

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

Monday, November 16, 1992

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

Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.

- 1) Public Hearing - Vacation of County Road Right-of-Way, Plat of Clear Lake Water Front Tracts.
- 2) Public Hearing - Vacation of Unused County Right-of-Way on Guemes Island.
- 3) Discussion - Implementation of DWI Victims Impact Panel.
- 4) Discussion - Department of Ecology's Acceptance of Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology (TIWET) Study.
- 5) Signature - Department of the Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Operation of Gaging Stations, Skagit River.
- 6) Presentation - 1992 Recycling Report.
- 7) Signature - Authorization for Final Payment, Resource Recovery Facility Maintenance Building.
- 8) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, November 16, 1992, with Commissioner's Vaux, Robinson, and Wylie present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR.

- 1) Public Hearing - Vacation of County Road Right-of-Way, Plat of Clear Lake Water Front Tracts.

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

Linda Leonhart, Records Clerk, presented to the Board that the right-of-way being requested to vacate is an unused, platted right-of-way in the Plat of Clear Lake Water Front Tracts. It is 220 feet wide and approximately 235.5 feet long, located off Old Day Creek Road and East Lake Drive. The Public Works Department requested to vacate back to the property owners at no cost to them, as the County did not pay for it initially.

Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing for comment.

A unnamed representative for the property owners spoke in favor of the vacation.

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

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the vacation of County right-of-way in the Plat of Clear Lake Water Front Tracts at no charge to the property owners. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2) Public Hearing - Vacation of Unused County Right-of-Way on Guemes Island.

Chairman Robinson waived reading the notice of public hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus. Ms. Leonhart presented to the Board that the unused right-of-way being requested to vacate was deeded to the County in 1936. The property is located north of Edens Road on Guemes Island. Mr. Cary Halpin discovered the right-of-way when he recently had his property surveyed. It is a 10 foot strip of land through the center of his property. Ms. Leonhart stated that she researched the origin of the right-of-way and found no reason for its existence. Adjoining property owners were contacted and had no objection to the vacation. It was recommended that the right-of-way be vacated to Mr. Halpin for the cost of the public hearing of \$66.60. The County paid nothing for it initially.

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 Vaux motioned to approve the vacation of unused County right-of-way as presented, at a cost of \$66.60 for the public hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3) Discussion - Implementation of DWI Victims Impact Panel.

Don McKeehan, Traffic Safety Programs Coordinator, stated that Skagit County will be the tenth county in Washington State to implement a DWI Victims Impact Panel. The panels are made up of people that have been victims of DWI offenders. The panel members have been carefully screened to be sure that the pain and anger from their particular experience has passed. There will be no judgement passed, the panel will relate how their lives have been affected by being a victim of a DWI offense. The audience will be people who have been convicted of a DWI. The court system will decide which offenders will be allowed the option for sentencing by attending the panel sessions. There will be a Sheriff's deputy present at the panel sessions. District Court cases have the sentencing option at this time. Sessions have been scheduled through June of 1993. The attendees will be charged \$10.00 per session and the attendance will be tracked for compliance with sentencing.

Commissioner Wylie stated that there is a similar program through the State Prosecutor's office and will provide information to Mr. McKeehan.

The Board felt that it will be a worthwhile program, and thanked Mr. McKeehan for the information.

4) Discussion - Department of Ecology's Acceptance of Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology (TIWET) Study.

Don King, Operations Manager, Resource Recovery Facility, stated that the Toxicology study performed by the Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology (TIWET) has been completed and accepted as sufficient by the State Department of Ecology (DOE). The State Department of Health (DOH) concurs that there was no significant increase in contamination in post incineration samples tested. Mercury content showed an increase in concentration at selected sites, but in amounts that TIWET felt would not be of environmental concern over the next century. Dr. Amman recommended to Diane Singer of DOE that no further testing be done. There needs to be direction given regarding what to do with the samples frozen at Clemson University. It was found that no further information could be derived from the frozen samples. Mr. King recommended that no further testing be conducted other than what is required by WAC 173-306 and quarterly soil samples.

Mr. Medved stated that the State Department of Ecology will not pay toward further testing as they feel it is unnecessary.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to follow the recommendation of the State Department of Health and cease further sample testing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5) Signature - Department of the Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Operation of Guaging Stations, Skagit River.

Dave Brooking, Flood and Drainage Control Engineer stated that there are approximately seven Guaging Stations on the Skagit River that are funded from the River Improvement Fund. Members of the public have given input regarding the need of additional guaging stations. The annual cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to fund guaging station operation has expired and the U.S. Geological Survey has asked if the County wishes to renew the agreement. The agreement would fund the operation of the Concrete and Rockport gages on the Skagit and Sauk River gage above the Whitechuck River. The total cost to Skagit County would be \$11,830.00 and would be paid through the River Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to enter into the agreement with the Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior for the period of October 1, 1992, through September 30, 1993.

Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Contract #01475).

6) Presentation - 1992 Recycling Report.

Ric Boge, Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator, stated that the first portion of the report would be presented by Francis Ambrose, Waste Reduction/Recycling Educator.

Ms. Ambrose presented an update to the Board regarding recycling programs in the schools. She displayed two posters that are currently being used in the educational programs, for Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Composting. The newest educational program is the Master Composting, Home Composting program. This is a joint program between Skagit County and WWU Cooperative Extension. A training session was held with Skagit and Whatcom Counties to train citizens regarding composting so that they can train others. Seventeen percent of home waste is yard waste, which the program centers on. The volunteers are given 30 hours of training in return for giving 40 hours of time to the program. There are at present 19 volunteers. More training, demonstrations, and workshops are planned for April, 1993.

Ms. Ambrose stated that the plan is to have two composting demonstration sites functioning by March, 1993. Ms. Ambrose presented photographs of composting sites that she visited at Jennings Park in Snohomish County, and Whatcom County sites.

Ms. Ambrose stated that agreements are pending for two demonstration sites, one large and one small. The large site is planned for Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. Assistance has already been volunteered by an Eagle Scout group, and the Interpretive Center will provide composting materials. There is planned to be a 45 by 35 foot information kiosk with information pamphlets and a series of composting bins. The Master Composters will be responsible to keep the bins functioning. The "mini" site is planned for the Anacortes Children's Garden. She said that the Washington State Research Station is another possible demonstration site for commercial composting. Cascadian Farms in Rockport has requested a demonstration site at their fruit stand.

In response to a question from Commissioner Wylie, Ms. Ambrose stated that large composting projects sometimes have a problem with leachate run-off. This is not anticipated to be a problem with the demonstration sites planned for the Master Composting Program. She said that if the composting was done

correctly, there wouldn't be a lot of leachate.

Ms. Ambrose has given the Shop Smarter presentation to over 100 school classes, the Best SELF Program, 30 adult presentations, and four fairs so far this year.

Ms. Ambrose has begun Hazard Free Household Training, one session was held at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. She presented thank you letters from the kids that attended for the Board to review.

She will be working with Barbara Kerly from Northwest Air Pollution Authority regarding Auto Body Shop Recycling for the home and school. SeaMar students have expressed an interest in environmental education for the Hispanic community.

Mr. Fred Miller, who works with Whatcom and Skagit County Public Works Departments to develop buy recycled campaigns, addressed the Board. Mr. Miller felt that participation in buying recycled products in the northwest region is the best in the state. He stated that there has been 40,000 tons of glass recycled per year. There are three plants that take glass to reform and they are at capacity at 40,000 tons per year. Surveys show that communities recycling have 15% less need for land fill.

Mr. Miller distributed pencils to the Board that were made from recycled newspaper and cardboard. He said that Japan, Taiwan, and Korea buys a lot of the mixed waste paper from the States and makes it into construction products. He said that he is working with customers and suppliers to make them aware of recycled products and how to sell them. He has also been working with retail and commercial suppliers to promote the benefits of purchasing recycled products. The goal is to get customers to feel it is worthwhile to purchase products made from recycled materials. The suppliers need to be educated to carry a decent supply of recycled materials made available to the customer.

Mr. Miller said that PACCAR, Skagit State Bank, Puget Power and Economic Development Association of Skagit County have active recycling programs. Skagit Valley Herald finds it difficult to find recycled newsprint. The State of California requires recycled newsprint to be used.

Mr. Boge concluded the presentation to the Board with various charts and graphs defining year-to-date recycling totals: on In-house Recycling, Joint Recycling Projects, Rural Skagit Sanitation Curbside Recycling, Contracted recycling at County owned facilities, and Commercial Recycling. He stated that recycling projects showed more consistency in 1992, due to a more consistent system of collection. He also anticipates a higher volume of recycling in 1993.

7) Signature - Authorization for Final Payment, Resource Recovery Facility Maintenance Building.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, addressed the Board regarding the cost overrun of \$11,653.36 on the Resource Recovery Facility Maintenance Shop project. He stated that the work resulting in the overrun was completed with the understanding that the costs were within the 10% contingency typically allowed under a C.R.P. This was not a road project, therefore does not fall under the typical C.R.P. procedures. In order to release payment to the contractor, Thomco Construction, the Board's approval is required.

Mr. King stated that there was a leachate problem creating the need for more asphalt than originally anticipated in order to make the road in such a way to divert the leachate runoff. The asphalt was at a lower price at the time and the situation was taken advantage of.

Mr. Barnet stated that the original contract included repaving and when additional asphalt was needed an amendment to the contract was necessary. The paving of a public area was outside the contract, but it was necessary to stop the leachate from draining into the storm water drains.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the project cost overrun for the maintenance shop at the resource recovery facility in the amount of \$11,653.36. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Contract #01084).

8) Miscellaneous.

Mr. King addressed the Board regarding the turbine overhaul at the Resource Recovery Facility. He said that the overhaul is two years overdue. He said that the parts are available and the turbine was shut down Thursday, November 12, 1992, for the inspection and overhaul. Mr. King expects that all will be back on-line by November 24, 1992, making 13 days down-time. The turbine will continue to be checked at regular intervals for wear.

CONSENT AGENDA.

* Boundary Review Board:

1. Signature - Resolution approving annexation of Strawberry Hill Addition to the City of Mount Vernon. (Resolution #14637).

• Commissioner's Office:

2. Record of the Proceedings for the week of November 9, 1992.
3. Signature - Agreement with Programmed for Success, Inc. (PFS) 503 Vista Bella, Suite 7, Oceanside, California 92057-7007, to establish a license agreement for use of PFS products by the County. The County will pay PFS the license fees in the amount of \$3,493 plus applicable taxes. Fifty percent of the license fee will be paid upon commencement of software installation, and fifty percent upon completion of installation. PFS will provide maintenance services as described in the contract at no additional cost to the County for 6 months beginning November 15, 1992. After April 15, 1993, the County may buy maintenance services for subsequent 6 month periods at the then current price. (Contract #01476).

• Human Services:

4. Professional Services Contract Amendment for Sharon Robinson increasing contracted hours during the period July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993. Contract monitoring responsibilities have increased with the accountability for local agency monitoring in mental health services, therefore, Ms. Robinson's time will exceed the current contract hours. The amendment adds 200 hours to the present contract totaling 220 hours. There are sufficient 1993 departmental budget funds to cover the added cost. (Contract #01324).

* **Public Works:**

5. Signature - Professional Services Contract with Skagit Bonded Collectors, 1204 Cleveland, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for collection services on Commercial accounts. The fee structure is as follows: 30% on the first \$2,000, 25% between \$2,000 and \$5,000 collected, and 20% on collections in excess of \$5,000. (Contract #01477).

MISCELLANEOUS.

- A) Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented a resolution for signature for a budget line item change increasing the immunization supply budget line item in the Public Health Fund #101 in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the budget line item change as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14638).
- B) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution to call for Public Hearing for the adoption of the proposed 1993 Skagit County Budget on December 7, 1992, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, Skagit County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14639).

APPROVAL - BYLAW AMENDMENT FOR SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD.

Jon Aarstad, Parks, Recreation and Fair Director, presented a resolution for approval to the Board amending the Fair Advisory Board by-laws. The amendment will set their annual nomination of officers at the Fair Advisory Board's January meeting followed by election of officers at their February meeting. This recommendation was reviewed by the Board of Commissioners prior to the day's proceedings.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the Resolution Amending the Fair Advisory Board By Laws. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14640).

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) The Board approved for signature a resolution to transfer sick leave from the account of Tom Karsh, Skagit County Permit Center, to the account of Jackie Karsh, Public Health Department, in order to provide care for a sick child. Approval is for the transfer of 40 hours of sick leave. (Resolution #14641).
- D) 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, November 16, 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 #92904 (Voucher #92904) in the amount of \$34,216.32. Transmittal #R-23-92.

- 2) Warrants #89248 through 89842 (Vouchers #2015246 through 2016037) in the amount of \$580,615.11. Transmittal #C42-92.

PROCLAMATION - TAKE A NEW LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS WEEK, NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH 21, 1992.

Ken Guernsey, Conway School District Superintendent, and Dr. Paul Chaplik, Burlington-Edison School District Superintendent, were present for the signing of a proclamation designating the week of November 15, through 21, 1992, as Take a New Look at our Schools Week.

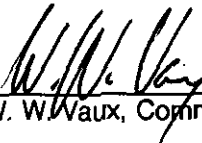
ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY


Robby Robinson, Chairman


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Corinie Carter
Clerk of the Board

