

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

Monday, March 11, 1991

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health:

- 1) Update on Tuberculosis Surveillance in High Risk Populations.
- 2) Update - Sudafed Recall.
- 3) Legislation of Public Health Significance.
- 4) April 10th State Board of Health Meeting in Mount Vernon.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:

- 1) Introduction - New Staff Members - Terri Durkee and Vicki Griffith.
- 2) Presentation - Certificate of Commendation for Recycler of the Month of March - Dave Flora.
- 3) Discussion - Rock Rip-Rap Backslope - Cockreham Island Project.
- 4) Discussion - Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Goals, Citizens' Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendations.
- 5) Resolution - Transfer of Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 Due to Waiver of Disposal Fees for Flood Debris.
- 6) Signature - Establishment of C.R.P.: a) Fir Island Road, b) Alger Cain Lake Road.
- 7) Signature - Addendum #2 - Riverview Building Lease.
- 8) Call for Bids - Motor Fuel.
- 9) Call for Public Hearing - Intent to Sell County Surplus Property (Ferry Mechanical Components).
- 10) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bid Openings:

- 1) One New 3/4 Ton Cargo Van.
- 2) One New One Ton Cab/Chassis Unit.
- 3) One New Four-Wheel Drive Special Purpose Passenger Van.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Discussion - Agreement with Concrete Chamber of Commerce.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 1) Introduction of Public Defender's Office New Employee.
- 2) Consideration of Resolution Encouraging Increase of U.S. Harvest of Salmon from Frazier River.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Discussion - Board of Equalization Space Needs.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Ruth Wylie and Robby Robinson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist, introduced to the Board the new Health Officer for the County, Dr. Nicola. He described some of Dr. Nicola's background to the Board.

1) Update on Tuberculosis Surveillance in High Risk Population

Sandi Paciotti, R.N., Public Health Nurse, reported. She advised that tuberculosis continues to be a public health problem in the United States with over 20,000 cases reported annually. It is a disease spread by coughing and sneezing germs into the air to infect other individuals. An average of one in ten infected people develop disease at some time in their lives unless given preventive therapy. The lungs are the most common site for tuberculosis, however, it is a systemic disease which can spread to other body organs. The goal of the Health Department is prevention, disease management, contact follow up and education. Since 1955 drug therapy has been used to prevent the transference and spread of the disease.

Ms. Paciotti described the process of testing people who have been in contact with someone with tuberculosis. She advised that recently there was a case at a local homeless shelter and as a result of that, a grant was received through the state which will run through July to allow extensive testing. As a result of the grant 237 people have already been tested.

Commissioner Vaux asked Ms. Paciotti about contact with other states. She explained that there is not much contact between states unless there is an active case, which is followed closely. When someone is leaving the area and it is known where they are going a referral is sent to that county. There have been six active cases in Skagit County in the last year.

2) Update - Sudafed Recall.

Ron Palmer reported that a bulletin was received Saturday, March 2, 1991, advising that a joint State Health Department and Food and Drug Administration advisory was in progress. About 95 food establishments, convenience stores and a few pharmacies were contacted.

Electronic communications have greatly expedited the Health Department's ability to receive health alerts, advisories and recall information, providing for timely notification of those involved. Recalls in the past to which the Health Department has responded similarly are: Listeria contaminated sprouts, Listeria contaminated cheeses, aldecarb in english cucumbers and watermelons, botulism in canned salmon, and cyanide adulterated chilean grapes.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vaux, Mr. Palmer explained that the Health Department does not usually get involved in pickup.

3) Legislation of Public Health Significance.

John Thayer reviewed the following 6 key public health bills currently being reviewed.

1. Permits for Public Water Systems (SB 5551 and HB 1709)
2. Private Water Supply Issues (rev. HB 2929-Sec.63) (SB 5765)
3. Tobacco Bill (SB 5567/HB 1753)
4. Water Well Construction/Delegation) (SB 5306/HB 1453)
5. Scoliosis Screening (HB 1377)

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6. Radon Standards (HB 1535)

Mr. Thayer advised that the Health Department is in support of the Permits for Public Water Systems bill and the Private Water Supply Issues bill.

Commissioner Wylie asked if a water district were formed and people object to being part of a utility district, would the Board of Health be given an opportunity to provide input. Mr. Thayer replied that the local Board of Health and Planning Department would develop guidelines.

Mr. Thayer explained that the purpose of the tobacco bill is to discourage use of tobacco by youth. He stated the Health Department recommends support of this bill.

