

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

Tuesday, August 20, 1991:

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:
- 1) Follow-up Discussion on Cities/County Meeting.
 - 2) Enforcement Report Update.
 - 3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Addition to Skagit County Code Regarding Jail Labor - Rates for Reduction of Outstanding Fines and Costs.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consideration of Hearing Examiner Recommendation to Approve the Timber Open Space Application of Patricia Halloran.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening - Installation of New Septic System at Clear Lake Swimming Park.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session - County-Wide Drainage Program.
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Third Quarter Report and Tour - Skagit County Historical Museum, 501 South Fourth, LaConner.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux, Robby Robinson and Ruth Wylie present.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTTKIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR:

1) Follow-up Discussion on Cities/County Meeting.

Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed his impressions of the first Cities/County meeting to discuss compliance with HB 1025's edict that Cities and the County develop county-wide planning policies. He stated that clearly not all cities agree with each other about the policies. He also noted that many of the mayors sent substitutes in their places.

2) Enforcement Report Update.

Provided and briefly reviewed.

3) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items from the Planning Department.

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PUBLIC HEARING - ADDITION TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE REGARDING JAIL LABOR - RATES FOR REDUCTION OF OUTSTANDING FINES AND COSTS.

The Clerk of the Board explained that the legislature has recently placed the burden for setting rates at which imprisoned defendants decrease their monetary fines on the County legislative authority. Judge Gene Anderson has brought this to the Board's attention, and is requesting an ordinance setting these rates.

A public hearing was advertised with rates at \$35 for laboring defendants and \$25 for non-laboring defendants, the amount set previously by the legislature. Neighboring counties were polled. King, Snohomish, Island and San Juan County Commissioners' Offices had not yet begun to consider the matter, and some were unaware of it. Whatcom County was considering setting their rates at \$60 for laboring defendants and \$40 for non-laboring defendants.

Answering questions from the Board, Chief Corrections Deputy Randy Parker reported that approximately 25% of the jail population has been imprisoned to work off or sit out fines. He felt that any measure which would reduce the jail population would be welcome. He stated that cities presently pay the County \$37.50 per day for their prisoners.

Judge Anderson stated that Island County, although they have not passed an ordinance, is considering \$75 for laboring and \$50 for non-laboring defendants. He stated that the one Superior Court judge he polled wanted the rates left as the legislature set them. Judge Anderson stated that neither himself or Judge Moller care what the rate is.

Mr. Parker, answering additional questions, stated that most imprisoned defendants ask to work, but not all are allowed to work off their fines because of the severity of their crimes.

A brief discussion ensued on when the ordinance should take effect.

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

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to set the jail labor rates for Skagit County at \$45 for laboring defendants and \$25 for non-laboring defendants imprisoned after September 1, 1991.

Chairman Vaux indicated that he would like to see the laboring rate set at twice that of the non-laboring rate to provide incentive to the prisoners to volunteer for work.

Commissioner Wylie then withdrew her motion and motioned to set jail labor rates for Skagit County at \$50 for laboring defendants and \$25 for non-laboring defendants imprisoned after September 1, 1991. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 14024)

CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF PATRICIA HALLORAN.

Jeff Morgan, Associate Planner, provided an Assessor's Map on which he located the Halloran property.

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He stated that Ms. Halloran has requested that approximately 20 acres of land belonging to her be placed in the County's Open Space Timber Program. Mr. Morgan stated that Ms. Halloran was made aware that unless she leaves a building site parcel out of the Open Space designation, she will not be allowed to make any future improvements on the property. Ms. Halloran, however, apparently is not interested in property improvements and allowed her request to remain at the full 20 acres. The Hearing Examiner has recommended approval of the request.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and grant Ms. Halloran's request for inclusion of her 20 acres in the County's Open Space Timber Program. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14025)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A. Al Swift and his legislative aide, Andy Andersen, visited briefly with the Board of Commissioners.

BID OPENING - INSTALLATION OF NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM AT CLEAR LAKE SWIMMING PARK.

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the notice of call for bids.

The following bid was opened:

- 1) Mid Valley Construction/Bannister Septic
P.O. Box 785
Concrete, WA 98237

Total Bid: \$28,648.75
Bid deposit enclosed.

The bid will be reviewed and staff will make a recommendation for award on Wednesday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Department Director, took this opportunity to receive permission from the Board to accept a telephone bid for \$5,528.73 to replace playground equipment at the Samish Island Park.

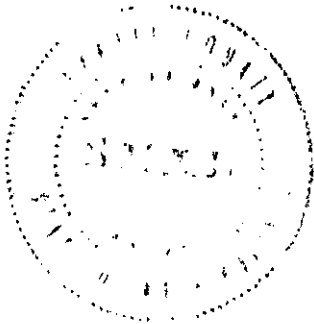
THIRD QUARTER REPORT AND TOUR - SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 501 SOUTH FOURTH, LACONNER.

The Board traveled to LaConner to visit the Skagit County Historical Museum and to receive a presentation by Jim Barmore, Museum Curator, on the Museum's third quarter report.

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