

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

**Monday, December 21, 1992**

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- 1) Public Hearing - Amendments to Skagit County Code 15.04.020 and 15.04.030 - Additions to Uniform Fire Codes.
  - 2) Public Hearing - Amendments to Skagit County Code 15.04.030 - Access to Remote Property.
  - 3) Signature - Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Community Development for Housing Needs Assessment.
  - 4) Resolution - Establishing 1993 Salary for Prosecuting Attorney.
  - 5) Resolution - Setting 1993 Property Tax Levies.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

- 1) **PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE 15.04.020 AND 15.04.030 - ADDITIONS TO UNIFORM FIRE CODES.**

Commissioner Robinson waived the reading of the notice of public hearing as advertised in The Skagit Argue.

Dan Cain, Fire Marshall, stated that in June, 1992, the County adopted various County Building Codes, and the Uniform Fire Codes (UFC). The appendices to the UFC were not adopted in order to make changes to a footnote that was in conflict with the Water Utilities Coordinating Committee (WUCC). The Board set an Ad Hoc Committee made up of Fire Service members, political entities, and water purveyors to create agreeable language for recommendation to WUCC. The proposed new language deals with life safety requirements for buildings other than high-rises, to provide a reasonable degree of safety for persons occupying existing buildings, not conforming with minimum requirements of the codes. The footnote in question: SCC 15.04.030(2)(f) is proposed to read:

Where new water mains are upgraded or extended along streets or roads where hydrants are not otherwise required, hydrants shall be installed for filling tanker trucks at major roadway intersections, wherever possible, and the distance between hydrants shall not exceed one mile.

Jim Kirkpatrick, Public Utilities District No. 1, (PUD) stated that this wording is what was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee, presented to and accepted by WUCC. It will allow for the installation of fire hydrants at intersections or every mile.

Mr. Cain stated that the PUD will submit plans for placement of hydrants to the Fire Marshall's office for approval.

Commissioner Robinson opened the public hearing for comment.

Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner Wylie motioned to closed the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approved the amendments to SCC 15.04.020 and 15.04.030 as presented with the words where ever possible added to footnote 3 as described. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2) PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE 15.04.030 - ACCESS TO REMOTE PROPERTY.

Commissioner Robinson waived the reading of the notice of public hearing as advertised in The Skagit Argus.

Mr. Cain stated that this proposed amendment addresses inaccessible remote property that has water access only. When the Fire Code was passed in June, 1992, it became possible to issue building permits outside a fire district, but accessibility by road was still required. There are pre-existing lots in the County that are outside fire districts and accessible by water only. The Board requested that this be modified to accomodate those situations. Proposed language to be added as SCC 15.04.030(2)(d)(4):

On lots not in a fire district and accessible only by water, the access road requirement may be waived if the project meets all of the same requirements of Skagit County Zoning Code No. 14.04.190 to qualify for a building permit.

Chairman Robinson opened the public hearing for comment.

- George Theodoratus, 3593 Highway 20, Concrete, Washington, addressed the Board. He felt that the proposed new language was acceptable, except for the word "may."

Mr. Cain stated that an access waiver will have to be decided on by the appropriate County officials. Using the term "shall" would not allow for the County to determine qualification for the waiver.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the intent was better reflected in using the term "may" than "shall," the intent being to create the possibility for building on a site without normal means of access.

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

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the changes to SCC 15.04.030 as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14664).

3) SIGNATURE - GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Planning Director, stated that the Department of Community Development (DCD) approved the County's grant application for housing needs assessment. A Housing Needs Assessment is a Growth Management Act (GMA) Housing Element requirement. Over the past three months, members of the Planning Staff met with DCD to discuss the County's Housing needs assessment requirements and consultant work tasks. In order to move forward on the project Board approval is required. The County will then be committed to a shared obligation of \$7,540. The information will be used by the Planning Department, the Housing Group Element of the GMA, to Analyze Urban Growth Requirements, and in the Capital Improvement Program.

Commissioner Wylie asked whether the cities were already performing their own Housing Needs Assessments.

Mr. Olason stated that the City of Anacortes is the only one complete and the other cities are in various stages of completion. The County will use whatever information possible from the cities in order not to duplicate efforts. The Consultant, Pacific Concepts will perform the work and there will be joint sign-off and review with the County.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DCD committing Skagit County to a shared obligation of \$7,540 to develop a Housing Needs Assessment.

Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4) **RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING 1993 SALARY FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented a resolution for signature approving an amendment to a resolution which set the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney to be equal to District Court Judges. At the time of the adoption of Resolution #12808, the salary for District Court Judges was \$76,600 annually. Since that time, the Washington state Salary Commission convened and adopted an annual salary of \$91,900 for District Court Judges. This amount greatly exceeds the anticipated rate of pay for the Prosecuting Attorney. Other County employees receive a 4% cost of living increase effective January 1, 1993, and the Board felt it reasonable to increase the Prosecuting Attorney's salary by 4% as well. This would increase the Prosecuting Attorney's salary for 1993, to \$79,664.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14675).

5) **RESOLUTIONS - SETTING 1993 PROPERTY TAX LEVIES.**

A) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution for signature for the Certification of Property Tax Levies for 1993. The recommended levies were as follows:

Total General County Levy, \$7,193,370.00; County Road Fund Levy, \$4,947,370.00; and Emergency Medical Services Levy, \$756,597.00.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approved the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14677).

B) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution for signature for the Diversion of Road Levy for Traffic Enforcement. A revenue account will be created bearing the code 311.20 for the identification of County Road Fund monies used for traffic enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the County during 1993. The 1993 Road Tax levy will generate approximately \$4,747,073 for deposit to County Road Fund No. 117, and \$200,000 for deposit in Current Expense Fund No. 001 and identified as revenue code 311.20.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approved the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14678).

6) MISCELLANEOUS.

- A) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution to close the Burlington Playfield Construction Fund #356 and transfer any remaining fund equity plus any future receipts to the Land Acquisition and Facility Improvement Fund #340.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14676).

- B) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution for a Budget Line Item Change in the amount of \$390,000 for County Roads Fund #117.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14679).

- C) Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution for a Budget Line Item Change in the amount of \$90,000 for Solid Waste Fund #401.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14680).

- D) Mr. Woodmansee presented a Manual Warrant Request for the Board's signature for a Cash Flow Advance in the amount of \$25,000 to Community Action Agency which will be repaid to the County in 90 days.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the Cash Advance to Community Action as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR.

- 1) Discussion - Regarding Entering into Contract Negotiations with Environmental Waste of America/Skagit Rural Sanitation - Preprocessing Facility.

Don King, Solid Waste Division Manager, addressed the Board, stating that he is ready to enter negotiations with Environmental Waste of America for the construction and operation of a pre-processing facility. Two RFP's were received and Environmental Waste of America returned an appropriate RFP.

Commissioner Vaux asked how long negotiations would take, and what alternatives were available if it was found that the contractor was too expensive.

Mr. King stated that negotiations were anticipated to take no longer than one month. He said that the only alternative, if the possibility of building a preprocessing facility was not feasible, would mean to long-haul. If the County is unable to do preprocessing it will create a greater expense.

Mr. Medved stated that C & D Recycling has a two year contract with the County, expiring at the end of 1993. The contract requires an annual renewal of their insurance bond which must be in place at the end of each year.

Commissioner Wylie asked how long it would take to have a preprocessing facility in place.

Mr. King stated that it was anticipated to take one year, possibly less. He said that it was targeted to be complete by 1994, but the time base is diminishing.

Mr. Medved stated that the request is for the Board to authorize the Public Works Department to enter into negotiations with Environmental Waste of America for a contract amount for the construction of a preprocessing facility.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to authorize the Public Works Department to enter into negotiations with Environmental Waste of America for the construction of a preprocessing facility. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2) Discussion - Regarding Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Long-Haul Services Incinerator Ash.

Mr. King addressed the Board requesting to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for longhauling Incinerator Ash.

Commissioner Wylie asked whether the RFP will include the assumption that a preprocessing facility will be in operation.

Mr. King stated that the RFP will be based on tonnage so that more than one scenario can be possible.

Commissioner Vaux motion to approve the request to advertise a RFP for Solid Waste Long-Haul Services. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented.

CONSENT AGENDA.

\* Administrative Services:

1. Signature - Resolution approving the voluntary transfer of sick leave to an employee of the Public Defender's Department who suffered serious back injury. Public Defender's Department employees may transfer up to one hundred twenty hours of accrued sick leave to the account of Hilda Vivanco. (Resolution #14682).

• Commissioner's Office:

2. Record of the Proceedings for the week of December 14, 1992.

\* Health Department:

3. Signature - Contract with Management and Training Corporation for quarterly surveillance of the food service, residence halls, classrooms, and recreational facilities at Cascade Job

Corps. Contract shall commence October 1, 1992 and expire September 30, 1993. Rate of service shall be \$35.00 per hour, total amount per quarter will not exceed \$250.00 without amendment to the contract. The County has been contracting for these services for a number of years. (Resolution #01507).

- Emergency Management:

4. Out-of-State Travel Request for Mark Watkinson to attend Federal Emergency Management Agency "Professional Development Series Capstone Seminar" in Emmitsburg, Maryland, March 29, 1993, through April 2, 1993. The airfare and accommodations will be paid by FEMA, total County cost for mileage and meals \$157.25.

- Human Services:

5. Signature - Agreement #1 with Skagit Council on Aging, P.O. Box 1274, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for handicapped transportation services from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01498).
6. Signature - Agreement #2 with Skagit Council on Aging, P.O. Box 1274, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for the lease of the 24 passenger UMTA bus for operation of fixed route handicapped transportation from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01499).

- \* Juvenile Probation:

7. Contract with Northwest Youth Services, P.O. Box 1449, Bellingham, WA 98227, to provide psychologicals, evaluations, counseling outpatient treatment and other services within the Contractor's field of expertise for selected juveniles as referred by the County. Contract commences September 1, 1992. Fees for services shall be \$125.00 per session for 10 sessions for a total of \$1,250.00. (Contract #01500).

- \* Parks, Recreation, and Fair:

8. Out-of-State Travel Request for Steve Colby to attend National Recreation Parks Association Mid-year Legislative Forum in Washington D.C. February 2, 1993, February 7, 1993. Estimated expense - \$425.00.

- Planning and Community Development:

9. Signature - Resolution Remanding the Winston Anderson Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA-92-006 to the Skagit County Planning Commission. (Resolution #14683).

- \* Public Works:

10. Signature - Professional Services Contract with Cypress Springs, Incorporated, 850 Halloran Road, Bow, Washington 98232, for the provision of a landscape plan, listing of all plants and materials, and maintenance schedule for the plants once established at the Burlington

shop. The plan is to be implemented at the Burlington Maintenance Yard along the westerly chain link fence and at the front entrance along Avon Street. Contract amount for services is \$700.00. Contract shall commence upon Notice to Proceed and continue for 30 calendar days. (Contract #01501).

11. Signature - Supplement to Consultant Services Agreement with Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc., P.O. Box 1228, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to increase the contract amount by \$2,500 for preparation of a boundary line adjustment to segregate the County shop ownership into two parcels. One parcel to be suitable for the Burlington-Edison School District transportation and central kitchen facilities. Contract time shall be extended to January 15, 1993. (Contract #01301).
12. Signature - Call for Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed Skagit County Public Works Utility Policy on Tuesday, January 19, 1993, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 202A, 700 S. Second, County Administration Building, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273. (Resolution #14684).
13. Signature - Contract with One-Way Construction, 215 N. Reed, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, for the Replacement of the Little Indian Slough Culvert, CRP #117-31, in the amount of \$36,720.00. (Contract #015021).
14. Signature - Contract amendment with Kennedy/Janks Consultants who is providing services for the evaluation and removal of Skagit County's underground storage tanks. Amendments to be as follows: Coordinate U.S.T. tightness testing; observe the removal of five U.S.T.s, collect soil and groundwater samples, and analyze samples for contamination; increase budget by \$10,620, total budget then being \$40,720; and extending the contract until terminated. (Contract #01473).

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**Senior Services:**

15. Signature - 1993 Contract for the provision of Senior Services for the Mount Vernon Community with the City of Mount Vernon. Contract shall commence January 1, 1993, and expire December 31, 1993. The City shall pay the sum of \$26,260 to the County, due in quarterly installments, March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 1993. The City has the option to pay in full at the first quarter if so desired. (Contract #01505).
16. Signature - 1993 Contract for the provision of Senior Services with the Homewell Health Services, 2021 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, Washington. Contract shall commence January 1, 1993, and expire December 31, 1993. The County shall pay the sum of \$12.00 per appointment paid by participator to Homewell Health Services. (Contract #01506).
17. Signature - 1993 Contract for the provision of Senior Services for the Mount Vernon Community with the City of Anacortes. Contract shall commence January 1, 1993, and expire December 31, 1993. The City shall pay the sum of \$20,960 to the County, due in quarterly installments, March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 1993. The City has the option to pay in full at the first quarter if so desired. (Contract #01503).

18. Signature - 1993 Contract for the provision of Senior Services for the Burlington Community with the City of Burlington. Contract shall commence January 1, 1993, and expire December 31, 1993. The City shall pay the sum of \$10,640 to the County, due in quarterly installments, March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 1993. The City has the option to pay in full at the first quarter if so desired. (Contract #01504).
19. Signature - Notice of Grant Award for Retired Senior Volunteer Program - continuation for the 1993 year. (Contract #01419).

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

- A) A resolution was approved and signed by the Board to call for a public hearing to extend a salmon net pen moratorium. Public hearing shall be held Tuesday, December 29, 1992, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 202A, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. (Resolution #14681).
- B) The Board approved and signed a contract for professional services with Diana Hoy, 231 Cedar Street, Snohomish, Washington 98290, for the provision of client evaluation for the Public Defender's Office. Contract commenced June 1, 1992, and terminates December 31, 1992. (Contract #01497).
- C) 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, December 21, 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) Warrants #93179 through #93338, (Vouchers #93179 through #93338) in the amount of \$301,277.42. Transmittal #R28-92.
- 2) Warrants #28989 through 29159 (Vouchers #PDRAWDE02085 through PDRAWDE02995) in the amount of \$62,330.20. Transmittal #P-26-92.



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

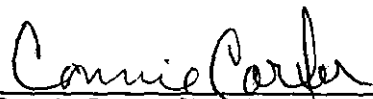
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ATTEST:

  
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Connie Carter, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