Mr. Thayer said that the water well construction bill would further modify the Health Department's policies and regulations to deal with well drillers. It would require more certification requirements for drillers. Lorna Haycox would work with surveyors and engineers to improve the well site prior to construction of the well. The Health Department is in support of this bill.

Relative to scoliosis screening, Mr. Thayer explained that this is a joint State Board of Health, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Department of Health initiated bill. This bill would amend current laws pertaining to scoliosis screening to require the State Board of Health working with DOH and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to update screening requirements so that screening occurs at least 3 times between ages 4 and 11. The Health Department is in support of this bill.

Mr. Thayer reported that the Radon Standards bill requires the state building code council to establish interim requirements pertaining to radon gas contamination and requires state and local governments to gather data needed to establish long term standards. The Health Department is in support of the concept of gathering data on the extent of the problem, although Skagit County preliminary results show little problems within our communities.

4) April 10 State Board of Health Meeting in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Thayer reported that the Washington State Board of Health will be meeting in Mount Vernon April 10. He advised that he sits on the State Board of Health and typically, it does move around the state for meetings.

5) Miscellaneous

Mr. Thayer advised that a copy of a letter addressed to Farmers Home Administration from Andrea Xaver was recently received. The Department of Health understands her concern regarding growth, but is preparing a letter addressing the many health aspects associated with support of this project. This letter will be mailed to the Farmers Home Administration in support of a three million dollar funding package offered by that agency to Big Lake residents. The Skagit County Health Department will support the provision of PUD water to this community as necessary to correct the existing public health threat.

Commissioner Vaux asked that the Board be allowed to review this letter prior to its being sent.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) Introduction - New Staff Members - Terri Durkee and Vicki Griffith.

Vicki Griffith, Engineering Technician, and Terri Durkee, Office Assistant, were introduced to the Board.

2) Presentation - Certificate of Commendation for Recycler of the Month of March - Dave Flora.

A Certificate of Commendation for Recycler of the Month was presented to Dave Flora for his work in overseeing the County's recycling/compacting site at Clear Lake.

3) Discussion - Rock Rip-Rap Backslope - Cockerham Island Project.

Mr. Spahr stated that, based on the discussion held last week, staff has computed the costs to rock rip-rap the backslope of the Cockerham Island levee which was not included in Resolution #12878, an addition of about 4,700 feet. A total of \$24,662 was approved for the rip-rap of about 1,100 feet last week. An appropriation of \$55,715 will be needed to complete the rest of the 5,800, bringing the total appropriation to \$80,377.

The first estimates for the project were set at \$225,000, with the County's responsibility being \$70,000 for restoration and \$38,000 for additional rip-rap.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, stated that the residents feel that the addition of extra rip-rap to the backslope will help prevent failures, and that they understand that some overtopping may still occur and is acceptable.

Ted Anderson, a local resident, corrected the staff's statement regarding the original repair estimate. He noted that the original amount assigned to the County was \$110,600. He indicated that the addition of the two feet of rip-rap to the levee backslope would satisfy the residents of the island.

Ron Kaaland, Ruth Lipsey, Herb Hanson and Dick Maillard, all Cockerham Island residents, approved of the plan.

Commissioner Wylie motioned approval of the resolution allotting an additional \$55,715.00 to rock rip-rap an additional 4,700 on the backslope of the Cockerham Island levee, Flood Control Project #9105. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12883)

Commissioner Robinson asked Mr. Anderson to update the Board on his effort to form a sub-flood control zone for Cockerham Island area. He stated that a meeting of the residents will be held on March 21, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., in Hearing Room A of the County Administration Building.

4) Discussion - Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Goals, Citizens' Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendations.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, provided a preliminary draft mission statement and goals of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to each Board member.

Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee present were Steve Henderson, Suzy Gaudette, Glen Johnson, Eric Hall - Chairman, Denny Klinger and Ken Willis.

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Eric Hall, SWAC Chairman, thanked the Board for the opportunity to be involved in the update of the SWMP, and discussed the group's plans to include public comment in the process.

Mr. Spahr questioned Mr. Boge regarding the first portion of the mission statement which reads "Every individual is responsible for the wastes they generate...", indicating that this statement should include every institution and business also.

Mr. Boge read each goals statement.

Jeff Monsen, Assistant Administrator - Solid Waste Division, showed the relationship of the required Environmental Impact Statement to the SWMP update. He asked the Board for their comments and an indication of what role they would like to play in the update.

Chairman Vaux stated that staff should incorporate the Board's comments into the draft presented today and later have another meeting for a point-by-point review. He stated that this should be a community plan, not a plan created by the Board of Commissioners, and that the Board should offer direction only. He stated that he would like to see the goals statement regarding recycling purchasing policies be expanded upon.

The intention of mission statement #3 "Costs versus benefits must be a consideration given to all recommendations..." was discussed. Mr. Monsen stated that the intent of the statement is that when costs outweigh benefits, other alternatives are sought.

Commissioner Wylie asked if control of the waste stream, such as prohibition of the use of foam clamshells, is to be addressed in the plan. She suggested a work session with the SWAC to discuss some of these items.

Chairman Vaux suggested that the work session be an evening meeting.

Mr. Spahr pointed out that the Disposal Practices Goal stating "local disposal of wastes is preferred as a long term solution" is a departure from the position held by many counties.

A work session was scheduled with the SWAC for March 28, 1991, at 7:00 p.m., in Hearing Room A of the County Administration Building.

5) Resolution - Transfer of Funds from Current Expense Fund #001 to Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 Due to Waiver of Disposal Fees for Flood Debris.

Mr. Spahr explained that since waiving the disposal fees for flood debris, the County has received approximately 1,300 tons of flood damaged material. The County usually receives \$57 per ton in tipping fees to offset the costs of processing this material. As a preliminary step in the application to FEMA for reimbursement for the costs of disposal, the County must demonstrate that the disposal was a cost, therefore, by showing that costs for disposal were recovered from the General Fund, costs can be demonstrated. The Budget Director, Mike Woodmansee, has been consulted and is in agreement with this procedure.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution transferring \$74,984.73 from the Current Expense Fund #001 to the Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 to cover the costs of disposing of approximately 1,300 tons of flood debris at the County landfill and incinerator. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12884)

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6) Signature - Establishment of C.R.P.: a) Fir Island Road, b) Alger Cain Lake Road.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing \$20,000 in engineering funds to initiate the Fir Island Road County Road Project #4020-4, which will repair shoulders damages during the November, 1990, flood. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12885)

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing \$16,000 in engineering funds to initiate the Alger Cain Lake Road County Road Project #5354-1, which will allow replacement of the washout of the multi-plates on the existing bridge with a new bridge structure. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12886)

7) Signature - Addendum #2 - Riverview Building Lease.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to sign Addendum #2 to the lease with Lee Properties for additional office space in the westerly portion of Suite #207 as of March 1, 1991, for the sum of \$255 monthly. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #00215)

8) Call for Bids - Motor Fuel.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution calling for bids for the purchase of motor fuel for the period from April 1, 1991, through March 31, 1992, to be received and opened on March 25, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12887)

9) Call for Public Hearing - Intent to Sell County Surplus Property (Ferry Mechanical Components).

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on March 25, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the sale of surplus diesel engines, outdrives and mechanical components available from the recent overhaul of the Guemes Ferry. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12888)

10) Miscellaneous.

A. Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution allowing the Public Works Department Director to use his discretion to extend the waiver of disposal fees for flood related debris to the public through March 31, 1991, as an amendment to Resolution #12722. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12889)

In discussion of acceptable extenuating circumstances, Commissioner Wylie indicated that the applicants should not be denied a fee waiver if they have been working consistently toward flood clean up.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the consent agenda of March 11, 1991, as submitted. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• Public Defender's Office:

1. Professional Services Contract with Juan Garza to provide interpreting services for clients for the

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period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. Compensation occurs at \$20.00 per hour. (Contract #00865)

- Health Department:
 2. Support Group Facilitator Contract with Cordia Sammeth to provide an AIDS support group on Monday evenings from February, 1991, through December, 1991, receiving \$40.00 per month for her services. (Contract #00866)
- * Adult Probation Department:
 3. Probation Services Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. Fees for services - \$3,000.00 fixed fee. (Contract #00867)
 4. Probation Services Agreement with the City of Anacortes for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. Fees for services - \$1,000.00 fixed fee. (Contract #00868)
 5. Probation Services Agreement with the City of Burlington for the period from January 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991. Fees for services - \$3,000.00 fixed fee. (Contract #00869)
- * Commissioners' Office:
 6. Record of the Proceedings from March 4, 1991.
 7. Record of the Proceedings from March 5, 1991.
 8. Record of the Proceedings from March 6, 1991.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a road closure of March's Point Road #1661 from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 1991 until further notice for the purpose of clean up of the oil spill in Fidalgo Bay. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12890)
- B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a road closure of North Texas Road #1780 from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 1991 until further notice for the purpose of clean up of the oil spill in Fidalgo Bay. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12891)

BID OPENINGS:

- 1) One New 3/4 Ton Cargo Van.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on February 26 and March 5, 1991.

The following bids were received and opened:

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- a) Blade Chevrolet
1100 Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CG21305
Total cost to Skagit County: \$14,833.93

- b) Greg Hinton Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMC
2400 Riverside Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: 1991 GMC 3/4 Ton Vandura #TG21305
Total cost to Skagit County: \$14,347.55

Alternate Bid:

Manufacturer and model: 1991 GMC 3/4 Ton Vandura #TG21305
Total cost to Skagit County: \$14,000.29

- c) Seaside Chevrolet-Buick
1004 Commercial
Anacortes, WA 98221

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CG21305
Total cost to Skagit County: \$14,202.43

- d) Vern Sims Ford, Inc.
116 West Ferry
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Manufacturer and model: Ford E-250 Cargo Van
Total cost to Skagit County: \$16,565.28

- e) Skagit Ford
P.O. Box 1377
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: 1991 Ford F250 Econoline Van
Total cost to Skagit County: \$15,128.48

The bids will be studied and a recommendation for award made at a later date.

2) One New One-Ton Cab and Chassis Unit.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on February 26, and March 5, 1991.

The following bids were received and opened:

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- a) Bellingham Chrysler Center
1615 Iowa St.
Bellingham, WA 98226

Manufacturer and model: 1991 Dodge one-ton cab and chassis AD3L64
Total cost to Skagit County: \$18,082.59

- b) Greg Hinton Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMC
2400 Riverside Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: 1991 GMC Sierra cab and chassis
Total cost to Skagit County: \$15,314.25

Alternate Proposal -

Manufacturer and model: 1991 GMC HD 3500
Total cost to Skagit County: \$18,156.37

- c) Blade Chevrolet, Inc.
1100 Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CC31403
Total cost to Skagit County: \$14,848.98

Alternate Proposal:

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CC31403 with turbocharge
Total cost to Skagit County: \$17,536.48

- d) Skagit Ford
P.O. Box 1377
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: 1991 Ford F350
Total cost to Skagit County: \$19,339.25

The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for award made at a later date.

- 3) One New Four-Wheel Drive Special Purpose Passenger Van.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on February 26, and March 5, 1991.

The following bids were received and opened:

- a) Vern Sims Ford, Inc.
116 West Ferry Street
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

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Manufacturer and model: 1991 Ford XLT Explorer
Total cost to Skagit County: \$20,425.00

- b) Greg Hinton Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMC
2400 Riverside Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: GMC S15 Jimmy 4-door
Total cost to Skagit County: \$18,378.08

Alternate Proposal #1:

Manufacturer and model: GMC S15 Jimmy 4-door
Total cost to Skagit County: \$18,028.53

Alternate Proposal #2:

Manufacturer and model: GMC S15 Jimmy 4-door
Total cost to Skagit County: \$17 776.92

- c) Skagit Ford
P.O. Box 1377
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: 1991 Ford explorer
Total cost to Skagit County: \$19,753.13

- d) Blade Chevrolet
1100 Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CT10506
Total cost to Skagit County: \$17,727.83

Alternate Proposal:

Manufacturer and model: Chevrolet CT10506
Total cost to Skagit County: \$18,540.53

- e) Countryside Chevrolet
221 Woodworth Street
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Manufacturer and model: CT10506
Total cost to Skagit County: \$20095.62

The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for award made at a later date.

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, March 11, 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 #65418 through #65879 (Vouchers #101858 through #102505) in the amount of \$969,564.48. Transmittal #C12-91.

DISCUSSION - AGREEMENT WITH CONCRETE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

This discussion resulted from a request by Ruth Knott, president of the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members were concerned that the Senior Center, which has primary use of the building, was not cooperating to coordinate their use of space with the Chamber's use.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, stated that the staff of the Center and Chamber met to discuss the coordinated use of the space. The main topic was the manner in which the Center volunteer staff answers inquiries pertaining to the Chamber. It was decided that Cheri Cook, the coordinator for the County's Upriver Satellite Office, would provide an orientation for the senior volunteers and staff in April on telephone etiquette.

Also discussed was the displacement of Chamber promotional materials. It was identified that these should be situated on moveable racks, which can be taken in and out according to how the building is being used. Purchase of two racks would cost from \$200 to \$300 each.

Mr. Holloran stated that another item of discussion was the rental of the building. He stated that apparently many local residents are unaware that the building may be used at no charge to public interest groups or municipal groups, and rented for \$10.00 per hour for private use. From this discussion, the topic of the Chamber's rental fee emerged. The Chamber pays \$300 per year for the use of the facility, while their total budget is \$3,000, much of which comes from donations. The Chamber felt it appropriate to request that the rental fee be waived.

Ruth Knott, Chamber President, indicated that the Chamber does not use the building very often, only on Saturdays during the three summer months, that they do not use the telephone to make calls, that they only receive calls there, and that they do not use the copier or other office equipment.

Judy Ross, Senior Center Coordinator, stated that, while the Chamber uses the building only on Saturdays in the summer, senior volunteers answer a number of inquires regarding Chamber business during the week in the summer months.

An unidentified Chamber member was unhappy that the Chamber staff, as opposed to senior volunteers, do not answer the telephone. He felt that the Chamber should have their own separate phone.

Tim Holloran pointed out that a separate line would cost between \$50 and \$60 per month, a fee which the Chamber cannot afford; therefore, the use of the Senior Center phone was an offer made by the seniors to help the Chamber. The seniors would be pleased if the Chamber wished to get their own phone.

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Mrs. Knott stated that from the third week in May through Labor Day is the period during which the Chamber uses the facility on Saturdays, a total of 15 to 16 weekends.

Mr. Holloran suggested that the rental agreement be amended to charge the Chamber the same fee as is charged to the "Saturday Market", \$10 per Saturday.

Discussion ensued on the purchase of racks for materials display.

Chairman Vaux stated that the intent of the County's purchase of the building originally was for the Seniors to have a place to use. He stated that any other use would have to be secondary, but urged the two groups to cooperate.

Commissioner Robinson stated that the Chamber had discussed with him the possibility of devoting the entire proceeds from the Hotel/Motel tax the County receives from a nearby hotel to the Chamber. Commissioner Robinson pointed out to the Chamber members that the proceeds from this hotel and the one located in town was \$911.06 last year, while the Chamber received \$3,055 for tourism brochures and the Bald Eagle Festival received \$750 from the County's Hotel/Motel tax proceeds last year. He stated that the Chamber receives greater benefit by allowing the tax to be added to the accumulation of other proceeds.

At this point, Commissioner Robinson motioned to waive the \$300 rental fee charged to the Concrete Chamber of Commerce for their use of the Concrete Senior Center on Saturdays during the summer months. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Vaux noted that a condition should be added that the Chamber pledges to get along with the Seniors.

Mrs. Knott had a few other items to discuss and they were discharged by the Board as follows:

- The Chamber is permitted to sell items which promote the Chamber on the site, but no items which would constitute a for-profit venture.
- The Chamber may not display art works as a rotating display of a single artist's works. Art works in the form of contributions to the Center will be accepted and displayed.
- Due to the constant vandalism of the flag pole and its lights, the lights will not be replaced. The flag will be taken in and put out only during good weather, since it is necessary to do so with the use of a tall ladder because the rope must be shortened to prevent vandals from cutting it.

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE NEW EMPLOYEE.

Gary Gaer, the new Chief Deputy of the Public Defender's Office was introduced to the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INCREASE OF U.S. HARVEST OF SALMON FROM FRASER RIVER.

A letter received from the San Juan County Board of Commissioners was reviewed. It encouraged the Board to join with them in encouraging legislators to support an increase in the U.S. catch levels of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon under the Pacific Salmon Treaty, which is currently being negotiated. Chairman Vaux stated that he has been made aware of local support for this increase, and recommended that the Board make this symbolic gesture on behalf of local fishermen.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt a resolution urging Congress and State and Federal agencies to

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seek and obtain higher U.S. catch levels of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon under the Pacific Salmon Treaty for the years 1993 and beyond. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12892)

DISCUSSION - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION SPACE NEEDS.

Frank Tucker, Chairman of the Board of Equalization, indicated an urgent need for space for the activities of the Board beginning in April.

Norma Koykka, the Board's secretary, reviewed the duties she is required to perform and her need for permanent space in which to perform them.

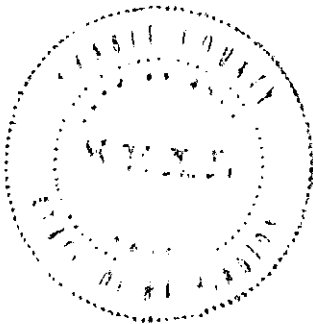
Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that unused space is virtually non-existent in our County buildings, and therefore it will be required to ask a department to share space with the Board of Equalization.

Two suggestions were made: The second floor rotunda of the Administration Building, and a shared copy room on the third floor of the Courthouse. Mr. Woodmansee and Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, will research both of these possibilities.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


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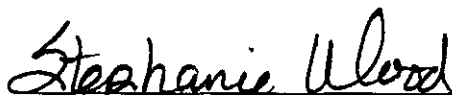
W. W. Vaux, Chairman

Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners