

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 14, 1990

Flag Salute.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:

- 1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction - Portion of South Skagit Highway #0700.
- 2) Call for Public Hearing - To Consider the Possible Restriction of Truck Traffic on Peterson Road by Class, Type, or Weight.
- 3) Submittal - Preliminary 6-Year Road Program for 1991 - 1996.
- 4) Discussion - Special Disposal Rate - Blanchard Community Club.
- 5) Discussion - Incinerator Operations Status Report.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discussion - Request for New Recording Department Employee for Skagit County Auditor.
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Discussion - Broker of Record Selection.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:

- 1) Property Survey Contract with General Administration.
- 2) Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie, W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction - Portion of South Skagit Highway #0700.

Chairman Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on May 1 and May 8, 1990.

Chairman Wylie read for the record a petition opposing the speed limit reduction containing approximately 200 signatures. She also reviewed for the record a letter from Morris R. Robinson, 1087 Potts Road, Day Creek, in opposition to the reduction.

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Ed Hawes, Traffic Safety Engineer, reviewed the conclusions of his Engineer's Report. He stated that a decrease from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. would not result in a decrease of the current speeds of vehicles traveling the highway. He indicated that a decrease from 50 to 40 m.p.h. would be more realistic, and that, although it has been the position of the Public Works Department that the speed limit should remain at 50 m.p.h., the staff would agree that 40 m.p.h. would be warranted under the circumstances.

Commissioner Rohrer suggested an advisory posting.

Chairman Wylie stated that slides, icy conditions, and the concerns of neighbors regarding the sight distance from their driveways when entering traffic should be taken into consideration when setting the speed limit.

Mr. Hawes explained that the speed limit posting is situated right after rounding the curve in the road, but is actually in effect from Highway 9 South. He stated that in the narrative of his Engineer's Report, Mr. Hawes addressed ice and slides, indicating that the curves are presently appropriately signed with warning postings. Mr. Hawes further stated that, regarding driveway sight distance, most of the obstructions to sight distance are on private property and have been planted by the property owners.

There being no further public comment, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to continue the public hearing to May 30, 1990, at 9:00 a.m., when the Board will convene at the Courthouse Commissioners' Hearing Room and later adjourn to the site for a site visit.

Commissioner Rohrer withdrew his previous motion and seconded Commissioner Vaux's motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Call for Public Hearing - To Consider the Possible Restriction of Truck Traffic on Peterson Road by Class, Type or Weight.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the restriction of truck traffic on Peterson Road, #3240. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12488)

3) Submittal - Preliminary 6-Year Road Program for 1991-1996.

Mr. Spahr presented to the Board copies of the proposed Six-Year Road Program. He explained that work sessions have been scheduled for presentation of the program over the next two months.

4) Discussion - Special Disposal Rate - Blanchard Community Club.

Mr. Spahr presented a letter from Lynne Hower, Treasurer of the Blanchard Community Club, requesting that the Board waive their disposal fee of approximately \$342 for old roofing material to facilitate the replacement of the roof on the community club. Ms. Hower indicated that the Board should give consideration to how the club serves community when reviewing the request.

Mr. Spahr stated that, while the Public Works Department is sympathetic to the request of the club, staff believes that if this request is granted, there will be requests for hundreds of other waivers from other community groups. He stated that in reviewing past decisions, this type of request has not typically been granted. Mr. Spahr recommended that the disposal fee not be waived or reduced for the Blanchard Community Club.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that perhaps the wood shingle portion of the old roofing could be burned, and that a burning permit could be obtained for the same. Discussion ensued on this possibility.

Finally, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to deny the request of the Blanchard Community Club for a waiver of roof disposal fees. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which received unanimous approval.

5) Discussion - Incinerator Operations Status Report.

Don King, Incinerator Operations Manager, gave an informal report of the status of the Resource Recovery Facility. He stated that a problem occurred with the fly ash system late Friday, which required the shutdown of half of the plant and use of an alternate method to handle remaining ash. He stated that the system should be back up by tomorrow evening.

Mr. King indicated that the new shredder teeth will arrive tomorrow. He stated that the plant is averaging 147 tons per day, seven days per week. He stated that this is a 7% increase over last year.

The Board discussed with Mr. King their requirements for his monthly status report. They discussed also the presence of metals in the waste stream. Mr. King indicated that a large amount of metals are being generated by the drop box sites, as well as a couple of industrial customers.

Commissioner Rohrer's absence was excused for the following items.

6) Miscellaneous.

A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for a contractor for the reconstruction of the Chilberg Road, to be opened on Tuesday, June 5, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12490)

B. Mr. Spahr explained that bids were opened for two new pick up trucks for the Parks Department on April 23, 1990. The apparent low bidder, Hinton Oldsmobile, was subsequently awarded the bid for one of the units through Resolution #12477. Later, Hinton Oldsmobile withdrew their bid because of an error which caused their bid to be some \$900 lower than they had intended. Mr. Spahr presented a resolution that rescinds the bid award to Hinton Oldsmobile and awards the bid to Seaside Chevrolet, the second lowest bidder.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution rescinding Resolution #12477, and awarding the bid for a new truck for the Parks Department to Seaside Chevrolet for the bid price of \$12,019.49. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12491)

C. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing an interdepartmental transfer of a 1984 Ford LTD four-door sedan from the Skagit County Sheriff's Department to the Juvenile Probation Department. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12492)

D. Mr. Spahr explained that the Public Works Department has received a request from Skagit P.U.D. #1 to make an open cut on County roadway at Concrete Sauk Valley Road to facilitate the installation of a water line for the Cedardale Community. He stated that the staff has recommended denial of the request, as it runs counter to the County's open cut policy.

Mr. Spahr stated that the water system will serve approximately 270 users, and is estimated to cost the Local Utility District approximately \$540,000.

Mr. Spahr stated that the PUD had originally been granted permission for a clean cut across the Concrete Sauk Valley Road at the site of a four foot culvert located adjacent to the Cedardale Community, because the culvert jeopardized the PUD's ability to bore under the road. The water line was scheduled to run along the south side of the road to an adjoining well. Because of the desire to avoid a telephone line running on the south side of the road, the project was redesigned to run along the north side of the road. This change necessitates two clean cuts, neither of which has any extenuating circumstances which would warrant the granting of permission for a clean cut. Mr. Spahr stated that the PUD is concerned with the added cost of boring, which Mr. Spahr estimated would cost \$100 to \$150 per foot, for a total of from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Spahr stated, however, that open cuts invariably result in speed bump conditions, as virtually all eventually fail.

Mr. Spahr stated that the PUD is reasoning that the County should approve the request because it is the County Health Department that is encouraging the PUD to assist the Cedardale Community with their water difficulties. The PUD further maintains that the project is of an urgent nature. Mr. Spahr explained that in the original bid documents, no line item was included for boring, therefore, the PUD would have to negotiate a change order with their contractor, who would have to contract out for this service. The PUD promises to perform proper patching and to guarantee the stability of the patch even beyond the usual one year guarantee.

Mr. Spahr stated that, although he had intended to address the County's open cut policy at a later session, the PUD needs a decision today in order to proceed with the project. He reiterated the departments recommendation for denial of the request.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of only one cut, as the storage tank and well presumably would be located close together and could be tied before crossing the road. Also discussed were angled cuts versus vertical cuts and the disadvantages and advantages of both.

Mr. Spahr suggested that the Board wait for Greg Peterka, a representative of the PUD, to arrive for further discussion.

- E. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a payment of \$2,596.00 in lieu of a 25% cancellation fee to Modern Creative Seminars for services rendered on March 29, 1990, to the Public Works Department. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12493)

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the consent agenda of May 14, 1990. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

* Public Works Department:

1. Call for public hearing - speed limit reduction on Dalles Road #9680 and on Grassmere Road #9640. Result of neighborhood petition. (Resolution #12494)
2. Signatures - Establish CRP's for: a) County Line Road (Resolution

- b) #12495 South March Point Road
(Resolution #12496)
 - c) Shaw Road (Resolution #12497)
 - d) Medford Road (Resolution #12498)
3. Signature - Final Record on Chilberg Road Project. Total Authorized: \$424,438.00. Total All Costs: \$357,506.11.
4. Signature - Adjustment of disposal rate for Washington State Department of Transportation for disposal of slide debris from November 10 and 11, 1989. (Resolution #12499)
5. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request for Mark Spahr, Public Works Department Director, to travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland, from June 17 through 22, 1990, to attend the Basic Emergency Public Information Office Course. Costs: \$140.50 for mileage and meals, \$1,074 in airfare will be reimbursed by Federal Government.
- * Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:
6. Audrey E. Burton, 2400 Jacqueline Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$508.10, due to a senior citizen exemption (003190).
7. Dominos Pizza, 1501 Parker Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$617.06, due to a manifest error (003390).
- * Skagit County Fair Contracts:
8. Commercial Displays and Vendors Contracts: (all contracts run from August 8, 1990 to August 12, 1990)
- a) Home Health Education Service, \$220 for a space in the Commercial Building (vendor of bibles and educational materials).
 - b) Ed's Woodshop, \$400 for two spaces in the Commercial Tent (vendor of handmade woodcrafts).
9. Fair Concessionaires: (All contracts run from August 8, 1990 through August 12, 1990)
- a) Meadow Grange, \$50 concessionaire charge plus a guarantee of \$100 or 15% of gross sales less sales tax, whichever is greater.
- * Parks and Recreation Department:
10. Signature - Request for Use of Parks Facilities - Sherman Anderson Ballfield - for girls softball, May-June - \$2.00 per game.
11. Signature - Request for Use of Parks Facilities - Hillcrest Ballfield - for girls softball, May-June - \$2.00 per game.
- * Board of County Commissioners:
12. Record of the Proceedings of May 1, 1990.
13. Record of the Proceedings of May 7, 1990.
14. Record of the Proceedings of May 8, 1990.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, May 14, 1990, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- 1) Warrant #70894 (Voucher #70894) in the amount of \$48,146.57. R-14-90.
- B. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution appointing David Groves to the Commissioners' Salary Recommendation Committee, with appointment expiring May 7, 1996. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12489)
- C. Don Collen of the Wildcat Steelhead Club stated that his group is interested in water access enhancement. He stated that they have been encouraged by Jim Schuh of the Forest Service to approach DNR's Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) for grant funding. He stated that the account is intended for enhancement of water dependent recreations, and is awarded in matching grants of \$75,000 per project. Mr. Collen indicated that a requirement of funding is that a County agency act as administrator of the funds. He provided a list of projects his club wishes to submit for funding, and requested that the Board consider acting as the lead agency for this grant. He stated that no monetary support would be asked of the County; however, a donation of equipment use might be requested at a later date.

The Board indicated to Mr. Collen that his request will be passed on to the Parks Department Director for consideration and recommendation.

- D. Public Works Department Miscellaneous Item #D was continued at this time, as Mr. Peterka from the PUD had arrived. Commissioner Rohrer had also returned to session.

Mr. Peterka reiterated the points outlined in his letter of request to the Public Works Department, with emphasis on the guarantee against failure. He indicated that one cut instead of two would be impossible since the well is located some distance west of the community, and the storage tank is located directly adjacent and on the south side of the road from the community. He stated that the first project was rejected because of the proximity to the telephone lines, and also because the water line would lie in a ditch, making repairs more difficult.

The Board, Mr. Peterka and Mr. Spahr held considerable discussion regarding the request, Commissioner Vaux maintaining that the PUD can be trusted to honor their agreement to guarantee the cold patch work.

Commissioner Rohrer then motioned to approve the request of the PUD to perform two clean cuts on Concrete Sauk Valley Road in the vicinity of the Cedardale development to facilitate installation of a water line to serve the development. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION - REQUEST FOR NEW RECORDING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE FOR SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR.

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, provided a summary report of recording

activities from 1986 to the present, with projections for the end of the 1990. He stated that a 41% increase in recorded materials is projected based on the first four months in 1990. He requested one new employee for the recording department to offset this large increase.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the County would be experiencing a "leveling off" of growth in the near future. Chairman Wylie indicated that the granting of Mr. McInturff's request might prompt requests from many other departments for that deal with real estate transactions.

The Board indicated that they would like to look at Mr. McInturff's request in conjunction with a review of the entire staffing for real estate oriented tasks, and would make a decision at a later date.

DISCUSSION - BROKER OF RECORD SELECTION.

Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, explained that requests for brokers/agents of records were advertised for four facets of the County's liability insurance. He reviewed the interview and selection process used by himself and his team of experts and made a recommendation that the following firms be awarded broker status:

Rollins, Burdick and Hunter	General/auto liability
Wycoff Agency	Property and boiler/machinery
Unity Group	Marine (hull and liability)
Doorn Agency	Bonds/financial

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the recommendations made by Mr. Fleming for award of broker contracts. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR:

1) Property Survey Contract with General Administration.

Mr. Aarstad demonstrated the general boundaries of a proposed purchase by the county of property located at the old Northern State grounds in Sedro Woolley from the State General Administration. He stated that a survey of the property is required prior to consummating the purchase. The County has agreed to participate in the survey in an amount up to \$5,000, and Skagit Surveyors has agreed to perform the survey work.

Mr. Aarstad presented an agreement with the General Administration for sharing the costs of a survey of the Northern State Grounds, Skagit County's share not to exceed \$5,000.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to sign the agreement, with Commissioner Vaux seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Miscellaneous.

A. Mr. Aarstad explained that, as soon as the County takes possession of the Northern State site, there are several potential hazards that will warrant immediate attention. He requested approval to set aside funds in an account for mitigation of these potentially hazardous conditions. He anticipated that approximately \$4,000 will be needed to construct a fence line around the perimeter of the purchase. Half of the cost for fencing will be paid by the General Administration. Additionally, hazardous buildings will require demolition and several manholes will require securing.

The Board discussed with Mr. Aarstad their wish that work not be started

until a deed is signed in June, although realized that a risk will exist and will need immediate attention upon transfer of ownership. Mr. Aarstad maintained that the need is immediate, and the Board asked that he request an opinion of legal counsel as to whether the County may begin work on a fence prior to their assumption of ownership.

- B. Mr. Aarstad stated that the InterAgency Council for Outdoor Recreation has contacted the Parks Department to submit a letter of intent for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition 1991 grant funds. He explained that this is a 50% matching grant fund, and stated that he would like to submit request for funding for improvements to Howard Miller Steelhead Park and Conway Park, Youngs Park, Grandy Lake, and for funds to develop the Burlington Northern Railroad hiking/biking trail.

Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to allow Mr. Aarstad to submit a letter of intent, advising him what projects they wish to pursue at a later date.

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As of this date, May 14, 1990, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- 1) Manual Warrant #MW014-55367 in the amount of \$1,125.00 (C-21-90).

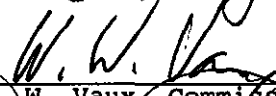
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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