

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, April 27, 1992

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9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health:

- 1) Discussion - 1992 - 1993 Solid Waste Enforcement Grant Tasks.
- 2) 1991 State Board of Health Annual Report to the Governor.

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

Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Bid Award Recommendation - Purchase of One New Long Track Dozer.
- 2) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Various Roads in Clear Lake.
- 3) Call for Public Hearing - Ordinance Amendment Establishing Speed Limits in Work Zones.
- 4) Signature - Contract with Dakota Creek MV Guemes Haulout Drydocking.
- 5) Signature - Change Order No. 3, Maintenance Shop Resource Recovery Facility.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Proclamation - Crime Victims Rights Week.

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Discussion - Economic Development Association of Skagit County Eastern Skagit County Economic Development Grant.

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

Ken Gentry Appeal - Short Plat Application No. SPT#90-055, Sam Bell Road and Chuckanut Drive.

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

ARIS Update - Mike Woodmansee.

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Proclamation - Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Work Session - Code Enforcement.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session - Personnel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

- 1) Discussion - 1992 - 1993 Solid Waste Enforcement Grant Tasks.

Britt Pfaff addressed the Board regarding the Coordinated Prevention Grant Agreement NO. G9200241. Ms. Pfaff stated that beginning in 1992, the solid waste enforcement grant has been combined with funds for moderate risk hazardous waste programs to form the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) program. The portion of the grant to be discussed was on solid waste enforcement, and other portions of the grant will be discussed at a later date.

Ms. Pfaff stated that there are changes in the grant funding this year. The enforcement tasks being pursued during the grant cycle include: investigations regarding illegal dumping are to be conducted to enforce solid waste disposal practices; solid waste facilities are to be inspected for compliance with the permitted operating requirements; and groundwater monitoring of Inman Landfill, Sauk Landfill, and Gibraltar Landfill will be performed on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Vaux asked what was being done for abandoned dump sites.

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Ms. Pfaff stated that the responsible party must pay costs associated with abandoned dump sites.

Commissioner Vaux asked what the role of the County is regarding abandoned dump sites within city limits.

Ms. Pfaff stated that the County would have to work with the City on how to handle that type of situation.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Supervisor stated that at present the County bills the cities for a portion of the time spent working with their dumps.

Chairman Robinson stated that he was surprised there were no funds for state and local dumps.

Ms. Pfaff replied that the funds for the CPG are from a model toxics Bill passed a few years ago, and that the DOE determined that the grant does not allow for addressing abandoned dumps. A portion of tipping fees could be designated for abandoned dump issues.

Ms. Pfaff stated that the solid waste enforcement portion of the grant has been raised from \$20,000 to \$35,000, but the monies are not designated for abandoned dumps.

Commissioner Wylie asked if salaries were included in the County's matching funds.

Ms. Pfaff stated that matching funds cover salaries, overhead, and up to 15% of equipment costs if related directly to enforcement. Most of the funds will go toward staffing.

Commissioner Wylie asked if the major concern regarding abandoned dump sites is the proximity to wells and water contamination.

Ms. Pfaff stated that if the County does not own the property, and a citizen wants to build, most likely they would not want to build on an abandoned dump site. Most of the abandoned dumps are on County property. If a privately owned piece of property with a County abandoned dump site on it cannot be used for the purpose the private owner wishes, the County may have to purchase the property.

Mr. Thayer stated that there may be a need to remove potentially hazardous objects on some abandoned dump sites.

Commissioner Vaux asked whether the County used city dumps prior to the opening of the Inman Landfill.

Mr. Thayer stated that the County did, and there could be some co-liability at these sites.

Ms. Pfaff stated that the grant offer has been provided to John Moffat for review and after his concurrence the offer will be forwarded to the Board for signature.

2) 1991 State Board of Health Annual Report to the Governor.

Mr. Thayer briefly reviewed the 1992 State Board of Health Annual Report to the Governor with the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Bid Award Recommendation - Purchase of One New Long Track Dozer.

The Board signed a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one new long track dozer to N.C. Machinery, for a CAT Model D6H DS II, in the amount of \$143,771.58. Even though this was the third lowest bid, this machine met the specifications, was considered the preferential machine to be operated by County personnel after a performance demonstration, and required no deviation from the proposed bid to meet the County's requirements. Economical analysis shows this bid to be the best value for the County. (Resolution #14294).

2) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Various Roads in Clear Lake.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopted a resolution to call for a public hearing regarding speed regulations on County roads in the town of Clear Lake on Monday, May 11, 1992, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14295).

3) Call for Public Hearing - Ordinance Amendment Establishing Speed Limits in Work Zones.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt a resolution to call for a public hearing regarding the establishment of subsection 10.04.060 (Reduced Speed Limits in Work Zones) of the Skagit County Code Title 10, Chapter 10.04; on Monday, May 11, 1992, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14296).

4) Signature - Contract with Dakota Creek MV Guemes Haulout Drydocking.

The Board signed a contract with Dakota Creek Industries for the haulout and dry dock of the MV/Guemes ferry. The haulout is planned for June 1 through 10, 1992, in an amount not to exceed \$50,224.00. (Contract #01308).

5) Signature - Change Order No. 3, Maintenance Shop Resource Recovery Facility.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve Change Order #3 to the contract with Thomco Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$14,574.56, to extend the existing Ash Containment Building per the Plan and Specifications; install 6" drain line and Type I catch basin as directed by the Project Manager, at the East driveway; install 4" perforated drain line along sidewalk as directed by the Project Manager; install 4" drain line and Type BI catch basin as directed by the Project Manager at the west driveway. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Contract #01084).

CONSENT AGENDA.

* Administrative Services:

1. Contract for Professional Services with Skagit Valley Medical Center to provide urine collection for New Employee Drug Screening. Contract shall commence upon full signature and terminate December 31, 1992. The rate shall be \$28.00 per collection. (Contract #01296).
2. Resolution - Extending County Benefit Programs to SCOG Employees. (Resolution #14297).

* Commissioner's Office:

3. Record of the Proceedings for the week of April 13, 1992.
4. Signature - Resolution appointing Curtis Johnson, 1773 Dodge Valley Road, Mount Vernon, Washington, to the Commissioners' Salary Recommendation Committee. Term shall commence April 28, 1992, and expire April 27, 1995. (Resolution #14298).
5. Signature - Resolution appointing Mary Scott, 428 S. Waugh Road, Mount Vernon, Washington, to the Commissioners' Salary Recommendation Committee. Term shall commence April 28, 1992, and expire April 27, 1995. (Resolution #14299).

* Planning and Community Development:

6. Resolution - Annexation of property to Fire District No. 7 (Renner). Legal Description - Government Lot 4, Section 27, Township 33 N, Range 6 E, all in Skagit County, Washington. (Resolution #14300).

7. Signature - Resolution approving the Variance Request of Karen Sloss, No. VAR-91-033. (Resolution #14301)

* Parks, Recreation and Fair:

8. Signature - Contract for facilities usage with Mount Vernon School District for the use of LaVenture Gym, Wednesday, April 15, 1992, through Wednesday, May 27, 1992, for the time of 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for Adult Volleyball at the rate of \$50.00 per night. (Contract #01292).
9. Signature - Contract for facilities usage with Sedro-Woolley School District for the use of Mary Purcell Central Gym April 14, 1992 through June 2, 1992 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Youth Jazz/Tumbling. There is no fee for usage. (Contract #01292).

PROCLAMATION - CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK.

The Board signed a proclamation designating the week of April 26, through May 2, 1992, as Crime Victims Rights Week.

DISCUSSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY EASTERN SKAGIT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

A discussion was held with Don Wick, Director of EDASC, Patty Burkland, Port of Skagit County, and Tom Perkins, Port of Skagit County regarding the EDASC Eastern Skagit County Economic Development Grant.

Mr. Wick addressed the Board stating that eastern Skagit County is still economically distressed, and is likely to remain so unless some assistance is provided. The plan is to hire a firm to do an economic assessment broken down into a seven point scope of services as follows: background information review; preliminary project opportunity inventory; personal contacts revised inventory and preliminary assessment report; assessment review; implementation recommendations; and final report presentation. Mr. Wick stated that E.D.Hovee & Company has submitted a proposal with total professional fees including expenses not to exceed \$11,000.00 to complete the project. The Port has committed to fund half of the \$11,000, and the request is for the County to provide the other half.

Commissioner Wylie asked how long the project would take to complete.

Mr. Wick stated that it is projected to take four to six months.

Chairman Robinson stated that it is important that this project not be another study. It should be an assessment, firm recommendations, and practical solutions that can be implemented to improve the economy in eastern Skagit County.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$5,500.00 for an economic assessment to be done in the eastern portion of Skagit County. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

KEN GENTRY APPEAL - SHORT PLAT APPLICATION NO. SPT#90-055, SAM BELL ROAD AND CHUCKANUT DRIVE.

The Board of Commissioners had all received a packet containing a memo from Stephanie Wood, dated April 23, 1992, the Planning Staff Findings dated March 28, 1992, and a letter to the Hearing Examiner from Mr. Kendall dated March 10, 1992, prior to the meeting.

Mr. Morgan presented the options to the Board as follows:

The options for consideration are:

- a) to summarily approve the Planning Director's recommendation; or
- b) to remand it back to the Planning Director for further discussion; or
- c) hold a public hearing and adopt findings of fact if the Board deems a change in the Planning Director's recommendation is necessary.

Commissioner Wylie motioned that the Board hold their own public hearing, Monday, May 18, 1992, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room 202A, County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ARIS UPDATE - MIKE WOODMANSEE.

Mr. Woodmansee addressed the Board to update them on the progress of the Summer Education and Learning Fun (SELF) program. The program is in full swing with 81 registrations from Sedro-Woolley and 69 from Mount Vernon. Mr. Woodmansee stated that there was low registration in the up-river area, but it is expected to increase. Registration information needs to be mailed to the Conway School District. The registration cut-off is mid-May.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that he will be attending the Marblemount Community Meeting on Monday, May 4, 1992, and will address the issue of registration for the SELF program. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Marblemount Community Hall.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that there have been more than enough applications received for the college student aides' and teachers' positions. There have not been as many high school student aide applications received but there are enough to cover the needs. The application review process was to begin April 28, 1992.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that there are reduced fees available for kids that are on reduced lunch programs.

The program location in Concrete will have no day care provision, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Kate McPherson addressed the Board, thanking the Board for being a supporting team for the summer program. Ms. McPherson invited the Board to attend a Youth Service Recognition Banquet, May 18, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. She stated that the awards portion of the banquet will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Ms. McPherson stated that if the Board knew of any outstanding young people deserving of an award for their community service, to let her know. She said that the youths that received the letters of commendation and certificates at last year's banquet have used them in place of letters of recommendation. Ms. McPherson requested the Board to provide letters and certificates of commendation again for this year's banquet.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that he will bring up the letter and certificate issue at the Commissioners' staff meeting.

PROCLAMATION - FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH.

Jane Zillig, Community Resource Program Manager, Department of Social and Health Services, addressed the Board and introduced Helen Lampshire, Ken Oliver, Gail Clark, and Ed Hawes.

Ms. Zillig distributed information to the Board regarding Foster Parenting. She stated that there have been about 120 placements of children in foster homes in Skagit County, 20 of those with a relative. Ms. Zillig stated that the Department of Child Protection Services is involved with the licensing of foster homes. The foster parents receive payment for the care of the child, but it only provides for approximately 60% of the costs.

Ken Oliver addressed the Board, stating that there are approximately 20 families in the County that provide short term foster homes for interim placement while reconciliation is attempted in the family. The foster parents are dedicated and hard working. It can be a difficult job, and it is important that they be recognized.

Gail Clark, Skagit Youth Services, addressed the Board. She stated that she handles long term foster care cases that are 18 months or longer. The children involved are usually suffering from sexual abuse, neglect, and/or physical abuse. The greatest provision to offer these kids is dedication, love and commitment. Ms. Clark thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize the foster parents.

Helen Lampshire, foster home licensor, addressed the Board, stating that she has licensed 34 homes in Skagit County for foster care. One-third wanted licensing due to a specific child they wanted to take in, one-third wanted to eventually adopt, and one-third for the sole purpose of being a foster home. The latter is the group that is worked with most, as they have more kids coming through.

Ed Hawes, Traffic Safety Engineer, foster parent representative, and core group coordinator, addressed the Board. Mr. Hawes stated that he has been a licensed foster parent for three years. He has one child in his home for almost the entire time he has been licensed.

Mr. Hawes stated that it is important for Skagit County foster parents to work with Skagit Youth Services. It is difficult to work with dysfunctional kids, and Skagit Youth Services is appreciated. Mr. Hawes stated that the 60% reimbursement for foster care does not include extracurricular activities. He thanked the Board for their support and stated that it is good to know that the support is there.

Commissioner Vaux asked if there were ever enough foster parents. The response was a definite "NO."

Commissioner Wylie asked if there were emergency placements, or middle of the night situations.

Ms. Zillig stated that there are case workers who carry pagers, and there is a receiving home for young kids, no teenagers.

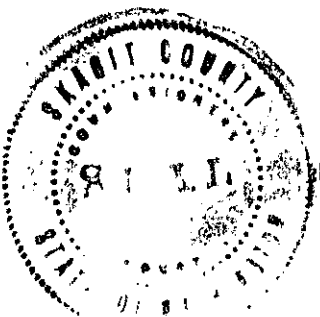
Commissioner Vaux asked if adoption occurs frequently.

Ms. Zillig stated that a lot of attempts fail during the introduction of the child into the home. The kids generally don't do well on a temporary basis, and when the placement leads toward adoption it can cause disruption due to insecurities in the kids.

The Board signed a Proclamation designating May 1, through 31, 1992, as Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

ADJOURNMENT

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

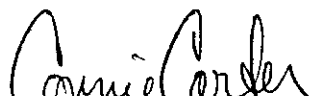



Robby Robinson, Chairman 5/18/92


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Connie Carter, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners