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\$30,000 had been spent. Commissioner Vaux said that he was under the impression the back section of the dike was to be armored.

Commissioner Wylie asked about the length of the project. Mr. Nelson advised that the length of the project is 5,875 feet and that this project would start precisely where the Corps ended.

Commissioner Vaux asked what the cost would be to armor the back of the dike. Mr. Nelson replied that it would be around \$100,000. Mr. Nelson added that the Corps was never going to do anything beyond restoration at federal cost. They would do this work if they were asked, but the County would have to pay for it.

Mr. Nelson explained to the Board what had been done to date.

A member of the audience advised that if the levee fails again the island will be gone as the ground level is six feet lower than it was prior to the flood. The rock work in the face of that dike has slipped. Even the river side of the dike needs repairing. He also said that the dike needs to be extended.

Mr. Nelson agreed that it does need patching and there is enough money in the estimate to take care of that. There is no money for a dike extension. That would be another project by itself.

Commissioner Vaux said that he is of the opinion that it is important to find out how much it is going to cost to do the inside of the dike with rock. He asked that the figures be brought back to the Board as soon as possible so a decision can be made. The back of the levee needs to be armored.

Commissioner Wylie asked if there were places that it is not necessary to rock. Mr. Nelson replied that he did not think so. If it is going to be done it should be done all the way. The Corps has provided a figure of \$60,000 which, Mr. Nelson said, is on the conservative side.

Commissioner Robinson emphasized that figures need to be provided to see what the cost will be so a decision can be made.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve a resolution to place rock rip-rap on the southerly 1,100 feet at the back slope of the Cockreham Island Levee right bank of the Skagit River, Section 15, Township 35 North, Range 6, East W.M. in the estimate of \$24,662.00. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, adding that Mr. Nelson would bring further cost estimates next week. The motion passed unanimously.
(Resolution # 12878)

After further comments and questions by audience members discussion on this matter concluded.

2) Waste Reduction/Recycling Education.

Frances Ambrose, Recycling and Waste Reduction and Household Hazardous Waste Educator for Skagit County reported. She advised that she has been providing 30 minute presentations to pre-school through second grade children and then returning later to provide an additional 30 minutes. An hour presentation on waste reduction and recycling is made to the upper grades, up to grade six. No presentations have been given to the high schools as yet. So far she has made eleven presentations and talked to about 500 children. Five presentations have been given for adults. She added that a workshop for County employees is being held on March 14.

Ms. Ambrose stated that most ecology news is frightening, but through recycling and waste reduction we

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can make a big difference. For example, Skagit County is now recycling approximately 50% of its aluminum cans. She demonstrated to the Board some of the ways to organize the recycling of household items and provided information about hazardous and toxic substances.

Ms. Ambrose said she would appreciate calls if the Board has any questions regarding recycling, waste reduction and hazardous or toxic substances. The Board thanked Ms. Ambrose for her presentation.

The Board approved for signature a memo to all departments regarding a workshop on recycling for County employees to be held on March 14, 1991, at 3:00 p.m., in Hearing Room B.

- 3) Signature - a) Supplement to WSDOT/County Agreement for Francis Road Reconstruction Project.
b) Plans for Francis Road Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Spahr presented a Washington State Department of Transportation City/County Agreement to the Board for their approval. Robin Larue, Assistant Director, Design and Construction, reviewed a map of the area in question with the Board. He advised that Part b) of this agreement will be presented to the Board in the next couple of weeks.

The Board approved a) the supplemental agreement to the WSDOT/County Agreement for Francis Road Reconstruction Project for signature. (HES-2029(020))

- 4) Signature - Establishment of CRP - Hickox Road Railroad Crossing

Mr. Larue reviewed with the Board a resolution regarding the improvement of Hickox Road.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to provide Preliminary Engineering funds for installation of automatic flashing light traffic control devices with gates, remove crossbucks, widen shoulders, extend culvert, and install guardrail on the Hickox Road #7000 with an appropriation amount of \$8,000. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12877)

- 9) Miscellaneous.

The following item was to be presented during the "Miscellaneous" portion of the agenda, but it was presented earlier for the convenience of those present.

