

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

**Monday, January 28, 1991**

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.      Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:
- 1) Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Parkwood Road/Place to Richards Road/Place.
  - 2) Signature - Hickox Road Railroad Crossing: a) City/County Agreement, b) Project Prospectus.
  - 3) Update - Waste Reduction/Recycling Programs.
  - 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      Presentation - Addition of Third Judge to Superior Court Staff.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.      Discussion - Board of Equalization - Frank Tucker, Chairman.
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.      Presentation - Eastern Skagit County Economic Diversification Study - EDASC.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Robby Robinson, and Ruth Wylie present.

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

- 1) Public Hearing - Road Name Change - Parkwood Road/Place to Richards Road/Place.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on January 15 and 22, 1991.

Using a vicinity map, Mr. Spahr located Richards Road off of Polte Road in Sedro Woolley. He stated that the official name in the County's road log for this road is Parkwood Road, after the plat name; however, the road is signed as Richards Road and the residents use Richards Road for their addresses. He recommended that the road name be officially changed from Parkwood Road to Richards Road, and that a cul de sac off of Richards Road be named Richards Place. The renaming of the cul de sac will result in address changes for six residences. All six were notified and none responded or were present at the meeting.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the resolution changing the road name of Parkwood Place and Parkwood Road to Richards Place and Richards Road. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution # 12814)

- 2) Signature - Hickox Road Railroad Crossing: a) City/County Agreement, b) Project Prospectus.

Mr. Spahr explained that the Public Works Department received information that more funding was available

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through the Washington State Department of Transportation for upgrading of railroad crossings. Robin LaRue, Design/Construction Engineer, stated that Hickox Road railroad crossing was chosen, being next on the list for improvements, and the State source indicates it will likely be approved.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to signed the Agreement and Prospectus with the WSDOT for the removal of crossbucks, widening of shoulders, extension of culvert, and installation of light devices with gates and guardrail at the Hickox Road railroad crossing. Total project estimate is \$8,000 for engineering (Skagit County's share - \$800.00) and \$85,250.00 for construction (Skagit County's share - \$8,525.00). Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #00824)

### 3) Update - Waste Reduction/Recycling Programs.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, read a lengthy prepared statement in which he described programs being presented. He went on to give more specifics about those program.

Mr. Boge reported that his meetings with the cities have resulted in an agreement to proceed with a Request for Proposals for curbside recycling pick up in which all cities will participate.

### 4) Miscellaneous.

A. Commissioner Wylie discussed white goods pick up on Fir Island with Mr. Spahr.

B. Mr. LaRue reminded the Board that Third Street in Sedro Woolley is still closed due to the buckling of pavement during November's flooding. He stated that he has received an offer from the contractor who is performing pavement work on Third Street for the City of Sedro Woolley in conjunction with a sewer line repair. The contractor has offered to extend his pavement repair to include the County's damaged portion at a cost of \$13,000. The work could begin immediately and be completed by the end of the week. Since an agreement exists between Skagit County and the City of Sedro Woolley for the repair of the pavement the city will be cutting in order to repair their sewerline, it would simply require a modification of the agreement, thereby bypassing the competitive bid requirement. Since FEMA has estimated repair costs at \$14,000, this would seem a reasonable offer.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve Mr. LaRue's suggestion, with Commissioner Robinson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mr. Spahr updated the Board on the progress of the geotechnical survey on Gibraltar Road. He stated that the bore hole sites have been chosen, and that quotes are due tomorrow from companies interested in providing boring services. Boring should begin by the middle of next week.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the consent agenda for Monday, January 28, 1991, as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### • Health Department:

1. Core Provider Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services to allow Skagit County to bill Medicaid for children's health services. (Contract #00826)

#### \* Assigned Counsel:

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2. Professional Services Contract with Lowell Ashbach, Jr., to provide legal services in Superior and Juvenile Court conflict cases. Payment occurs per Section II of the contract, and the contract terminates on December 31, 1991. (Contract #00827)

\* **Sheriff's Office:**

3. Jail Facility Use Agreement with City of Sedro Woolley for detention of prisoners. \$37.00 per detention day per prisoner. Automatically renewing contract. (Contract #00828)

\* **Parks and Recreation Department:**

4. Lease of grazing land located at Northern State in Sedro Woolley to James H. Posey, low bidder. Three year lease (10/08/90 through 07/01/93). Quarterly payments of \$2,384.03. Total rental of \$28,606.12. (Contract #00829)

\* **Human Services Department:**

5. Contract amendment to agreement with Vera Sullivan, Drug Abuse Prevention Specialist. Increases hourly reimbursement rate from \$13.00 to \$14.50 and includes a statement relating to allowed reimbursement for travel, lodging, and meals. (Contract #00266)
6. Amendment #5 to Contract #2490-75340 with DSHS. Effective January 1, 1991, vendor contracts are increased by 2%, for a total contract increase of \$3,228.00. Increases will be passed directly to vendors of developmental disabilities services. (Contract #00012)

\* **Planning Department:**

7. Professional Services Contract for mapping services pertaining to the Nookachamps Watershed Plan, to be performed by individual who will be hired by the Puget Sound Cooperative River Basin Team. Rate of compensation will be \$7.00 per hour, not to exceed a total sum of \$3,500. Duration of contract: 02/01/91 through 11/01/91. (Contract #00830)
8. Ordinance adopting a new chapter to Title 14 of Skagit County Code, Skagit County Right-To-Farm Ordinance. (Ordinance # 12815)
9. Resolution approving Burlington-Edison School District #100 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment #C-90-009. (Resolution # 12816)

\* **Public Works Department:**

10. Resolution - Bid Award for purchase of fabricated ash conveyor chain links to Westside Iron Works of Mount Vernon, for the total amount of \$6,395.17. (Resolution # 12817)

\* **Property Tax Refunds:**

11. Robbins Company, 1211 McTaggart St., Edison, WA 98232, in the amount of \$222.44, due to the destruction of the property affidavit. (016290)
12. Delbert Hinds, 1113 Haddon Lane, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$91.05, due to a double assessment of the property. (015990)

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13. Magnhild Olsen, 2214 Highway 9, #74, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$332.69, due to a senior citizen exemption. (000191)
14. Tora Voie, 2214 Highway 9, Lot 208, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$388.56, due to a senior citizen exemption. (000291)
15. David and Carolyn Jennings, 4400 Tyler Way, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$131.57, due to a clerical error on the property listing. (000391)

\* Commissioners' Office:

16. Record of the Proceedings from January 22, 1991.
17. Dance License for Skagit Valley Grant #620 of Sedro Woolley for one year. License is provided free of charge per resolution dated 05/08/1935. (License #510)
18. Reappointment of Don Zorn to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Term Expiration: June 6, 1993. (Resolution # 12818)
19. Reappointment of John Semrau to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Term expiration: June 6, 1993. (Resolution # 12819)
20. Reappointment of Fred Vochatzer to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Term expiration: June 6, 1993. (Resolution # 12820)
21. Reappointment of Mayor James Rice to the Uniform Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. Term expiration: November 23, 1993. (Resolution # 12821)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

- A. The Board approved for signature a contract between the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Board whereby Skagit County may use the Plantation Rifle Range for training exercises for 10 days each year at a cost of \$2,176.69. Beyond the 10 day period, additional use is set at \$225.00 per day. At any other time, individual members may use the Range at no charge. The agreement is in effect from January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1994. (Contract #00825)

**PRESENTATION - ADDITION OF THIRD JUDGE TO SUPERIOR COURT STAFF.**

Judge Gil Mullen began the presentation. He stated that it is his understanding that a lack of funds and proper space hinders the County from hiring a third judge. He stated that he has proposals which would provide alternatives for cost containment and courtroom use to present to the Board.

Judge Mullen stated that 30% to 50% of the time, the two present courtrooms are unused. Judge Mullen started to provide statistics on the increase in criminal court cases, but was interrupted by Chairman Vaux, who stated that the Board accepts that there has been an escalation in the number of criminal cases being tried in Superior Court.

Judge Mullen went on to show how the County would be able to conserve funds and space by:

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- 1) Hiring only a pro-tempore court reporter, not an extra full time reporter, bailiff or clerk, thereby saving the costs of paying employee benefits. The judge estimated this cost to be \$22,000 per year.
- 2) Conserve space by converting a present court reporter's room to a judge's chambers, moving the reporter to an unused conference area, having the pro temp reporter share space with a full time reporter, and converting an unutilized holding cell to new receptionist and storage space.
- 3) Hire a third judge now without having to wait until a new building is finished to house an expanded Superior Court.

Judge Mullen explained that the addition of a third judge must be approved by the State legislature, and that this can be accomplished only with the agreement of the full Board of Commissioners.

Judge Stan Bruhn then asked to speak. He read portions of a magazine article which points out the increased caseload of criminal trial cases experienced nation-wide. Judge Bruhn stated that the suggestions the judges have made for utilization of space may not work quite as smoothly as Judge Mullen has shown. He suggested that the Board may wish to find temporary quarters for one of the departments housed on the third floor of the courthouse so that Superior Court may use their space until a new building is constructed.

Chairman Vaux suggested that one of the public hearing rooms could be used in cases of emergency, and Judge Mullen agreed that this is possible.

Discussion then ensued on the degree of crowding these changes would cause, but the judges agreed that they would be satisfied temporarily.

Chairman Vaux directed that the item be placed on next week's agenda, and that in the mean time, the finance director should compile wage estimates, the facilities manager should compile space conversion estimates, and Commissioner Wylie should research the ability of the County to request new legislation to allow for the hiring of a new judge.

### DISCUSSION - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - FRANK TUCKER, CHAIRMAN.

Frank Tucker, Harry Fredricks, and Jack Keepers, members of the Board of Equalization, were present for the discussion.

Mr. Tucker provided a memorandum which described the needs of the Board of Equalization. The memo called for sole use of public hearing room B during the approximately one month the Board is in session, and the permanent quartering of the Board's files in a closet behind hearing room B for the rest of the year. Additionally, the Board's secretary would utilize the closet as an office while the Board is in session. Mr. Tucker indicated that the budget the Board has been given for the year is adequate, unless there is an increase in the number of petitioners over last year and it is necessary to remain in session beyond the budgeted number of days. Additionally, Mr. Tucker felt that the public should be able to obtain petitions at the Commissioners' Office, rather than at the Planning Department, as in previous years.

Allen Stewart and Paul Mahoney of the Assessor's Office agreed that the Board of Equalization requires their own space for the storage of records and for conducting business.

The Board directed the facilities manager to resolve the need for a permanent space with the Board of

Equalization.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Paul Mahoney, County Assessor, discussed 1991 tax legislation with the Board.

PRESENTATION - EASTERN SKAGIT COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION STUDY - EDASC.

An EDASC representative presented information on a grant application that EDASC has submitted to the USDA Forest Service for \$30,000 in equal matching monies to fund a study of how enhancement and restoration projects planned for the Skagit River for the next ten years may produce jobs for displaced timber workers.

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.

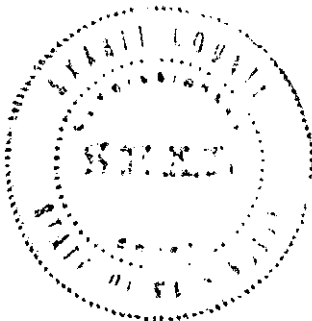
As of this date, January 28, 1991, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

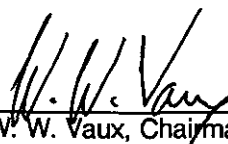
- 1) Warrants #63774 through #64333 (Vouchers #015863/100088 through #016415/100394) in the amount of \$697,070.80. Transmittal #C04-91.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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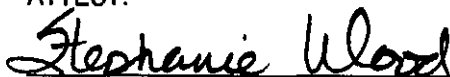


  
W. W. Vaux, Chairman

  
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

  
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners