

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, December 17, 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 - Four New Small Station Wagons.
- 3) Call for Bids - Conveyor Chain for Resource Recovery Facility.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.          Update - Skagit Council on Aging Funding - Bruce Coghill, Director.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.          Public Hearing - Adding a New Chapter to the Skagit County Code Imposing an Excise Tax on the Use of Telephone Access Lines In Skagit County for the Emergency Services Communications System.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.          Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie, W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:**

1)     Introduction of New Staff Members.

Rich Medved, Assistant Director-Administrative Services; and Randy Vandersypen, Mapping Research Technician, were introduced to the Board.

2)     Call for Bids - Four New Small Station Wagons.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids on January 2, 1991, at 1:30 p.m., for four new small station wagons for several departments. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12752)

3)     Call for Bids - Conveyor Chain for Resource Recovery Facility.

Following an introduction by Jeff Monsen, Assistant Director-Solid Waste Division, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for specially fabricated ash conveyor chain links for the purpose of rebuilding the County's bottom ash conveyor at the Skagit County Incinerator. Bids will be received and opened on January 7, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12753)

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### 4) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Spahr presented six rock rip-rap grants for signature.

- A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Kenny Coonc, for 300 cubic yards of rip rap (\$975) to repair 200 feet of right bank of the Skagit River near Utopia Road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12754)
- B. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Delain Belch, for 500 cubic yards of rip rap (\$1625) to repair 200 feet of left bank of the Skagit River near Day Creek. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12755)
- C. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Jon Kevin Tighe for 200 cubic yards of rip rap (\$650) to repair 50 feet of left bank of the Skagit River east of Day Creek. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12756)
- D. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Rick Frydenlund for 400 cubic yards of rip rap (\$1300) to repair 200 feet of right bank of the Skagit River near Thunderbird Lane. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12757)
- E. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Reginald Hoskin for 150 cubic yards of rip rap (\$487.50) to repair 200 feet of right bank of the Skagit River near Shangri-La Drive. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12758)
- F. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a rock rip-rap grant for Dallas Huscusson for 250 cubic yards of rip rap (\$812.50) to repair 150 feet of Hansen Creek. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12759)

### CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the consent agenda of December 17, 1990, as submitted. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:

- 1. Ronald A. Woolworth, P.O. Box 973, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$191.89, due to the destruction of the property affidavit. (015690)
- 2. Helen Niderost, 1814 Chilberg Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$790.22, due to the sale of the property. (015890)

- Senior Services Department:

- 3. Contract renewal with Federal Domestic Volunteer Agency Action Grant Program #340-0593/11

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to fund Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Federal share of grant is \$36,646.00 (no change from last year) and expires on December 31, 1991. (Contract #00771)

\* Health Department:

4. 1991 Consolidated Contract with State Department of Health #1620-00741. Contract consolidates all personal health services contracts between DOH and Skagit County. Total allocations for period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991, is \$156,274. (Contract #00772)

\* Human Services Department:

5. Contract with North Sound Regional Support Network. Sets forth services and personnel which Skagit County shall provide for community mental health services for the period from January 1, 1991, through June 30, 1991. A total of \$80,133 per month, not to exceed \$480,798 shall be paid to Skagit County for these consolidated services. (Contract #00773)
6. Amendment to Contract #2200-73630 with Skagit Community Mental Health Center. Changes the period of performance to January 1, 1991 through June 30, 1991; agrees to additional \$200,000 for new services performed by SCMHC, bringing the total allotment to \$1,900,000; adds new services of Crisis Response, Community Support, Residential Services, Short Term Commitments, Underserved, and Hospital Enhancement. (Contract #00021)

\* Out-of-State Travel Requests:

7. George Ridgeway, Environmental Health Specialist II, to travel to Corvallis, Oregon to attend a seminar on soil morphology from September 16 through 21, 1991. Meals and Lodging: \$400.00.

\* Parks and Recreation Department:

8. Professional Services Contract with Bannister Septic to design a septic system for the new Howard Miller Steelhead Park mobile home. \$105.00 in total compensation for period from November 26, 1990, through November 30, 1990. (Contract #00774)
9. Rafters Agreement with Blue Sky Outfitters - performance deposit of \$100 plus \$1.00 per person exiting onto County property. Duration: October 1, 1990, through September 30, 1991. (Contract #00775)
10. Rafters Agreement with Orion Expeditions - performance deposit of \$100 plus \$1.00 per person exiting onto County property. Duration: October 1, 1990, through September 30, 1991. (Contract #00776)
11. School Facility Use Agreements - Mount Vernon School Districts: (Contract #00777)
  - a) Lincoln School Gym - January 7 through March 21, 1991, for basketball and volleyball. \$25.00 per night.
  - b) Centennial School Gym - January 10 through March 21, 1991, for volleyball and basketball. \$25.00 per night.
  - c) LaVenture School Gym - January 7 through March 25, 1991, for volleyball. \$50.00 per night.

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- d) Fieldhouse (Mount Vernon High School) - January 5 through March 30, 1991, for basketball. \$50.00 per night.

\* **Public Works Department:**

- 12. City/County Agreement with WSDOT for construction funds to install crossing gates and signals on Garden of Eden Road railroad crossing. (Contract #00634)
- 13. Resolution - CRP Revision authorizing \$74,352 in construction funds for installation of traffic control devices with gates on Garden of Eden Road railroad crossing. (Resolution #12760)
- 14. Resolution - CRP Revision authorizing \$51,000 in right-of-way acquisition funds for lake Cavanaugh Road reconstruction project #0020-6. (Resolution #12761)
- 15. Right-of-Way Purchase authorization - Lake Cavanaugh Road reconstruction project #0020-6.

\* **Commissioners' Office:**

- 16. Resolution - Call for public hearing on January 8, 1991, at 1:30 p.m., regarding a request for an agricultural variance by Deanne Crook. (Resolution #12762)
- 17. Resolution - Call for public hearing on January 8, 1991, at 9:00 a.m., regarding a revision to the Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges. (Resolution #12763)
- 18. Record of the Proceedings from December 3, 1990.
- 19. Record of the Proceedings from December 4, 1990.
- 20. Record of the Proceedings from December 10, 1990.
- 21. Record of the Proceedings from December 11, 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, December 17, 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) Warrants #81223 through #81286 (Vouchers #81223 through #81286) in the amount of \$23,655.00 (Transmittal #PR-23-90)
- 2) Warrants #72858 through #72944 (Vouchers #72858 through #72944) in the amount of \$125,608.36 (Transmittal #R35-90)
- 3) Warrants #62469 through #62865 (Vouchers #014092 through #014645) in the amount of \$631,158.16 (Transmittal #C57-90)

- B. The Board approved for signature a contract with Geoengineers, Inc., of Bellevue, Washington, to perform a geologic reconnaissance and review of the Jones Canyon/Rosario Road area for the

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Planning Department. Rate of compensation was set at \$2,000, and the contract expiration was set at January 13, 1991. (Contract #00778)

- C. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a budget line item change in the amount of \$105,740 for several departments having unanticipated needs that could be managed using unused appropriations in other expenditure categories. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12764)
- D. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a budget line item change in the amount of \$19,000 for the Current Expense Fund, \$11,445 for the Emergency Management Fund, and \$4,400 for the Senior Services Fund. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12765)
- E. At the request of the county auditor, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution clarifying payment of employees for hours worked during the November flooding disaster emergency. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12766)
- F. At the request of the county auditor, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the reimbursement of minor employee expenses under \$25.00 from the auditor's revolving fund. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12767)
- G. Larry Ashby, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce President, presented a request to the Board for \$2,000 to fund Skagit County's share of the Region IV Tourist Center. He stated that the tourist center's budget is \$61,500, of which all but \$19,500 is funded by the State. For the local matching funds, Mr. Ashby stated Snohomish County contributes \$4,000, Island County funds \$2,500, and Whatcom and Skagit Counties are being asked to fund \$2,000 each. Skagit County has never been active in the funding of the center, although it does serve Skagit County.

A discussion ensued in which the possibility of the cities contributing to the funding was discussed. Mr. Ashby stated that in none of the other counties do the cities contribute. Commissioner Vaux pointed out that while Skagit County receives only about \$10,000 in hotel/motel tax funds, Anacortes receives \$48,000, and it is probable that other cities receive a comparable amount. He commented that some cities are using their funds for projects that are not allowed under State law, rather than for the funding of tourism projects. Mr. Ashby offered to head a county-wide group that would promote tourism through the joint cooperation of the cities and county.

Finally, Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the funding request of Mr. Ashby for \$2,000 to be used for the purpose of providing State matching funds for the Region IV Tourist Center. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**UPDATE - SKAGIT COUNCIL ON AGING FUNDING - BRUCE COGHILL, DIRECTOR.**

Stan Sygitowicz, President of Skagit Council on Aging (SCOA) Board of Directors, read a prepared statement indicating SCOA's inability to supply services to meet the demands of the aging and disabled population in Skagit County due to a lack of sufficient funds. An information packet was provided to each Board member.

John Smith, advisory board member, stated that the purpose of their visit was to enlist the County's assistance in locating funding for the SCOA program, including the contribution of County funds to SCOA to help meet their shortfall. He complimented Bruce Coghill on his administration of the program. He noted

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that the two items that would cause the greatest increase in SCOA's budget this year, aside from increased operating costs, are staff salary increases, and the takeover of three of Skagit Community Mental Health's vans, which must be equipped with radios and paid drivers, rather than volunteers.

Answering a question from Chairman Wylie, Mr. Smith advised that the funding revenues remain "flat" from 1990 to 1991 because each funding source's commitment remains the same, with no increase. Only a slight increase in revenues from Medicaide is anticipated.

Commissioner Vaux posed the question, assuming Skagit County was unable to help SCOA find additional funding, what effect would the elimination of plans to take over the SCMH vans have on SCOA's financial picture.

Much discussion ensued, with Mr. Coghill admitting that the effect would be a significant reduction in SCOA's shortfall, but also a reduction in service levels.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, also pointed out that the SCMH vans would help by replacing some aging vans currently owned by SCOA.

Discussion then ensued on the feasibility of running another transportation initiative through the Public Transportation Benefit Area for a .1% sales tax increase to fund transportation, instead of the .2% which recently failed, to support SCOA.

It was argued that funds gained through a PTBA cannot be used entirely to benefit an agency who serves one single population group. Discussion ensued on ways in which the PTBA could help to provide funding. Also discussed was whether a special taxing district can be set up to provide taxes for elderly and handicapped transportation outside of the PTBA function.

No solutions were reached, and the Board declined to make a decision on SCOA's request for funding at this time.

### PUBLIC HEARING - ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY CODE IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON THE USE OF TELEPHONE ACCESS LINES IN SKAGIT COUNTY FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

Chairman Wylie waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on December 4, 1990.

Stephanie Wood, Clerk of the Board, presented the proposed ordinance, which authorizes the collection of a surtax of \$0.50 per phone access line by each telephone company in Skagit County to fund a 911 emergency services system, a surtax approved on the September ballot by the voters of Skagit County. The ordinance provides for the opening of a new fund to hold the monies, and for remittance and deposit of taxes. The ordinance effective date was proposed a January 1, 1991. Ms. Wood indicated that negotiations with Contel of the Northwest have occurred, and that Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, has added additional language which states the phone companies' ability to collect for administration fees on documentation of actual costs and documentation that processing costs are being collected in Whatcom, Snohomish and Island Counties. No more than 0.75% could be charged for processing fees.

Brief discussion was held on the additional language with the Skagit County Sheriff and Director of the Department of Emergency Management.

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There being no further public comment, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to adopt the ordinance adding a new chapter to the Skagit County Code pertaining to the collection of a surtax on the use of telephone access lines in Skagit County for the 911 emergency services system, to include Mr. Woodmansee's proposed language. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12751)

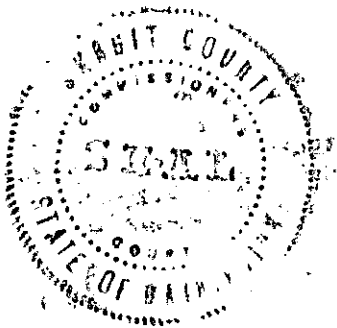
**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

- A. The Board approved for signature a contract with Captain Puget's Cleaning of Mount Vernon for cleaning of rooms #206 and #103 of the Riverview Building, which houses a portion of the Public Works Department. The contractor has an exclusive contract with the Riverview Building for maintenance. Compensation was set at \$140 per month total, expiring on December 31, 1991. (Contract #00779)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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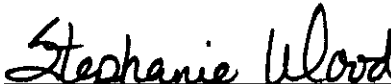


  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners