

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

Wednesday, September 2, 1992:

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel and Litigation.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
(Commissioners' Conference Room)
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Lease of County Property at 1641 Kelleher Road.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Presentation of Award - Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Dick Nelles, Chief, Punkin Center Fire Department.

PUBLIC HEARING - LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AT 1641 KELLEHER ROAD.

Chairman Robinson waived the notice of public hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus.

Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing for comment.

Seeing and hearing no comment from the public Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing, Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to lease County property at 1641 Kelleher Road to the Skagit County Humane Society for the period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 1992, at the rate of \$1.00 per year.

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) Deliberation - Appeal of Decision to Issue Mitigated Declaration of Non-significance for Rock Quarry Operation by Tewart, Inc., Located on Beaver Lake Road, Mount Vernon.

Chairman Robinson addressed the audience, stating that after reviewing the considerable information provided, and listening to a great deal of testimony, he moved to deny the appeal of the MDNS and uphold the staff findings.

Commissioner Vaux addressed the audience, stating that Skagit County needs a source of good rock to be used for road projects or for repairing dikes. He said that he remembered the incident when the dike broke on Fir Island and being told that the supply of rock was running short. There is a terrific need for the quality of rock that the Tewart quarry can supply. He stated that the Board chose to hold their own public hearing when due process was questioned. He hoped that the appellants felt they were heard. He stated that the appellants concerns were real and so are the County's. Commissioner Vaux said that Mr. Maloney eluded to the possibility of getting a new supply of rock. This possibility is still under negotiation, and a long way from becoming reality. The Tewart's have the rock and want a permit for a quarry, and there is a need for the rock. He felt that there were some questions left unanswered that can only be answered once the quarry is in operation. He said that the purpose for the hearing was to determine whether more investigation was necessary, not to issue a permit. He said that it is likely that there will be a long list of conditions if and when a permit is issued. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion made by Chairman Robinson.

Commissioner Wylie stated that the purpose for the hearing was to make a decision on the MDNS, not to issue a permit for the quarry. She felt the Tewart's had a right to apply for a permit to use the resource they

own. What was being dealt with in the public hearing was whether the Planning Department was correct in issuing the MDNS, and she felt that they were. All issues will have to be addressed, and the appellants are right about being sure that required conditions are met. She stated that a farming area is not a safe place to live with all the equipment and it is noisy. She stated that all necessary issues will be addressed when the permitting process is entered into.

The motioned was voted on and carried unanimously to deny the appeal of the MDNS and the staff findings will be upheld.

B) 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, September 2, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll Warrants #26010 through #26011 (Vouchers #113828 through 113828) in the amount of \$1,336.88. Transmittal Number P-18-92.


PRESENTATION OF AWARD - VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, DICK NELLES, CHIEF, PUNKIN CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Board presented the award of Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, for 1991 to Dick Nelles, Chief, Punkin Center Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robby Robinson, Chairman


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Connie Carter, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