- A. Mr. Spahr requested that discussion be held on the need for an additional rock source.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the issue of a rock source needs to be spelled out on the agenda since it is such an important item. There are people who would be here if they knew it was on the agenda

Mr. Spahr and Mr. Nelson explained that the reason they were anxious to discuss this item with the Board is because the Army Corps of Engineers are ready to proceed with some of the flood damage projects and there is dire need for a rock source. Also, the Corps would like to proceed with their work as soon as possible.

The Board requested that this matter be placed on the agenda the week of March 11.

- 8) Resolution - Designating Eligible Providers of Rental Equipment

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Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature a resolution designating eligible providers of rental equipment as listed on Attachment A and effective through December 31, 1991. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12876)

5) Call for Public Hearing - Country Cable Franchise Extension

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a resolution to call for public hearing for franchise extension for Country Cable T.V., Inc., to be held on March 18, 1991, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Skagit County Administration Building. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12875)

6) Call for Public Hearing - Open Unopened Right-of-Way - Windy Ridge

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to call for public hearing regarding opening of unopened county right-of-way in Short Plat 17-84/Windy Ridge to be held Monday, March 18, 1991, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12874)

Commissioner Vaux motioned to amend the above resolution to call for public hearing regarding opening of unopened County right-of-way in Short Plat 17-84/Windy Ridge to be held Monday, March 25, 1991, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7) Resolution - Regarding Status of Northland Cable Properties

Mr. Spahr explained that Northland Cable Properties is purchasing Valley Cable T.V. and requires the County's confirmation of their existing franchise to satisfy their lending institution. They have currently satisfied all the conditions of the franchise and, therefore, the Public Works Department is recommending this resolution be signed. Linda Johnson clarified that this resolution is restating the original terms as they were approved for Valley Cable T.V. at a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature a resolution regarding the status of the Cable Television Franchise held by Northland Cable Properties Eight Limited Partnership, which include conditions 1 through 4. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12873)

9) Miscellaneous.

B. Tom Sheahan, Director, Emergency Services, reported to the Board on the status of the oil spill in Fidalgo Bay. He requested that the Board approve for signature two resolutions for road closure: March's Point Road, #1661, and North Texas Road, #1780.

Mr. Sheahan advised that a cleanup plan has been submitted and the agencies are reviewing it at this time. The primary reason for the road closure is from a safety standpoint as there is a lot of activity around the cleanup.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature a resolution for Notice of Road Closure, March's Point Road, #1661 from 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 1991, through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 1991. The alternate route will be the East March's Point Road. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12871)

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Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature a resolution for Notice of Road Closure, North Texas Road, #1780 at the railroad tracks at March's Point Road to General Chemical Company from 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 1991 through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 1991. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12872)

- C. Mr. Spahr advised the Board that flood damaged debris is no longer being accepted free of charge at any of the County solid waste facilities as of February 28, 1991. He reported that 1300 tons of material has been accepted, with a tipping fee of \$73,000. FEMA has not been contacted yet to see if any of these costs are reimbursable.

Mr. Spahr asked the Board if they felt that for any reason the date should be extended. He advised he had some concerns about abuse.

Commissioner Wylie said that she did not know of anyone who has not gotten cleaned up, although there could be some. Commissioner Robinson advised that he is aware of several people who have material to bring in and haven't been able to get to it because they are still pumping water.

Tom Sheahan said that they are looking at the possibility of another clean up day on Fir Island on March 23. They will be concentrating on the fields but will contact individual owners and realtors to see if they would be interested in a clean up day.

Commissioner Wylie said that in her opinion if debris is flood-related it should be taken.

Commissioner Vaux said he felt the Board should look at extending the deadline.

After further discussion the Board agreed to leave the Public Works Department with the power to accept flood damaged debris at their discretion.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the consent agenda of March 4, 1991, as submitted. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Petitions for Property Tax Refund:

1. Jordan Supply Co. (Paul Jordan), 720 Avon, Burlington, WA 98233, in the amount of \$514.07, due to a senior citizen exemption. (001091)
2. U.S. Bancorp (TRTS Data Services), 10700 Meridian Ave. No., Suite 403, Seattle, WA 98133-9087, in the amount of \$681.91, due to an inadvertent overpayment. (001391)
3. Charles I. Brown, 1535 Woodland Pl., Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$190.36, due to a senior citizen exemption. (001191)

• Public Defender:

4. Professional Services Contract with Dr. William H. Coleman to provide evaluations of public defender clients. Compensation occurs at \$65.00 per hour. Contract duration is January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. (Contract #00859)
5. Professional Services Contract with Enriquez Investigative Agency to provide investigative services for public defender cases for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31,

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1991. Compensation occurs at \$50 per hour plus expenses. (Contract #00860)

6. Professional Services Contract with Washington Polygraph Services to conduct polygraph examinations for public defender cases for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. Compensation occurs at \$150 per polygraph. (Contract #00861)

* **Parks and Recreation Department:**

7. Professional Services Contract with The Management Coaching Company to provide a retreat for the Parks and Recreation Department personnel on March 14, 1991. The sum of \$750 will be paid to the contractor plus a \$3.00 per person supply fee. The funding is contained within the department's budget, and the seminar approved as part of the department's 1991 budget. (Contract #00862)

* **Commissioners' Office:**

8. Appointment of Dody L. Good to Fair Advisory Board with term beginning March 4, 1991, and expiring March 4, 1994. (Resolution # 12879)
9. Appointment of Darylyn M. Chick to Fair Advisory Board with term beginning March 4, 1991, and expiring March 4, 1994. (Resolution # 12880)
10. Buyer's Closing Statement and closing agreement for purchase of Front Street property, Clear Lake, Washington. Balance due escrow - \$12,285.35.
11. Buyer's Closing Statement and closing agreement for purchase of 109 Broadway, Mount Vernon, Washington. Balance due escrow - \$50,518.47.
12. Record of the proceedings from February 25, 1991.
13. Record of the proceedings from February 26, 1991.
14. Record of the proceedings from February 28, 1991.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature voucher numbers 100590 through 101161 and payroll warrants numbered 9917 through 10523 in the total of \$980,469.70. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (P-4-91)
- B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve voucher numbers 85262 through 85411 and payroll warrants number 85262 through 85411 in the total of \$306,612.324. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (PR-4-91)

SIGNATURE - SENIOR SERVICES ACTION GRANT AWARD.

The Board approved for signature an addendum to a Federal Assistance Grant #57-0-09-01 for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. The addendum would adjust the grant award amount by an additional \$1,528.00. (Contract #00638)

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SIGNATURE - CONTRACTS FOR SENIOR NUTRITION MEALS.

The Board approved for signature two contracts for off-project meal preparation for January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. The contracts were signed pursuant to bid awards earlier in the year.

The first contract was with Island Hospital to prepare and deliver senior citizen nutrition meals to the Anacortes Senior Center for \$2.13 per bulk meal delivered (\$2.40 per hot home-delivered meal and \$1.45 per frozen meal). (Contract #00863)

The second contract was with Affiliated Health Services to prepare and deliver senior citizen nutrition meals to the Burlington, Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon Senior Centers at \$2.35 per bulk meal delivered (\$2.60 per hot home delivered meal and \$1.78 per frozen meal). (Contract #00864)

PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY INVENTORY.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented and reviewed the list of County property items of greater than \$150 in value, as required by State law to be reviewed in the first week of March.

DISCUSSION - FORMATION OF DRAINAGE UTILITY.

Dave Brookings, Assistant Flood Control Engineer, used a map to locate and briefly describe areas requiring study and action to control drainage or flooding problems.

Mr. Brookings identified:

- Guemes Island groundwater recharge problems and tidegate failure.
- San-Juan/Delmar area increasing development.
- Weed control on lakes in the western portion of the County.
- Pump station maintenance in the Similk area.
- Failing storm sewers and increasing urbanization in the airport region.
- Streambed loading in the Blanchard and Alger areas.
- High water table in the Avon area.
- New development near Gages Slough and overlapping responsibilities for drainage issues.
- Mass development with no drainage assessments in the South Mount Vernon area.
- Forest practices for future development north of Conway.
- Stream flooding on Hanson and Coal Creeks.
- River rechanneling near Robinson Road and on Cockerham Island.
- Slides in the area of Burpee Hill.

Mr. Robinson stated that the current approach to drainage and flooding issues has been dictated by the amount of staff time and money available. This has caused attention to flood and drainage issues to be reactive rather than proactive. Generally, response consists of a field investigation and, if resources are available, right-of-way acquisition, construction and, later, maintenance. Currently the resources of the Flood Control Department consist of \$240,000 from the County Road Fund and \$20,000 in River Improvement Funds. Nine sub-flood control zones contribute to flood control through funds of from \$6,000 to \$35,000 in tax monies per year. The Flood Control Department currently employs a staff of two.

Mr. Spahr explained that Mr. Brookings' map and discussion did not touch on those areas of concern that are within a diking and drainage district or within cities. Mr. Spahr provided a map showing counties that currently have storm drainage utilities and those that are considering enacting them. He read from RCW

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36-89.020 and 36.89.080, which describes how a drainage utility is formed.

A drainage utility, Mr. Spahr stated, is formed by vote of the legislative authority. A property assessment is placed on each parcel in the County to support studies, improvements and maintenance. Currently each major city does drainage planning independently. In a county-wide drainage utility, it would be necessary to decide whether or not to include the cities.

Mr. Spahr recommended that a County-wide drainage utility be formed, and that an initial fee of \$10.00 per year be adopted that will be billed to each parcel in Skagit County to fund an initial County-wide drainage study.

The Board asked Mr. Spahr a number of questions about how the study funds would be used. A question was raised regarding the ability of existing diking and drainage districts to maintain their utilities.

Mr. Spahr recommended that public hearings be held during the scoping process of the study.

Chairman Vaux then offered to allow members of the audience to speak.

Jack Harlow asked what would happen to the monies taxpayers are already contributing to drainage districts and sub-flood control zones. He felt that most of the problems with drainage have been created by new developments, and that those who have created the problem should be made to pay.

Mr. Spahr agreed that some property owners are paying disproportionate shares while others are paying nothing.

Pete Walker felt that a \$10.00 per parcel charge would be inequitable. He felt that those with larger parcels should pay more. He also brought up the fact that there are currently sub-flood control zones in place which tax landowners in return for drainage improvements.

A letter dated April 17, 1986, from Representative Mary Margaret Haugen was introduced into the discussion.

Don Wick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, strongly supported the concept, and also that of open public meetings to gather information.

Mount Vernon Mayor Ray Reep commented that the City has many problems for which they do not have adequate funding to address.

Another representative of the City of Mount Vernon stated that the City Council disagrees with taxing all parcels at the same rate; however, they wish to hear more and learn more before deciding whether they wish to opt into the project. He invited Mr. Spahr to participate in a joint study session with Mount Vernon officials.

Jim Pemberton, representing the City of Anacortes, asked for the number of land parcels in Skagit county.

Mr. Spahr answered that there are approximately 61,000, with 7,000 being within the City of Mount Vernon, 7,000 in Anacortes, and 2,500 in the City of Burlington.

Chairman Vaux pointed out that Mr. Spahr's recommendation may not be the final proposal the Board will hear on the matter.

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Mr. Pemberton indicated that when citizens of Anacortes pay towards a County-wide drainage solution, it prevents the City from using the funds for their own capital improvement projects.

Phil Jennings, a Drainage District #15 commissioner, stated that the district, while performing well to improve drainage problems, is impacted by areas outside of the district which do not pay into the drainage district's funds.

Mr. Spahr stated that there is no timeline for institution of this proposal, and that the Board may wish to ask staff for more research into the matter, or may schedule the matter for public hearing. He stated that the staff chose to propose a per parcel charge because that is the easiest method of taxation for the Assessor.

At this point, Commissioner Wylie motioned to hold public hearings in Sedro Woolley, Anacortes, and Mount Vernon on the proposal of the Public Works Department to initiate a County-wide storm drainage utility. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, and recommended that an additional meeting be held in the Bow-Edison area. Commissioner Wylie then amended her motion to include an additional meeting in the Bow-Edison area, which Commissioner Robinson also seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.

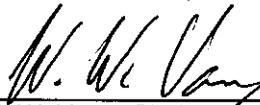
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution allowing a voluntary transfer of sick leave from the accounts of consenting Planning Department employees to the account of Tim Hoffman, a Planning Department employee who is combating a kidney disease, up to a total of 120 hours. (Resolution # 12881)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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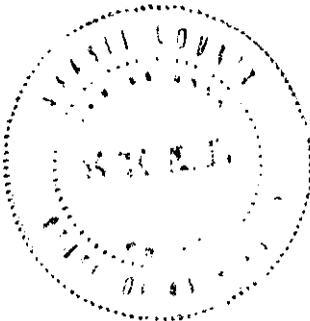
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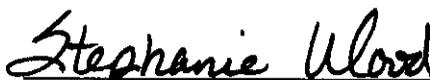
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ATTEST:



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