00 a.m. Parks and Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:

- 1) Youth Summer Playground Program.
- 2) Introduction of New Staff.
- 3) Park Advisory Board Tour - Selection of Date for May, 1990.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

11:00 a.m. 1) Resolution - Setting Forth Policies and Practices Regarding the Skagit County Loss Control and County-wide Risk Management Program.
2) Resolution - Authorization to Sign Written Contracts.
3) Miscellaneous.

2:00 p.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:

- 1) Enforcement Update.
- 2) Staffing Update.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

3:30 p.m. Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 1990, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present. Commissioner Wylie's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) Discussion - Solganic's Proposal for Forest Land Application of Sludge.

Commissioner Vaux explained that, because of Commissioner Wylie's absence, testimony will be heard at this time and recorded for Commissioner Wylie to review on her return. Further discussion will occur after that time.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist, explained that the Solganics Company has been involved with contracting in Skagit County, in conjunction with Western Services of Lynden, for quite some time. He stated that they would like to propose the application of sewage sludge to forest lands owned by the Crown Pacific Corporation and contained within Skagit County, utilizing sludge obtained from out-of-county sources.

Mr. Willis introduced Roger Hickey, representing Solganics. Mr. Willis explained that for a number of years Solganics has been trying to interest counties in forest land application of sewage sludge. Among the benefits of this type of application as opposed to agricultural application is the fact that forest land provides a non-food source for sludge disposal. It is also further from human habitation. Solganics would welcome oversight by a county entity.

Mr. Willis invited any interested party to attend a free workshop on sewage sludge sponsored by W.W.U. and W.S.U. in Bellingham tomorrow and Thursday.

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Mr. Hickey stated that Solganics specializes in waste management services to sludge producing industries and entities. He stated that Solganics is a pollution control company that was created in answer to stricter legislation for disposal of wastes. His company is a subsidiary of the Penser Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Washington Water Power Company.

Mr. Hickey showed slides to demonstrate his company's use of sludge to amend and reclaim land damages by industries such as strip mining. Many slides depicted the use of sewage sludge for increased growth to grains, grasses and trees. Mr. Hickey used slides to show the sources of sewage sludge and its benefits and disadvantages, which included high concentrations of metals such as cadmium, and contamination by bacteria. Specific information regarding the composition of sewage sludge was demonstrated using slides. Tests and studies performed on grains, trees and plants to show growth comparison and crop yield analysis, as well as a livestock forage study and a groundwater study, were demonstrated using slides.

Mr. Hickey explained that his company utilizes DOE criteria for selection of suitable wastes for sludge application. The company then identifies and permits sites for application, performs application, and contracts for monitoring of the sites with private companies.

Mr. Hickey explained that Solganics does not have a specific proposal for Crown Pacific forest land application at this time, as Skagit County does not generate enough sludge to make application worth while at this time. He did, however, indicate Solganics' interest in obtaining permission to import sludge to Skagit County for the purpose of application on Crown Pacific forest lands. Mr. Hickey stated that at some future date enough sludge may be generated in Skagit County to satisfy the application needs of Crown Pacific, but at this time there is not.

In answer to questions from the Board, Mr. Hickey explained that sludge application is generally provided to the landowner at no cost. Revenue for the Solganics Company is derived from the generator. Some sites, however, such as Christmas tree farms, are paying up to \$100 per acre for application. Mr. Hickey stated that studies by the University of Washington indicate that the effect of sludge application on the quality of wood is a slight weakening of the substance because of the faster growth. Mr. Hickey stated that the wood still is usable for standard purposes.

The Board thanked Mr. Hickey for his information.

2) Schedule of Charges - Proposed Revisions to Laboratory and Environmental Health Fees.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, stated that, as requested by the Board, a meeting was held of an ad hoc fee committee consisting of representatives of eating establishments, youth camps and others most effected by the proposed revisions to the Health Department's environmental health and lab fees. A good response was realized at that meeting, and support was obtained from the majority, based on some changes to the fees.

Specific changes were discussed with the Board, which included reductions in fee proposals for extra large food establishments and day and youth camps. Mr. Thayer then recommended that the Board call for a public hearing at which testimony could be accepted on the adoption of the proposed fees.

Commissioner Vaux asked for an explanation of the additional \$0.25 being charged to the solid waste tipping fund for environmental health fees. Mr. Thayer explained that the Public Works Director is aware of the fee increase and concurs. The increase will not be an additional charge to tippers, but will come

out of the current fee.

Commissioner Vaux proposed that the fines for illegal dumping be raised from \$50 for the first offense and \$200 for the second, to \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for the second. Commissioner Rohrer agreed, and Mr. Thayer was instructed to make those changes.

Carolyn Milat, Health Department Director, also pointed out that a vital statistics charge is included in the fee schedule proposal as a bookkeeping measure, but is actually set by the State Legislature.

The Board gave permission for a call for public hearing to be submitted for signature.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR:

Mr. Aarstad stated that, contrary to information he supplied the Board last week, only 13 responses were received from a survey of the upriver community.

1) Youth Summer Playground Program.

Mr. Aarstad prefaced this discussion by reminding the Board that he had discussed the possibility of starting a program aimed at finding supervised activities for kids who don't work or are unsupervised during summer break.

Dennis Lind, Recreation Supervisor, stated that the winter recreation program broke all records for youth participation. In an effort to continue to serve the youth, Mr. Lind stated, the Parks Department has put together two proposals for summer programs, in addition to the Parks Department's currently budgeted projects. He described these proposals as follows:

Proposal #1 would provide daily activities at Burlington/Edison/Lucille Umbarger Schools, Sedro Woolley/Mary Purcell or Evergreen Schools, LaConner Grade School, Concrete Grade School, and Anacortes/Fidalgo or Conway School, utilizing 6 recreation aides and 6 assistants daily from June 18 through August 17. Total cost, including equipment would be \$28,654.37.

Proposal #2 would provide activities Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Lucille Umbarger, Mary Purcell and LaConner, and Tuesday and Thursday at Edison, LaConner and Concrete, utilizing 3 recreation aides and 3 recreation assistants for the same time period. Total cost, including equipment, would be \$16,019.67.

Mr. Lind indicated that sites were chosen because they serve outlying areas, and their use would be donated by the school districts. The program would be conducted similar to that of the YMCA.

Mr. Aarstad pointed out that the new staff would not consist of the regular summer college student employees, but would be in addition to those. He stated that a decision is needed as soon as possible so as to include the program in the summer brochures of the Parks Department. Mr. Aarstad stated that if the funds are unavailable this year, he will include it in his budget requests for next year.

Fees to participants were discussed, as well as training of staff.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that a one or two location program, one being Concrete, should be tested this year to assess the interest in the program, and learn how it should function. He stated a willingness to approve \$10,000 for

such a program. Commissioner Rohrer agreed with this suggestion, and Mr. Lind was instructed to revise his proposal accordingly.

2) Introduction of New Staff.

Mr. Aarstad introduced Ken Deibert, the new Parks Manager, who began his employment with the Parks Department on March 12.

3) Park Advisory Board Tour - Selection of Date for May, 1990.

A date of May 17 was chosen for the Parks Advisory Board Tour, which will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last the entire day. Mr. Aarstad described the route of the tour.

4) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Aarstad handed out miscellaneous pamphlets and brochures to the Board.

RESOLUTION - SETTING FORTH POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE SKAGIT COUNTY LOSS CONTROL AND COUNTY-WIDE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution generally describing the Risk Management Policy for Skagit County, rescinding the policy adopted last year, citing applicable State and Federal laws, and referring to a risk management manual that is currently being developed. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12457)

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WRITTEN CONTRACTS.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Road Superintendent to sign written contracts for leasing of equipment in emergency situations to deal with problems relative to County roads, and for the Parks and Recreation Department Director to sign contracts for referees and official scorers in the Recreation Division. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and so ordered. (Resolution #12458)

MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. The Board approved for signature a renewal of the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon. The agreement provides Skagit County Probation Department services through the end of the year for a charge of \$19,000.
- B. The Board approved for signature a renewal of the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley. The agreement provides Skagit County Probation Department Services through the end of the year for a charge of \$2,900.
- C. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution listing Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Koch materials Company, U.S. Oil and Refining Company, Georgia Pacific Corporation, and Entac Western Industries, as eligible suppliers of asphalt mix products for the Public Works Department for the year 1990. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12459)
- D. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution listing Associated Sand and Gravel Co., Inc., and Lakeside Industries as eligible suppliers of liquid asphalt products for the Public Works Department for the year 1990. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12460)

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR:

1) Enforcement Update:

Mr. Kirkpatrick updated the Board on the outcome of the stop work order on Marine Drive and on the settlement of the landlord/tenant dispute in Concrete. He inferred that a new situation has developed in the upriver area involving helicopter logging. The monthly enforcement update figures were submitted for the Board's review.

2) Staffing Update:

Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that the new positions required for the Comprehensive Plan update are being advertised. He discussed with the Board his continuing attempts to hire a Plans Examiner.

3) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items from the Planning Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

No members of the public were present for the Public Comment Period.

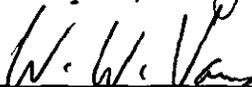
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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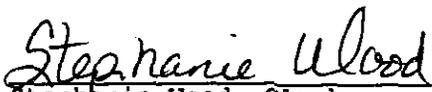
Ruth Wylie, Chairman



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

