

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

Monday, February 4, 1991

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 1) Proclamation - Skagit Valley College Month, February, 1991.
 2) Resolution - Support for Cascade Job Corps.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:
- 1) Public Hearing - Correction of Previous Vacation of County Right-of-Way - Andis Road.
2) Update - Inman Landfill Fire.
3) Request for Qualifications - Boiler and Cooling Tower Chemical Treatment Services for Resource Recovery Facility.
4) Resolution - Amendment to Resolution #12686 - Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
5) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Presentation - Special Commendation - Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Department Director.
- CONSENT AGENDA.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Continuation of Discussion - Addition of Third Judge to Superior Court Staff.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Update - Mental Health Flood Response - Jere LaFollette, Director - Skagit Community Mental Health Center.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Juvenile Probation Department:
- 1) Signature - Contract for At-Risk Youth Program Reimbursement.
2) Signature - Contract for Diagnostic Detention Reimbursement.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Hearing Examiner Recommendation - Approval - Terry Lautenbach Agricultural Variance Request #V90-037.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Ruth Wylie and Robby Robinson present.

PROCLAMATION - SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE MONTH, FEBRUARY, 1991.

Commissioner Robinson read a proclamation declaring February 1991 Skagit Valley College Month. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the proclamation, with Commissioner Robinson seconding. The motion passed unanimously. Kris Molesworth accepted the proclamation on behalf of Skagit Valley College.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT FOR CASCADE JOB CORPS.

Commissioner Wylie read a resolution supporting efforts to allow Cascade Job Corps to remain at the Northern State Multi-Service Center in Sedro Woolley, and supporting the transfer of the site to U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps, ownership. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Robinson seconding. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12832)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) Public Hearing - Correction of Previous Vacation of County Right-of-Way - Andis Road.

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

Mr. Spahr explained that a minor error was made in the legal description several months ago when a state turnback near Andis Road was vacated to the Martin Oil Company. The public hearing was scheduled to correct that error.

No member of the public was present to make comment, and Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the Order Vacating a County Road pertaining to the Andis Road Right-of-Way, State Turnback. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Update - Inman Landfill Fire.

Using drawings, Jeff Monsen, Administrative Assistant - Solid Waste Division, demonstrated the site of a recent landfill fire at the Inman Landfill. He showed the site and extent of three excavation, which were performed to allow access to "hot spots" in order to combat the fire. He reported that over \$20,000 beyond normal operations funds has been spent to date to combat the fire. He stated that this week a decision will be made on capping off of the burning area to smother the fire. He stated that an unusual amount of odor may be reported by neighbors, due to the smoke from the fire and the excavation of wastes; however, there has not been and will not be any interruption in the public's normal dumping operations.

3) Request for Qualifications - Boiler and Cooling Tower Chemical Treatment Services for Resource Recovery Facility.

Mr. Monsen explained that a reputable firm is needed to provide boiler and cooling tower chemical treatment services now that the contract with the firm that provided the service while the incinerator was managed by Energy Resource Recovery has become void. He stated that he intends to request letters of qualifications, following by review of the letters and invitations to chosen firms to submit proposals and prices. From these proposals, a firm will be chosen.

Commissioner Wylie motioned approval of the Request for Qualifications, with Commissioner Robinson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Resolution - Amendment to Resolution #12686 - Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the following replacements of committee members on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

- Beth Folkers to replace Herman Hobbick, representing construction and demolition.
- Roy Dubisch to replace Bob Brown, representing senior population.
- John Petrich to replace Paul Schissler, representing local tribes.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12833)

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5) Miscellaneous.

- A. Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, requested that the County Commissioners sanction a one hour workshop for one representative from every County department to review in-house recycling policies. He requested that the Board require attendance.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to sponsor a recycling workshop and require the attendance of one representative from each County department, including the road shop. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SPECIAL COMMENDATION - TOM SHEAHAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

Tom Sheahan was presented with a framed collage of photographs taken during the November flooding in recognition of his dedication and hard work during the flooding disaster.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the consent agenda of February 4, 1991, as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Petitions for Property Tax Refund:

1. John M. Brazier, 4500 Columbia Center, 701 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104, in the amount of \$115.21, due to a manifest error. (015790)
2. Kirk Campbell, P.O. Box 84, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$35.38, due to a double assessment. (000691)
3. Thomas Nessa, 2019 I Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$465.04, due to a senior citizen exemption. (000491)

• Senior Services Department:

4. Acknowledgement of Assessment Results performed by Northwest Regional Council for Senior Information and Assistance Case Management program. Program received praise from reviewer, and no outstanding problems were identified. (Contract #00121)

• Human Services Department:

5. Professional Services Contract with Laurence E. Taylor, who will act as Area Resource Coordinator for mentally ill clients and their families. The program is funded through the NSRSN, and Mr. Taylor receives compensation at \$18.00 per hour for a maximum of 450 hours between the period of February 1, 1991, and June 30, 1991. (Contract #00833)

• Planning Department:

6. Approval - application for sewer service to Whatcom County Water District #12 for Ernest Cope, who wishes hook up for a trailer located on his 12.9 acres along old Highway 99.

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* **Commissioners' Office:**

7. Record of the Proceedings from January 28, 1991.
8. Record of the Proceedings from January 29, 1991.
9. Record of the Proceedings from January 30, 1991.
10. Record of the Proceedings from January 31, 1991.
11. Earnest money agreement for Presentin property. (Contract #00834)
12. Union Agreement with Skagit County Courthouse Employees and Teamster Local #788 for the period from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1993. (Contract #00835)

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, February 4, 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 #9237 through #9814 (Vouchers #100001 through #100589) in the amount of \$985,612.27. Transmittal #P-2-91.
- 2) Warrants #85057 through #85204 (Vouchers #85057 through #85204) in the amount of \$352,831.74. Transmittal #PR-2-91)
- 3) Manual Warrant #MW007-64338 in the amount of \$1,000. Transmittal #C-007-91.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION - ADDITION OF THIRD JUDGE TO SUPERIOR COURT STAFF.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, reported on cost estimates. He gave a rough estimate of from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to complete the remodeling that Judge Mullen had proposed last week. He stated that nothing that would be done would need to be removed or redone later, and that the estimate did not include office furniture.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reported on employee salary estimates. He stated that if no extra bailiff, court reporter, or court assistant were hired, then the cost for one-half of a new judge's salary would be \$40,000. If a part-time reporter is needed, then the estimate would be raised to about \$65,000.

Judge Mullen again stated that he would not need an extra bailiff or a full-time reporter, and that the County Clerk has indicated that she will not need an additional clerk. Furthermore, there will be no need for additional space to conduct mandatory arbitration proceedings, since the arbitrator's offices will be used.

Judge Mullen gave information on how mandatory arbitration will operate. He stated that although the program will relieve some of the civil caseload, the criminal caseload is the largest burden, and is expected to increase. He stated that when a new criminal justice building is opened is the time that a new bailiff and clerk will be needed.

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Mr. Woodmansee stated that three years from now, when the new judgeship is fully integrated and all support personnel have been hired, operating a third courtroom will cost between \$130,000 and \$150,000 yearly. Although better from a budgetary standpoint to add a new judge on January 1, 1992, if the Board wishes to add a new judge on July 1 of this year, the budget can accommodate the added expense. Mr. Woodmansee added that it would accommodate no other salary expenditures of this kind this year.

Commissioner Wylie, at this point, motioned to adopt the resolution formalizing mandatory arbitration in Skagit County, and requesting that the State Legislature enact legislation which would allow Skagit County a third superior court judgeship. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12830)

UPDATE - MENTAL HEALTH FLOOD RESPONSE - Jere LaFollette, Director - Skagit Community Mental Health Center

Jere LaFollette, Director, Skagit Community Mental Health Center, reported to the Board on the response of Skagit Community Mental Health to the flood.

Mr. LaFollette said that special efforts have been undertaken to make sure mental health support for families affected by the flood has been available. They have received requests through the Emergency Services system. Additional staff time has been added to the agency's manpower because of the demand and they have started an outreach program in several areas. Several teams were formed in early December to assist in this purpose.

Other members of the Mental Health staff were present and Mr. LaFollette described to the board some of the activities these staff members have been involved with. Work has been done in the Fir Island-Conway area as well as the Concrete-Hamilton area trying to get the word out about assistance that is available. Work is being done with schools, churches, etc., and weekly support classes have been set up.

Dr. Michael Philips said that the effort is not just to find people who have a specific mental health need, but to stimulate the community by using support systems that are already existing. They are also offering consultation services.

Commissioner Robinson asked if they were getting out of the area of Conway and Hamilton as well. A Mental Health staff member advised that they are.

Mr. LaFollette expressed concern about whether people are aware of the availability of these funds. Commissioner Wylie advised that a committee meets at the Conway Fire Hall and they need to receive that information.

Mr. LaFollette requested that the Board call if they see other ways that SCMHC can help with.

Juvenile Probation Department:

Terry Rousseau, Director, Juvenile Probation, presented the following contracts for the review of the Board. Mr. Rousseau also introduced Andrea Poolman, Probation Officer, to the Board. She provided a brief history of legislation as it relates to at-risk youth.

- 1) Signature - Contract for At-Risk Youth Program Reimbursement.

The Board approved for signature an Intergovernmental Agreement between Skagit County and the State

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of Washington Department of Community Development to provide reimbursement for services to at-risk youth. (Agreement #1-91-26511) (Contract #00835)

2) Signature - Contract for Diagnostic Detention Reimbursement.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature the Contract between Skagit County and the Department of Social and Health Services to provide detention services limited to secure supervision, shelter, food, and care to committed youth while undergoing diagnostic testing and evaluation. (Contract No. 3470-75456) (Contract #00836)

MISCELLANEOUS

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, discussed travel reimbursement with the Board.

Hearing Examiner Recommendation - Approval - Terry Lautenbach Agricultural Variance Request #V90-037.

Grace Roeder of the Department of Planning and Community Development, reported. She presented a series of assessor's maps for the record. She also presented staff photos of the subject property proposed for division.

Ms. Roeder read the proposal to the Board. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow the division of approximately three acres with an existing large agricultural building for conveyance to the individual that has been leasing and farming the acreage. The purpose of the request for subdivision is to facilitate usage of the farm building. Mr. Frazier leases this building, the majority of the acreage as well as a substantial amount of acreage in this area. This building is central to his farming operation in this area. She said that staff did not make a recommendation to the Hearing Examiner on this. The Hearing Examiner has recommended approval.

The Board asked Mr. Frazier if he intended to build a house on that parcel. Mr. Frazier said he did not.

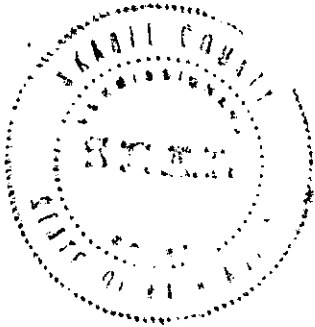
After some further discussion with the Board Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Land Use Hearing Examination and approving the Agricultural Variance request of Terry Lautenbach subject to the conditions of approval listed on the Recommendation. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12834)

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Robby Robinson in cursive.

Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Wood in cursive.

Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners