

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 9, 1990

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

- 1) Introduction of New Staff Members.
- 2) Call for Bids - Paving Project - South March's Point Road, et al.
- 3) Call for Bids - Ash/Solid Waste/Recycling Containers.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discussion - CommonGround Proposal.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation of Certificate of Commendation to Ted Banta, Retiring President of the Skagit County Fire Chief's Association.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. 1991 Preliminary Budget Call.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present. Commissioner Rohrer's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Introduction of New Staff Members.

Sandra Benton, Staff Assistant to the Engineering Department; Chrystal Ovenell, Receptionist; and Kelly Kendrick, Temporary Counter Assistant, were introduced to the Board.

- 2) Call for Bids - Paving Project - South March's Point Road, et al.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for a paving project involving portions of South March's Point Road, Best Road, and the access road to the Skagit County Maintenance Yard, to be opened on July 24, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12557)

- 3) Call for Bids - Ash/Solid Waste/Recycling Containers.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, explained the bin needs for the Incinerator ash collection, and recycling facilities at the Incinerator, Inman Landfill, Sauk Transfer Station, and Clear Lake Compactor Station.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for five 15-cubic yard steel containers, three 18-1/4 cubic yard steel containers, three 30 cubic yard steel containers, and three 40 cubic yard steel containers, to be opened on July 24, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12558)

- 4) Miscellaneous.

A. Mr. Spahr related that a 1983 State Law prevents recycling and disposal sites from accepting major auto parts such as engines, transmissions,

seats, doors, hoods, etc., unless proper paperwork establishing ownership has been completed. Mr. Spahr stated that a substantial amount of undocumented material appears in the waste stream - up to 40 cubic yards per week - that is actually unacceptable.

Steve Harris of Skagit River Steel and Recycling explained that his scrap processors license allows him to process discarded auto parts. He stated that his business has always had to document destruction of major parts, but that they have allowed hoods and other minor parts to go through without documentation. He stated that he has never been reprimanded during a State inspection for this practice.

Mr. Harris stated that this year Trooper Bacon, the WSP Inspector, has promised to follow the letter of the law in future regarding auto parts disposal, and has threatened scrap processing license revocation for any violations he discovers. Mr. Harris stated that he confirmed this statement with Trooper Bacon's supervisor in Everett.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Spahr, Mr. Harris, the Board and Charlie Decker, the County's recycling contractor. Mention was made of the probability of an increase in illegal auto part dumps that will occur when the public discovers that neither scrap processors nor the County disposal facilities can accept undocumented auto parts.

The Board directed the Public Works staff to draft a letter for their signature which they might send to area legislators, pointing out the contradiction in policy that this law represents.

- B. Teresa Tennis, Public Works Staff, provided to the Board samples of paper products made from recycled paper which are being considered to replace the current products used by County departments. Commissioner Vaux requested a written cost analysis of the replacements.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda of July 9, 1990. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Planning Department:

1. Signature - Resolution approving plat of the Pointe #3 San Juan-Fidalgo Holding Company, Inc. (Resolution #12559)
2. Signature - Resolution approving Contract Rezone #R-90-002 for Schenk Packing Company by William Lenz. (Resolution #12560)

* Skagit County Health Department:

3. Guest Speaker Contract - Jim Jorgensen of Northwest AIDS Foundation, Seattle. Speaking engagement June 27, 1990. Fee for presentation - \$25.00.
4. Signature - Resolution establishing an adjusted fee and compliance schedule for clean up of unlicensed sheetrock disposal site of Ray Wibbens. (Resolution #12561)

* Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:

5. Barbara Witham, P.O. Box 157, Marblemount, WA 98267, in the amount of \$419.84. (007990)

* Human Services Department:

6. Signature - Contract Amendment with Sharon Robinson to increase the time worked and contact period for conducting WAC compliance reviews of mental health and substance abuse programs during April-June. Change is needed to accommodate additional reviews needed for Sea Mar contract.
7. Signature - Contract Amendment 2490-75340 (2) with Department of Social and Health Services for Developmental Disability Services. Increases Employment Services and adds funds.

* Juvenile Probation:

8. Signature - Contract Amendment 3410-77795 (1) with Department of Social and Health Services for a budget line item change of \$2,184.00 from Professional Services Contract to Salaries and Benefits.

* Board of County Commissioners:

9. Record of the Proceedings - June 27, 1990.
10. Record of the Proceedings - July 2, 1990.
11. Record of the Proceedings - July 3, 1990.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution establishing the annual revolving fund for the Skagit County Fair, with a beginning fund balance of \$45,000, for use by the Parks and Recreation Department Director for Skagit County Fair operations. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12562)
- B. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution directing the Skagit County Treasurer not to sell certificates of delinquency for 1987 and/or prior years real property taxes. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12563)

DISCUSSION - COMMONGROUND PROPOSAL.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, opened the discussion. He briefly reviewed with the Board the proposal of CommonGround Dispute Resolution Center which requests that the County impose a \$5.00 filing fee surcharge on most civil court cases to be dedicated to the funding of CommonGround. Mr. Woodmansee referred to the Quarterly Report of CommonGround, as well as a copy of a resolution from Snohomish County government acting on the surcharge for small claims filings.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that, using statistics compiled from January to date, it is estimated that \$25,000 could be collected from the proposed surcharge. CommonGround has anticipated a budget of approximately \$100,000, of which \$46,000 will be comprised of volunteer labor. Grants and fees are proposed to comprise the remainder. Mr. Woodmansee noted that if Skagit County funds \$25,000 of CommonGround's budget, three-quarters of their budget will be unfunded.

Mary Day, representing CommonGround, stated that, exclusive of volunteer labor, she now believes CommonGround could survive on \$40,000 per year.

Mr. Woodmansee pointed out that volunteer time usually evaporates over time, leaving gaps in the program which CommonGround may look to the County to fund.

He stated that what begins as volunteer time usually evolves into paid positions.

Ms. Day indicated that CommonGround only uses volunteers selectively.

Mr. Woodmansee also pointed out that it is unknown if non-County funding is available. If it is not, the County must realize that they will be asked to support the program.

Discussion ensued on the flow of events at small claims court sessions. Arguments were given regarding the court time spent in dispute resolution referrals versus the time saved by utilizing mediation. It was stated that the County must be certain that CommonGround can take some of the burden off of the Courts in order to consider funding.

Rusty Kuntze of CommonGround suggested that the County research other County Dispute Resolution Centers.

Chairman Wylie clarified that currently CommonGround clients are charged the same fee as that of small claims court. If mediation is unsuccessful, the client is referred to small claims court and the fee is forwarded to the courts.

Commissioner Vaux did not think CommonGround should have to forward the fee, since the mediation service has been rendered.

Mary Yeager of the Big Lake Community Association spoke highly in favor of CommonGround.

Ron Shrigley of CommonGround stated that of 41 cases recently polled by CommonGround, 71% reached settlement.

The Board determined to consider a resolution calling for a public hearing to consider imposition of a \$5.00 surcharge on civil filing fees on Monday, July 16, 1990. Mr. Woodmansee was directed to draw up such a resolution.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO TED BANTA, RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Banta was detained by a personal emergency, and the presentation was canceled, to be rescheduled at a later date.

1991 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CALL.

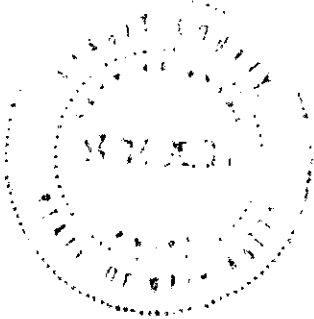
Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, handed out budgeting forms to each County department head and elected official present, explaining the completion of each.


Chairman Wylie read a letter from the Board to County department heads and elected officials encouraging moderation in budgeting requests due to the losses that the County will most likely suffer because of the recent timber cutting regulations.

ADJOURNMENT:

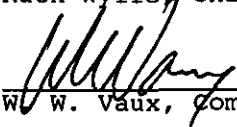
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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