

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 16, 1990

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:
- 1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Portion of Peterson Road #3240.
 - 2) Discussion - Update on Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
 - 3) Discussion - Freon Recycling.
 - 4) Call for Bids - Contractor for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event.
 - 5) Request for Qualifications - Technical Assistance for Incinerator Ash Management.
 - 6) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of County Right-of-Way - Dawn Addition in Plat of Fidalgo City.
 - 7) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of County Right of Way - Minnie Street in Plat of Bow.
 - 8) Call for Bids - Four New Dump Trucks.
 - 9) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Presentation for Signature - Resolution Establishing Salary of District #3 County Commissioner for 1991 - 1994 Term.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation for Signature - Resolution Establishing a Ballot Issue Pertaining to Funding for "911" Emergency Communications System.
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Presentation for Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Imposing Civil Filing Fees to Fund a Dispute Resolution Center.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present. Commissioner Rohrer's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on a Portion of Peterson Road #3240.

Chairman Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on July 3 and 10, 1990.

Ed Hawes, Traffic Safety Engineer, presented his Engineer's Report. He stated that two speed studies were performed; one at Peterson Road 500 feet west of Pulver Road, and one at Peterson Road 300 feet west of Avon-Allen Road. Study #1 yielded an average vehicle speed of 41 m.p.h. Study #2 showed an average vehicle speed of 27 m.p.h. Because of the traffic study information, the lack of a pattern of accidents occurring on the road, and the classification of the road as a major collector, Mr. Hawes recommended that the entire length of Peterson Road where it falls within the County be allowed to remain at 35 m.p.h.

Gordon Smith, 1477 Peterson Road agreed with Mr. Hawes. He testified that the

amount of traffic on Peterson Road has slowed down and diminished since the four way stop was installed at Avon Allen Road, and that the Port's construction project on Higgins Airport Way should further alleviate truck traffic.

Chairman Wylie read a letter from Darryl and Anita Weidkamp which opposed any speed limit modifications on Peterson Road.

Commissioner Vaux noted only that he received a telephone call from a property owner at the new four way stop complaining that trucks are excessively noisy as they climb the Peterson Road hill after stopping at the stop sign.

The audience agreed that extra patrol by the Sheriff's Office would help to compell motorists to obey the 35 m.p.h. limit, and Mr. Hawes was directed to communicate with Sheriff Frazier to request this enforcement proceeding.

Seeing no further public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to take no action to modify the speed limit on Peterson Road, allowing it to remain as it currently stands at 35 m.p.h. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

9) Miscellaneous.

This item was discussed at this time for the convenience of Mr. Hawes.

- A. Mr. Hawes indicated that intersections exist in Skagit County where a horizontal curve intersects with another road at a "T" intersection, which, due to their nature, as well as the brush and landscaping which grows within the arc of the curve, poses a traffic danger because of the impediment of site distance.

Mr. Hawes indicated that permanent solutions exist to these hazards; however, he recommended that an interim solution be established at certain intersections where residents have complained of difficulties pending permanent corrections. Mr. Hawes indicated that he was seeking the instruction of the Board regarding an interim solution. He made the following suggestions.

- Install a three-way stop
- Prohibit left turns

Chairman Wylie was resistant to a left turn prohibition, although during the ensuing discussion, Mr. Hawes indicated that this would be his preference.

Finally, the Board determined to visit these specific intersections to which Mr. Hawes was referring, and instructed Mr. Hawes to arrange a site review.

2) Update - Recycling Program.

Mr. Spahr explained the concept of a Solid Waste Advisory Committee, or SWAC, which is a group of individuals who meet to make recommendations on policies and procedures involving solid waste management issues.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, stated that Skagit County presently has a SWAC, which has representation from the recycling industry, rural sanitation, the City of Sedro Woolley, and two citizens. The representative from the City of Mount Vernon has been absent of late. Mr. Boge stated that the meetings of the

committee are generally informal, and that the committee has not been used to its fullest potential. Mr. Boge stated that he attended a workshop in Ellensburg, where the speakers were very supportive of the utilization of SWAC's for solid waste issues requiring public input.

Mr. Boge stated that the SWAC is required by law, and in Skagit County it is an ongoing committee; however, during the past four years it has been under-utilized, with staff relying more heavily upon a council of the city mayors and Terry Knudsen of Rural Sanitation.

Mr. Boge stated that, as established by the Board in 1984, the SWAC is composed of an equal representation by local government, the general public and the solid waste industry. No committee terms were set at the establishment.

The Board discussed the current SWAC. Suggestions of a 12 member committee with representation by EDASC, the general public, environmentalists and the solid waste industry were made. Don Bockelman, a Day Creek citizen, volunteered to serve. Mr. Boge also offered the names of the people present at the last SWAC meeting.

The Board directed Mr. Boge to return with recommendations for committee make up and organization.

3) Discussion - Freon Recycling.

Mr. Boge stated that, pursuant to his previous conversations with the Board regarding appliance recycling, he made numerous telephone contacts with people associated with the refrigeration industry regarding a safe method of recovering and reusing freon. Mr. Boge stated that, for the most part, methods of tapping into the freon compartments and pumping the freon into containers for recycling. Mr. Boge was able to locate a company in Tacoma that would supply canisters into which the freon could be pumped, and would later retrieve them to send to California for reprocessing. A \$125 deposit per canister would be required, but full canisters would be replaced with empty ones, so the deposit would only be required once. Each canister will hold 100 pounds of freon, with the average refrigeration unit producing about .5 pounds of material. Most of Mr. Boge's contacts who were recovering used freon had manufactured their own retrieval equipment; however Mr. Boge was able to uncover a lead on a pumping/piercing unit, which he will report on at a later date.

4) Call for Bids - Contractor for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event.

Jeff Monsen, Assistant Public Works Director, and Teresa Thinnes, Solid Waste staff, gave information on the paint swapping and reprocessing project which has been planned to coincide with this year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. They explained that the event will be funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Ecology, to be matched by an equal amount from the solid waste tipping fee surcharge.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for a contractor for the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event, to be received and opened on Tuesday, August 7, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12565)

5) Request for Qualifications - Technical Assistance for Incinerator Ash Management.

Mr. Monsen explained that, in response to recent requirements by the Department

of Ecology for management of incinerator ash, the Public Works Department deems it necessary to seek the services of a technical consultant to formulate an ash management plan for Skagit County. It is estimated that the services of a consultant will cost \$100,000 or more; however, it is incumbent upon the County to complete a management plan as soon as possible to satisfy the new DOE requirements.

Discussion ensued, with citizen activist Don Bockelman joining in. The Board expressed some concern that enough time be allowed in order for firms to complete a comprehensive statement of qualifications, and Commissioner Vaux's motion was to submit a Request for Qualifications for technical assistance in incinerator ash management, to be received no later than July 30, 1990. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

6) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of County Right-of-Way - Dawn Addition in Plat of Fidalgo City.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public hearing on Monday, August 6, 1990, at 10:30 a.m., to consider the vacation of a portion of County right-of-way located in the Dawn Addition to Fidalgo City. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12566)

7) Call for Public Hearing - Vacation of County Right-of-Way - Minnie Street in Plat of Bow.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public hearing on Monday, August 6, 1990, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the vacation of a portion of County right-of-way located in the Plat of Bow. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12567)

8) Call for Bids - Four New Dump Trucks.

A resolution calling for bids for four new dump trucks for the road maintenance department was submitted; however, the Board declined to make a motion on the matter at this time because of a difference of opinion regarding the appropriate specifications for transmissions on the equipment.

9) Miscellaneous.

B. The Board approved for signature an agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley to contribute funds not to exceed \$20,000 toward the repair of a portion of Third Street which must be excavated by the City to make repairs to a damaged sewer line. (Contract #00356)

C. Commissioner Vaux requested an explanation from Fire Marshall Dan Cain regarding the notion of County government requiring the installation of fire hydrants along new water line at residential lots between the origin of the water line and the intended service area. Commissioner Vaux's example was the Gunderson Road L.U.D., in which PUD #1's water line will traverse a rural residential area before ending eventually in a new housing development project.

Mr. Cain indicated that, since the new water line will traverse residential property, the local fire department believes fire hydrants should be installed at appropriate intervals along the way. He was unable to shed any light on whether the County has the authority to require that the fire hydrants be installed; however, he stated that in future such a requirement could be added to the County Code.

The Board directed Mr. Cain to request of the County's Chief Civil Deputy

an opinion on whether the requirement of interval fire hydrant installation from the origin of a new water line to the point of intended service is within the County's authority.

- D. The Board approved for signature a contract with Scholten Roof of Lynden for the re-roofing of the County Administration Building. The contract sum was \$189,595, and the project must be completed within 45 days. (Contract #00357)

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Consent Agenda of July 16, 1990. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

* Public Works Department:

1. Signature - Supplemental agreement with Elliott Bay Design Group authorizing the following work associated with Guemes Ferry: (Contract #00047)
 - a) Technical specifications for propulsion units purchase
 - b) Technical specifications for propulsion units installation and haul out work
 - c) Drawings for revision of fire, bilge and ballast systems

Maximum payable is \$7,000.

* Planning Department:

2. Signature - Resolution denying special use permit request #SP-89-042 of Ray Melton to locate a sand manufacturing business at Cook and Green Roads in Burlington. (Resolution #12568)

* Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:

3. Richard A. Pease, 5841 Nagle Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401, in the amount of \$48.91, due to a reduction per Board of Tax Appeals. (007590)

* Skagit County Fair:

4. Professional Services Contract with Fred Ruble for display of draft horses for all four days of Fair, at payment of \$500 for entire engagement. (Contract #00358)
5. Commercial Displays and Vendors Contracts - all contracts run from August 8, 1990, through August 12, 1990:
 - a) Bonnie's Ceramics and Gifts - \$159.50 for commercial outside space. (Contract #00359)
 - b) C & C Global Gifts - \$200 for space in the commercial tent. (vendor of personalized childrens clothing) (Contract #00360)
 - c) Chateau D'Lanz - \$220 for space in the commercial building. (vendor of old-fashioned handmade Swiss licorice) (Contract #00361)
 - d) L.K. Toys and Games - \$159.50 for space outside the ballpark. (Contract #00362)
 - e) Word Book/Childcraft - \$200 for space in the commercial building. (encyclopedia sales) (Contract #00363)
 - f) Waddell & Reed - \$220 for space in the commercial building. (investment information) (Contract #00364)

- g) Skagit Conservation District - \$200 for space in the commercial tent. (Contract #00365)
- h) Contel - \$200 for space in the commercial building. (Contract #00366)

* Parks and Recreation Department:

- 6. Instructional Services Contract with James Taylor/N.W. Race Promotions. Provides awards, staff and equipment as needed for start and finish lines at various races sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department from January 1, 1990, through December 31, 1990. Maximum payment is \$200, minimum of \$100. (Contract #00367)
- 7. School facility use agreement for Conway School for summer playground program. No charge. (Contract #00368)

• Board of County Commissioners:

- 8. Record of the Proceedings - July 9, 1990.
- 9. Record of the Proceedings - July 10, 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, July 16, 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 #80174 (Voucher #80174) in the amount of \$15,095.00. (PR-13-90)
- 2) Warrant #MW021-57286 (Voucher #MW021-57286) in the amount of \$111,043.70. (A-030-90)

PRESENTATION FOR SIGNATURE - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY OF DISTRICT #3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR 1991-1994 TERM.

Commissioners' Salary Recommendation Committee members Earl Lind and Jim Loop attended to present the recommendations of the committee. A resolution was presented to the Board outlining the committee's recommendations. Mr. Loop stated that the committee agreed that the Board is not overpaid. It was noted that the Board did not accept a salary raise which was recommended at the last salary review. Mr. Loop felt it would be better for the Board to accept small incremental raises rather than a large raise every few years.

Mr. Lind explained the resolution.

Commissioner Vaux thanked the committee for their work, and Mr. Loop stated that, in comparison to employees in the private sector, the Board is grossly underpaid.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to adopt the resolution setting the salary of the District #3 County Commissioner as follows:

- No increase in the year 1991.
- No increase in the year 1992.
- An 8% increase effective January 1, 1993.
- Effective January 1, 1994, the 1993 salary rate shall be increased by

80% of the U.S. Cities Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers Consumer Price Index for the year ending April, 1993.

Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.
(Resolution #12570)

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- 1) Warrants #71349 through #71481 (Vouchers #71349 through #71481) in the amount of \$254,383.95. (R-19-90)
- 2) Warrants #57287 through #75642 (Vouchers #007187 through #007687) in the amount of \$512,007.64. (A-31-89)

PRESENTATION FOR SIGNATURE - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BALLOT ISSUE PERTAINING TO FUNDING FOR "911" EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM .

The proposed ballot language was read into the record, and the resolution directing that the question of funding for a "911" emergency communications system be placed on the September primary elections ballot was presented.

Mayors from all cities had been invited, and several were in attendance. Burlington's Mayor Pocock asked if the ballot language indicates that "911" will have one central center, or if the current "911"'s will continue to exist.

Chairman Wylie and Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Director, answered Mayor Pocock, stating that if the ballot issue passes, a committee will be chosen to decide what type of system will be chosen.

Mayor Pocock, for the information of the Board and audience, stated that the Burlington City Council has issued the statement that they support "911", but wish the 755- and 757- phone prefixes to be PSAP'd through a "911" center located at the Burlington City Hall, and that the \$0.50 surcharge be given to the City to operate the system.

Mayor Bud Moore of LaConner stated that LaConner and the Shelter Bay and SneeOosh Communities have long had various telephone numbers to dial for different types of emergencies. These communities are in favor of one emergency number.

When no more comment was indicated, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution directing that the issue of funding for a "911" emergency telecommunications system be placed on the September ballot. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12570)

PRESENTATION FOR SIGNATURE - RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSING CIVIL FILING FEES TO FUND A DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER.

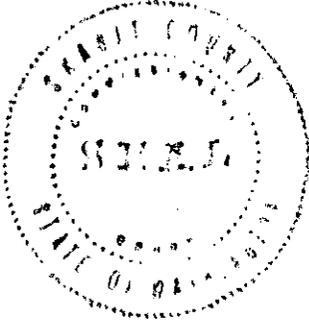
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution setting Monday, August 6, 1990, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing regarding the imposition of civil filing fees on district court civil filings to fund a dispute resolution center. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which

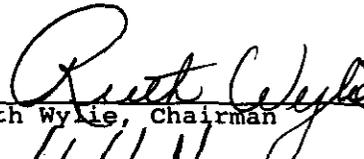
carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12571)

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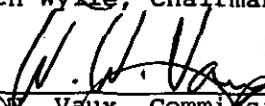
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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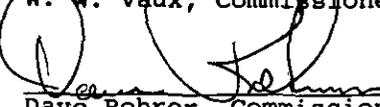




Ruth Wylie, Chairman

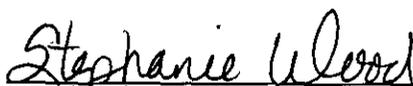


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
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