

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, April 20, 1992:

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

Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Signature - Contract Amendment No. 1 - Time Extension Clemson University Toxicology Study.
- 2) Signature - LaConner Kiwanis Club Litter Agreement.
- 3) Signature - Consulting Services Agreement Burlington Shop Site Analysis.
- 4) Resolution - Road Closure - Cascade River Road.
- 5) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tour of Skagit River Steel & Recycling, 1265 South Anacortes Street, Burlington.

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

ARIS Update - Mike Woodmansee.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session - Land Acquisition and Personnel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on with Commissioners Robby Robinson, and W. W. Vaux present. Commissioner Wylie's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Signature - Contract Amendment No. 1 - Time Extension Clemson University Toxicology Study.

Mr. Medved presented to the Board an amendment to the contract with Clemson University Research Foundation. This is a time extension only extending the duration of the contract from March 24, 1992, to June 30, 1992. This will allow sufficient time for review and approval of the final report; analysis of the sampling taken; and billing and payment. (Contract #00219).

- 2) Signature - LaConner Kiwanis Club Litter Agreement.

Robin LaRue, Assistant Director Public Works, presented a contract for signature to the Board between the County and LaConner Kiwanis Club. The Agreement allows for the voluntary removal of roadside litter and debris along Pioneer Parkway between Shelter Bay and the city limits of LaConner. This contract will exclude objects too heavy to transport easily or safely, dead animals or any items that may be classified "hazardous waste." Commissioner Vaux motioned to approved the Contract for the LaConner Kiwanis Club to provide voluntary removal of roadside litter and debris. Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #01300).

- 3) Signature - Consulting Services Agreement Burlington Shop Site Analysis.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, presented for signature a consulting service agreement between the County and Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc., to conduct an analysis of the Burlington County Shop site, evaluating the development potential of the site. The total contract amount will not exceed \$5,000.00 and will commence upon receipt of fully executed Contract by the Contractor and terminate in 60 days. (Contract #01301).

Commissioner Wylie was present for the remainder of the session.

- 4) Resolution - Road Closure - Cascade River Road.

Mr. LaRue presented a resolution for signature for the notice of road closure of the Cascade River Road #9795 for the following period of time: 6 weeks from April 23, 1992, through June 4, 1992, for extensive road reconstruction. The construction site will begin at mile-post 4.0 and continue for approximately .7 of a mile. The site will not be passable during

this time.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution for the road closure on the Cascade River Road, #9795, from Thursday, April 23, 1992 through Thursday, June 4, 1992, beginning from Mile-post 4.0 and extending for .7 of a mile. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14290).

5) Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Medved addressed the Board regarding Underground Storage Tank Grants. Mr. Medved stated that the State has decided that local government comment on the applications. The State has provided the applications to the County for those in our area and a list of eight items to complete for each applicant. Mr. Medved felt that the County should not have the burden of fulfilling the list of expectations that the State has requested. The County should not have to do the State's work for them. To fulfill these requirements would be expensive and time consuming. A lot of these items should be provided by the applicant. Mr. Medved suggested that a letter be sent back to the State that the County would be happy to inspect the applications, and the information needed after supplied by the applicant, but not take responsibility for fulfilling the list of requirements.

Commissioner Wylie asked if there is a deadline for the grant applications. Mr. Medved stated that it was not addressed in the information provided.

Mr. Medved stated that five applications for the grant have been received and within a close proximity to each other.

Mr. Medved stated that he would feel more comfortable with the situation if the applicant provided the requested information and the County verified.

The Board directed Mr. Medved to find the timeline and due date for the State's requested information on the applicants.

CONSENT AGENDA.

* Administrative Services:

1. Signature - Resolution Adopting a Skagit County Drug Screening Policy. (Resolution #14291).

* ARIS:

2. Signature - Contract for Professional Services with Shirley Hikogawa, MSW, ACWS, 321 W. Washington, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to provide family and individual therapy at the rate of \$60 per hour commencing April 8, 1992 and terminating December 31, 1992. (Contract #01302).

* Commissioner's Office:

3. Record of the Proceedings for the week of March 23, 1992.
4. Record of the Proceedings for the week of March 30, 1992.
5. Record of the Proceedings for the week of April 6, 1992.

* Emergency Management:

6. Approval to reimburse Dale Kloes, Skagit County Radio Officer, for meal and motel expenses incurred while attending a 40 hour Hazardous Materials Course at the Kent Fire and Police Training Center during the week of April 6 - 10, 1992. Estimated costs will be approximately \$75.00 to be expended from the Emergency Management Budget - Travel line item.

* Hearing Examiner:

7. Signature - Open Space Taxation Agreement, Patricia Halloran - OST-91-015. This was heard by the Hearing Examiner and approved by the County Commissioners in August of 1991. The applicant moved, and was unavailable to sign the Agreement until recently.

* Planning and Community Development:

8. Signature - Resolution to Call for Public Hearing regarding the appeal of the denial of a short subdivision application #SPT-91-061 of Jess Webb, and John Sandell's appeal of the Hearing Examiner's findings of fact indicating that a study prepared by a Professional Engineer to determine the 100 year frequency flood elevation is not a requirement for application of a short subdivision by Mr. Jess Webb. (Resolution #14292).

* Public Defender:

9. Signature - Contract for Professional Services with Juan Garza, 98 Willow Lane, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to provide interpreting for clients at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, commencing January 1, 1992 and terminating December 31, 1992. (Contract #01303).

* Senior Services:

10. Signature - Contract for Provision of Senior Services for the Calendar Year 1992, with the City of Mount Vernon. The County will furnish administrative and professional services to the City at the agreed sum of \$25,747.00. One fourth of the amount due at the end of each quarter, that being March 31, 1992, June 30, 1992, September 30, 1992, and December 31, 1992, upon receipt of a voucher and processing in the manner provided by the City for processing voucher and issuing warrants thereon. (Contract #01304).

* Public Works:

11. Signature - Final Order of Vacation - Kavanuagh Road #1810.

* Human Services:

12. Signature - Appointment of Ms. Eleanor Thomson as a Designated Mental Health Professional to assist the Emergency Services Unit of the Skagit Community Mental Health Center. (Resolution #14293).

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, Monday, April 20, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants #PW20853 through #PW20990 (Vouchers #PDRAWAPR1678 through PDRAWAPR1756, and DRAWPW0175 through DRAWPW0233) in the amount of \$47,137.15. Transmittal No. P-7-92.

TOUR OF SKAGIT RIVER STEEL & RECYCLING, 1265 SOUTH ANACORTES STREET, BURLINGTON.

The Board made a tour of Skagit River Steel and Recycling, 1265 South Anacortes Street, Burlington, WA 98233. No public comment was taken.

ARIS UPDATE - MIKE WOODMANSEE.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented the ARIS staff to the Board to give an update on the ARIS program. Mr. Woodmansee stated that Mr. Nick Brossoit, Director of Special Services - Burlington-Edison School District, was present at his invitation to give input from the District.

- Jocelyn Palmer-Perry, Intervention Specialist for the Mount Vernon, Conway and LaConner School Districts, addressed the Board.

Mrs. Palmer-Perry stated that Mount Vernon School District has had a total of 68 referrals, 32 in the 1991-92 school year. Conway has referred four students to the program, and LaConner, one. She said that there seems to be a pattern in the beginning of the school year and the spring having the heaviest concentration of referrals. Mrs. Palmer-Perry said she has been working with the LaConner Special Education Instructor to get their district more involved in the program. She will continue to investigate their lack of participation.

Mrs. Palmer-Perry continued, stating that 24 of the 26 surveys she has sent out to the school district have returned. The results are as follows:

1. Issues at Time of Referral

20 were family related; 19 related to authority; feelings, attendance, and self esteem; 22 related to motivation, drugs and alcohol; 20 related to grades and ability; 13 related to law, aggressive behavior; 10 related to stealing; 4 related to sexual issues; and 8 related to other issues, such as property destruction.

2. Opinion of the Effectiveness of the Program

Ten felt there was some help; two felt it was "extremely helpful"; 10 felt it was "considerably" helpful; and in two cases the parent and/or child refused help.

Mrs. Palmer-Perry stated that the comments on the surveys that were of help were related to the coordination with the school and resources in the community; knowledge of the family system; and Child Protection Services.

Recommendations suggested were as follows:

Earlier intervention at an earlier age; provide assistance for long term cases; after school activities; male role models; and drug and alcohol services in schools.

- Chris Tobey, Intervention Specialist for the Anacortes and Burlington School Districts, addressed the Board.

Mr. Tobey has had 73 referrals, 32 from Burlington, and 41 from Anacortes. Mr. Tobey stated that a lot of the referrals are beyond the ARIS scope. There are students 15 to 18 years old that are in trouble with the law; and attendance and aggressive behavior problems, being referred to the program. Mr. Tobey stated that he has had to be firmer about denying these referrals.

Mr. Tobey has received 31 of 41 of his surveys back from school districts. Four of these surveys showed that the program was of no help. Three of these were from the Learning Opportunities Center (LOC) (the alternate school) in Anacortes. The kids at the LOC have had a long history of problems by the time they start attending there. The other one who felt there had been no help from the program was an elementary school referral. Mr. Tobey stated that the Elementary Schools need constant contact in order to feel that a program is working, and that is not always the way it works. Mr. Tobey stated that of the 31 surveys returned, four rated the program to be extremely helpful. The remainder fell between the some help and considerable help ranges.

Mr. Tobey stated that timing is essential in the intervention process. Mr. Tobey felt that the addition of Leanne Lundsford and Meredith Baker-Post at Skagit Community Mental Health to focus on ARIS referrals has been a great benefit to the program.

* Ken Chovil, Intervention Specialist for the Sedro-Woolley and Concrete School Districts addressed the Board.

Mr. Chovil stated that he has received 15 surveys back from Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley. Of these 15 surveys, all but two were evaluated to be "considerably" or "extremely" helpful. The two were evaluated as "some help." Mr. Chovil stated that he anticipates Sedro-Woolley and Concrete High Schools to respond in the considerably or extremely helpful range. Through his intervention, there has been provisions for money, food stamps and a place with friends for a young girl to live.

Mr. Chovil stated that Concrete is limited in services and has a great need for an anger management program. Northwest Youth Services has a 10 week series of classes for youths to learn anger management. They have agreed to provide an abbreviated course for 6 weeks to accommodate 20 youths; 10 at the middle school level, and 10 at the high school level. Mr. Chovil stated that there is a possibility that they will provide this course next year too. Mike Jarboe, Concrete School District Superintendent, had no hesitation in sharing the cost of the anger management course.

Mr. Chovil stated that Ms. Baker-Post provides a group therapy at Concrete School District that is going well.

Mr. Chovil stated that he has had 55 to 60 referrals combined from the Concrete and Sedro-Woolley school districts, with a larger portion of them from Concrete.

* Mr. Brossoit addressed the Board.

Mr. Brossoit stated that as the ARIS contact for the Burlington-Edison School District, he has been involved in the ARIS program. He knows of two specific students that were referred to the program when it started and both are now involved in school athletics and have smiles on their faces. Mr. Brossoit felt that this program is the right thing to do for the kids and that it is helping. Mr. Brossoit stated that he is proud of the Board for providing the life of the program and greatly respects Mr. Woodmansee for his devotion to the program.

Commissioner Vaux asked the Intervention Specialists if they are feeling a fulfillment from their work, and if they are happy.

The collective response was that generally they are happy and fulfilled. There is an up and down cycle depending on each case. They are glad to have the funding to provide the program, and allowed their own method of creativity to make it work.

Commissioner Wylie asked if LaConner School District may be hesitant to use the program because they think there are hidden costs involved. She also commended the group for accomplishing the goals that were set at the beginning of the program.

Ms. Palmer-Perry stated that the LaConner School District Administration is hesitant and she doesn't really know why. The superintendent doesn't attend the meetings very often. She will continue to investigate this situation.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the cooperative spirit is very obvious and there is no diminishing of enthusiasm for the program.

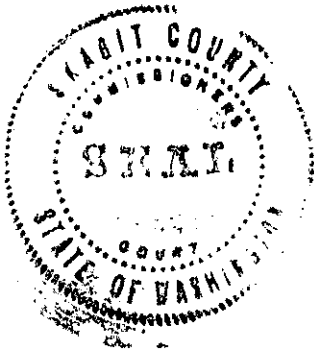
Mr. Brossoit stated that in the Burlington District, the Kindergarten through Eighth Grade counselors have changed, making it necessary to re-educate the counseling staff of the ARIS program and resources available to them.

Chairman Robinson thanked the ARIS staff, Mr. Woodmansee, and Mr. Brossoit for the update and for the dedication to, and good results of, the program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robby Robinson

Robby Robinson, Chairman

Ruth Wylie

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ATTEST:

Sonnie Carter

Sonnie Carter, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners