

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

Tuesday, February 11, 1992:

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Division Manager Operations/Road Supervisors
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:
- 1) GIS Maps for the Nookachamps Watershed.
  - 2) Sanitary Survey Proposal.
  - 3) Code Enforcement.
  - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 .am. Meeting with Tribal Chairmen to Discuss Common Interests.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bid Opening - One New 1991 or 1992 Fifth Wheel Truck.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Signature - Resolution Creating Fund for Skagit County Flood Control Zone District.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Skagit County Parks and Recreation - Jon Aarstad, Director:
- 1) Signature - Application for Grant Assistance for Skagit County Fair.
  - 2) Discussion - Proposal for Conway to South County Line Dike Top Trail.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson and Ruth Wylie and Bill Vaux present.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATARICK, DIRECTOR**

1) GIS Maps for the Nookachamps Watershed.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Director; and Jim Freeman, Senior Planner; presented the final products of the mapping contract for the Nookachamps Watershed Action Plan. Anna Trombley, an intern contracted last year, prepared several GIS mapping products under the supervision of the Puget Sound Cooperative River Basin Team. These mapping products were prepared in order to fulfill requirements for the Nookachamps Watershed Action Plan and provide background information for the Watershed Management Committee. The following maps were presented:

- 1 - Puget Sound Vicinity Map
- 2 - Watershed Base Map
- 3 - Jurisdictional Map
- 4 - Stream Type Map
- 5 - Land Use/Land Cover Map
- 6 - Agricultural Use/Forestland Use map
- 7 - Zoning Map
- 8 - Road Map
- 9 - Floodplain Map
- 10 - Septic Suitability Map

2) Sanitary Survey Proposal.

Jim Freeman, Senior Planner, presented to the Board a proposal to apply for funding through the Centennial Clean Water Fund to conduct sanitary surveys. The funding would be used to support a full time staff person for two years to conduct sanitary surveys. The project would focus on the Nookachamps, Padilla Bay/Bayview and Samish River Watersheds. This proposal will help fulfill existing staffing needs, partially appease DOH concerns over the removal of the Environmental Health Division of Planning and Community Development to the Permit Center, and provide much needed information for the County's Watershed Planning Program. Normally approximately 75% of the project costs are covered by the Washington Department

of Ecology with 25% being provided by local match (the County). This money would not need to be allocated until the 1993 Budget. The deadling for applying is February 21, 1992. There will be a three to four month review period, then a public review, making it six months before hearing if accepted, and six more months before the grant agreement. It would be best to let the Department of Ecology know within six months that the County has committed to the 25% funding. Mr. Freeman feels that there is a 50/50 chance of receiving this grant.

Tom Karsh, Permit Coordinator, informed the Board that the last Sanitary Survey was in 1975 or 1976, in the Dewey Beach/Similk Beach area. We are not currently staffed to do the survey. It will involve contacting property owners, educating them, getting their cooperation and being on site a lot. The types of complaints we are receiving are regarding the roadside ditches smelling and we don't have the manpower to check into the possibility of on-site sewage. To access properties we must work under the authority of the County Health Officer. The Department of Health's concerns are that the on-site sewage is not under the direction of the Health Officer, but under the Permit Center. There are state laws that say on-site sewage problems are to go through the Health Officer. John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor, continued, stating that there has been good communication over the last year and a half with the Health Officer over seeing. There has not been any problem with the State questioning the organization as it is now. Tom Karsh commented that there are testing techniques being utilized that show 60% failure in on-site sewage systems over areas that show only 10% failure in old techniques. We also now have the technology to correct problems rather than remove people from their homes.

Mr. Freeman let the Board know that there will be recommendations within each program and plan to have the Board's thought processes in the planning of the programs.

#### MEETING WITH TRIBAL CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS COMMON INTERESTS.

Present were: Robert Joe, Chairman, Lorraine Loomis, Representative, Nick Zaferatos, Representative, and Larry Wasserman, Environmental Director, from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Floyd Williams, Chairman, and Carol Buckley, Representative, from the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe were present to present a Draft of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Skagit System Cooperative and Skagit County. Lawrence Joseph, Chairman for the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe was unable to attend. The proposed Memorandum of Agreement is intended to promote additional cooperation and coordination between Skagit County and the three Tribal governments regarding natural resource issues. Chairman Joe stated that it is desired to come to a place where the Cooperative can come directly to the County to ask for/provide help to/work together on, specific issues rather than end up in a court room. The desire is to manage and protect resources that come back to benefit the tribes. The tribes are not against growth management, but would like to be a part of, and assist with the process. Chairman Williams stated that they would like to be able to put environmental and land use issues on the table for open discussion with the Board. They are not just a "user group but co-managers of resources.

Chairman Williams expressed concerns regarding Tribal owned properties in the Bow Hill area that are planned to be developed soon. He also expressed concern regarding the property on Helmick Road that the County has purchased to place the Fair Grounds on, and is concerned with what impact it will have on adjacent Tribal owned land.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he feels what the three tribes are proposing is a good and healthy system. The issues out there won't go away, but grow. Open lines of communication are necessary. He is supportive of what the tribes are offering. Commissioner Wylie stated she would like to see the Board review the document and then come to an agreement to talk it over. Chairman Robinson stated that it was unanimous that the Board will go over the proposed Memorandum of Agreement and discuss it again with the Tribal Chairmen in the near future. The Board will note changes they feel are necessary and send back to the tribes for review.

Ms. Loomis addressed the Board stating that there are concerns right now that need action, such as endangered species. and requested that there be an agreement reached by March.

Commissioner Vaux replied that by the end of February there will be a marked up copy of the agreement back to the Tribes for review.

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, February 11, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- 1) Warrant #90065-90207 (Voucher #90065-90207) in the amount of \$172,197.14. Transmittal #R3-92.

**BID OPENING - ONE NEW 1991 OR 1992 FIFTH WHEEL TRUCK.**

Chairman Robinson waived the reading of the notice of call for bids and the following bids were received and opened:

- 1) Western Peterbilt, Inc.  
P. O. Box 24065  
Seattle, WA 98124  
  
Proposal: 357 - 1992 Peterbilt - \$72,709.24
- 2) Motor Trucks, Inc.  
1684 Henson Road  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
  
Proposal: 1992 International - \$75,216.89
- 3) Rainier White GMC Trucks  
11222 E. Marginal Way S.  
Seattle, WA 98168  
  
Proposal: 1992 Volvo Autocar ACL64BT - \$74,089.12
- 4) Kenworth Northwest, Inc.  
P. O. Box 98967  
Seattle, WA 98188  
  
Proposal: 1992 T800 Kenworth - \$73,226.51

The Public Works Department will review the bid and return at a later date with a recommendation for award.

**SIGNATURE - RESOLUTION CREATING FUND FOR SKAGIT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT. - MIKE WOODMANSEE, BUDGET/FINANCE DIRECTOR.**

On November 4, 1991, the Board of Commissioners authorized a \$10/parcel fee for a County-wide flood and drainage study. The proposed resolution creates a "Storm Water Control Fund" #141 to collect the fee and cover expenditures. Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14220).

**SKAGIT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION - JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR:**

1) Signature - Application for Grant Assistance for Skagit County Fair.

Don Helwig, Fair Manger, reviewed the annual grant application to the Washington state Fund for Agricultural Fairs grant program. The total amount requested was \$10,505.50. Skagit County's share would be \$3,173.50 in cash contributions and \$6,347.00 in donated labor. (Contract #01233).

The Board approved the grant application for signature.

2) Discussion - Proposal for Conway to South County Line Dike Top Trail - Jon Aarstad.

Dave Olson, Dike District Commissioner and Jon Aarstad have had conversations regarding the establishment of a walking trail on the dike top approximately two miles from Conway to Milltown. The trail location was identified for the Board on a vicinity map.

Mr. Aarstad indicated that the dike top is already fairly developed.

The Board discussed the plan with Mr. Aarstad, Dave Olson, and Richard Smith. Dave Brookings, Mike Woodmansee, Bob Taylor and Steve Colby were also present for the discussion.

Mr. Aarstad explained that the County could expect to assume liability for walkers on the dike. Construction of the trail could occur in conjunction with work performed at Conway Park.

The Board directed Mr. Aarstad to pursue the matter further, offering a copy of our contract for the use of the Padilla Bay Dike Trail to the Dike District as an example and contacting the adjoining property owners.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Robby Robinson, Chairman

  
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

  
W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Carter, Clerk  
Skagit County Commissioners