

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

Monday, May 20, 1991

8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Budget/Finance Officer - Mike Woodmansee:

- 1) Resolutions - Setting Public Hearing Dates for Budget Amendments.
- 2) Budget Line Item Change Resolutions.
- 3) Approval of "911" Interlocal City/County Agreement.
- 4) Approval of "911" Public Service Answering Point Agreement with City of Anacortes.
- 5) Other Financial Matters.

9:45 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Public Works Department:

- 1) Introduction of New Part-Time Guemes Ferry Manager - Dixon Elder.
- 2) Presentation by GeoEngineers of Draft Report Regarding Gibraltar Road Slide.
- 3) Bid Award Recommendation - Reconstruction of Lyman-Hamilton Road.
- 4) Update - Progress Toward Selection of Joint Recycling Program Coordinator.
- 5) Signature - Department of Ecology Grant Award for 1991 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event.
- 6) Resolution - Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Citizens' Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- 7) Call for Public Hearing - Opening of Unopened Right-of-Way - Buchanan Lane.
- 8) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

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

W.S.U. Cooperative Extension Livestock Agent Update.

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

Work Session - Planning Department - State Wetlands Preservation Program.

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

Presentation - Skagit County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award.
(County Administration Building, Hearing Room C)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Ruth Wylie and Robby Robinson present. The morning session was held at the Anacortes High School in Walter Brodniak Auditorium.

BUDGET/FINANCE OFFICER - MIKE WOODMANSEE:

- 1) Resolution - Setting Public Hearing Dates for Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on June 4, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., to consider a supplemental budget in the amount of \$813,000 in State and Federal funds for the

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County Road Fund for flood damaged road repair, and \$380,000 to the Emergency Communications Fund to account for \$240,000 in monthly telephone surtax and \$140,000 in donations from the Emergency Medical Services Council. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12970)

2) Budget Line Item Change Resolutions.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt a resolution prepared by Mr. Woodmansee which would accomplish the following budget line item changes:

- move \$7,895 from the Equipment Fund to Skagit Council of Governments to pay for a previous funding commitment.
- move \$85,00 to the Solid Waste Operating Fund various accounts from Reserves to pay for excess expenses due to the acceptance of flood damaged materials and the emergency operations during the extremely cold weather.
- move \$360,000 from the Human Services Fund to various accounts within the Regional Support Network fund to account for a mental health services development grant. A total of \$340,000 will be used to contract with service providers.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12971)

3) Approval of "911" Interlocal City/County Agreement.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature an agreement with the five cities of LaConner, Mount Vernon, Sedro Woolley, Burlington and Anacortes, as well as with the Swinomish Tribal Community and the Emergency Medical Services Council to provide for a county-wide system of emergency "911" communications. The term of the agreement is June 1, 1991, through December 31, 1991, which coincides with the duration of the "911" telephone surtax. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4) Approval of "911" Public Services Answering Point Agreement with City of Anacortes.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve for signature an agreement with the City of Anacortes for the City to act as a Public Service Answering Point for the 293 telephone prefix located predominantly on Fidalgo Island, in return for a payment to offset staffing from the County's "911" telephone surtax account. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5) Other Financial Matters.

- A. Mr. Woodmansee advised, for the Board's information, that he had sent letters to each of the local city libraries requesting copies of their annual reports and 1991 city budgets in order to determine what portion of the \$100,000 in supplemental library funding the County has set aside they will receive.
- B. Mr. Woodmansee reviewed, for the Board's information, the latest financial statement of the Skagit County Humane Society.
- C. Mr. Woodmansee reviewed with the Board a letter from Jon Aarstad, Parks and Recreation Department Director, which explains that during the winter's floods when Parks Department employees were assisting in the loading and unloading of displaced farm animals at the Skagit

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County Fairgrounds, one of the Parks employees suffered an injury which has since left him unable to perform his job duties for the next three months. Mr. Aarstad requested that, in light of the impending Fair season, he be allowed to replace the injured employee using monies he has received from the Department of Labor and Industries to compensate the County for the employee's injury and an additional \$1,250 to make up the shortfall in wages.

The Board approved Mr. Aarstad's request.

D. Mr. Woodmansee reviewed, for the Board's information, the latest timber tax report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

1) Introduction of New Part-Time Guemes Ferry Manager - Dixon Elder.

Dixon Elder, recently hired as the part-time manager of the Guemes Ferry, was introduced to the Board.

2) Presentation by GeoEngineers of Draft Report Regarding Gibraltar Road Slide.

Robin LaRue, Design/Construction Engineer, introduced Doug Argo, Project Manager, and John Kloski, Owner, of GeoEngineers, a firm which is contracting with the County to perform a geological engineering study of the area of the Gibraltar Heights slide of winter, 1990.

Mr. Argo gave a presentation. He first explained the origin of the slide, stating that it was formed thousands of years ago when the ice was receding from Puget Sound. He used a topographical map to describe the limits of the slide, which is 2,400 feet long and 600 feet from the toe to the highest point of the slide. A cross cut of the slip surface was also shown to illustrate the formation of the slide.

Mr. Argo stated that it is characteristic of this slide for large failures to occur about every 100 years. Small failures like that seen in December will occur every couple of decades. Although shoreline erosion has been the main trigger for movement of the slide in the thousands of years since it started to form, this event was caused by the heavy saturation of the area with water following a storm event which caused groundwater measurements for November and December to measure 5½ times as great as any in the previous 30 years. Mr. Argo stated that it is unknown what the extent of the area is that is contributing to the groundwater table in the slide area.

Mr. Argo characterized the stability of the slide area as 1.02, with 1.0 being an equal chance of sliding or remaining stable.

Mr. Argo stated that two options exist for controlling the slide: 1) to reduce the driving forces, or 2) to increase resistance to the slide.

The possibilities for achieving these options include:

- construction of a large structural wall at the toe of the slope. The wall must extend below the slide plain twice the distance from the slide plain to the surface, or about 150 feet deep. This would be extremely expensive, possibly in the neighborhood of \$25 million.
- construction of a buttress at the toe of the slide, such as a pile of soil or rock which would weight the toe and increase the frictional resistance. Approximately 200 cubic yards of the material could be deposited on the toe, but would raise the stability of the slide to only 1.08.

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- lowering of the groundwater table with a series of drains. This would raise the stability to 1.04, but would probably be subject to a number of permits.
- reducing or stopping shoreline erosion by placed and/or repairing the seawalls.
- diverting upland drainage.
- lining ditches to encourage drainage discharge.
- increasing the size of culverts.
- tightlining downspouts to drainage ditches.

Mr. Argos stated that the last few suggestions, taken individually, would not appreciably contribute to the stability of the slide, but taken together, they could have a beneficial effect.

Regarding the draft report, Chairman Vaux asked what the source of changes from the draft report to the final report would be. Mr. Argos stated that the County should review the report and ask for clarification of any items that they do not understand. These items will be clarified in the final report.

Chairman Vaux verified that at the receipt of the final report, recommendations will be discussed.

Mr. LaRue emphasized that the cost figures contained in the report are very rough.

Keith Eide, representing the Salmon Beach Landowners Association, was concerned that the extremely low tides experienced at the time of the slide were not factored into the report. He pointed out that during recent low tides similar to those experienced during the slide, his home exhibited what appeared to him to be structural movements.

Mr. Argos stated that with respect to weight on the toe of the slide, water acts differently than rock. The driving force is not the same with water, so it therefore would not have greatly influenced the slide.

Mr. Eide then stated that Bob Knorr, another resident, had kept close records during the slide which show a definite correlation between the low tides and the slide movement.

A Mr. Johnson also stated that he noted destruction of his home correlating with the low tides.

At this point Chairman Vaux terminated the discussion, stating that more discussion would be held when the final report is presented.

3) Bid Award Recommendation - Reconstruction of Lyman-Hamilton Road.

At the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for the reconstruction of the Lyman-Hamilton Road to Associated Sand and Gravel for \$229,366.72. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12972)

4) Update - Progress Toward Selection of Joint Recycling Program Coordinator.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, reported that two firms will be interviewed on Wednesday, May 22, 1991, for the contract for a Joint Recycling Program Coordinator. Those two firms are Waste Management Northwest/Skagit River Steel and Environmental Wastes of America/Fibers International/ Rural Sanitation.

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5) Signature - Department of Ecology Grant Award for 1991 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event.

Grant #TAX91193 with the State Department of Ecology was approved for signature. The grant provides \$75,840 in a 50/50 matching format to Skagit County for the production of their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Paint Swap Event. (Contract #00987)

6) Resolution - Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Citizens' Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to accept the resignations of Mike Meeuwsen and Carole Duttlinger and appoint Rich Clasen and Ron Wohl to fill their seats on the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12973)

7) Call for Public Hearing - Opening of Unopened Right-of-Way - Buchanan Lane.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on June 3, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. to consider the opening of unopened County right-of-way on Buchanan Lane in Clear Lake. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12974)

8) Miscellaneous.

A. The Board approved for signature a contract with the Everett Herald to purchase a minimum of 550 lines during the next year in order to be eligible for special advertising rates. (Contract #00988)

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the consent agenda of Monday, May 20, 1991, as submitted. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Property Tax Refunds:

1. Erma J. Smith, 2854 Hwy 20, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, in the amount of \$602.50 due to a senior citizen exemption. (004591)
2. Ruby Bates, 108 W. Moore, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, in the amount of \$844.10, due to a senior citizen exemption. (004691)
3. Flora Koeller, 1120 S. 25th Sp. #37, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of 351.85, due to a senior citizen exemption. (004491)
4. R.I. Delahunt, P.O. Box 526, Burlington, WA 98233, in the amount of \$245.43, due to the sale of the property to another party. (004391)
5. Fred P. Holton, 2320 11th, Anacortes, WA 98221, in the amount of \$2209.56, due to a senior citizen exemption. (004091)
6. Calbuilt Products, 2449 Panorama Place, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, in the amount of \$204.23, due to improvements which did not exist on the assessment date. (004791)

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* Health Department:

7. Guest Speaker Contract with Michael Putnam to give a presentation entitled "Personal Perspectives on AIDS" on May 16, 1991, for the fee of \$25.00. (Contract #00989)

* Senior Services:

8. Contract Amendment #91-3100-06(1) with Northwest Regional Council, which awards an additional \$5,000 in Respite Case Management funds available on a one-time only basis, and which must be expended by June 30, 1991.

* Commissioners' Office:

9. Resolution - Call for Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 1991, at 2:30 p.m. - amendments to Skagit County Code 14.04.110 and 14.04.115 regarding siting of buildings in the Agricultural and Agricultural Reserve District. (Resolution # 12975)
10. Record of the Proceedings from May 13, 1991.
11. Record of the Proceedings from May 14, 1991.
12. Record of the Proceedings from May 15, 1991.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 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, May 20, 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 #85823 through #85880 (Vouchers #85823 through #85880) in the amount of \$15,660.00. Transmittal #PR-9-91.
 - 2) Warrants #11954 through #12015 (Vouchers #PDRAWMAY851 through #PDRAWMAY912) in the amount of \$22,772.71. Transmittal #P-9-91.
- B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution approving the annexation of property to fire District #5, as described in a motion of the Fire District and in a petition of 60% of the property owners to be annexed, and set forth on Attachment A to the resolution. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12976)
 - C. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution approving the removal of lands belonging to Joseph W. Engberg from the assessment roles of Skagit County Drainage District #14, as contained in a petition of the Drainage District #14 Commissioners. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 12977)

W.S.U. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION LIVESTOCK AGENT UPDATE.

Mike Hackett, Snohomish County Livestock Agent, gave an update on the livestock agent program. He

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works for Skagit County Cooperative Extension less than one day per month.

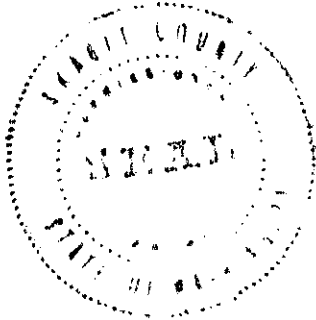
PRESENTATION - SKAGIT COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The annual Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Harvey Wolden from the Conway Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





W. W. Vaux, Chairman




Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners