

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

**Monday, March 8, 1993:**

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            Board of Health:
- 1) Update - Blanchard and Edison Area Mechanisms for Septic Problem Resolution.
  - 2) Review - 1993 Environmental Health Program Activity.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.        Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:
- 1) Discussion - Seaview/ Biz Point Drainage.
  - 2) Discussion - Cokedale Road Agreement with Bureau of Indian Affairs.
  - 3) Presentation - Request for Proposals - Solid Waste Handling and Transportation.
  - 4) Resolution - Awarding Bid for Purchase of Mid-Size, Extended Body Passenger Van.
  - 5) Miscellaneous.
- CONSENT AGENDA.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.        1) Resolution - Call for Bids - Removal of Six Wood-Framed Houses.  
   2) Facilities Management Department Project Status Report.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.            Discussion on and Selection of Hearing Examiner for Property Seizure Hearings.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.            Public Hearing - Budget Amendment.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.            Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 8, 1992, with Commissioner's Hart, Wolden, and Robinson present.

**BOARD OF HEALTH:**

- 1) Update - Blanchard and Edison Area Mechanisms for Septic Problem Resolution.

George Ridgeway, Environmental Health Specialist, stated that the towns of Blanchard and Edison did not meet the February 26, 1992, deadline for finding a resolution to the current septic problem. The Health Officer will write a letter to the State Department of Health declaring the areas as public health hazard areas. This will make State funding assistance available for the towns to apply for. Mr. Ridgeway said that he is not ready to present how this issue will be resolved at this time. He will present a full plan for resolving the septic problems in the towns of Blanchard and Edison on March 22, 1993.

- 2) Review - 1993 Environmental Health Program Activity.

A discussion was held regarding the planning and status of major programs in the 1993 Environmental Health Program Activities.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:**

1) Discussion - Seaview/Biz Point Drainage.

Dave Brookings, Flood and Drainage Engineer, stated that the Seaview/Biz Point project was designated as top priority for Flood and Drainage project planning. Public meetings were held in the community regarding the design of the project, and strong views were expressed for the plan to be coordinated with the upland development. Mr. Brookings displayed a vicinity map with the proposed work plan highlighted. He said that the present plan is to collect surface waters along Rosario Road through a pipe running down to a culvert at Biz Point, then through a rock-lined ditch to the bay. The cost of the piping project is estimated to be \$630,000. He stated that direction is needed from the Board in order to negotiate with the San Juan Fidalgo Holding Company regarding the development upland from the project site. Currently, San Juan Fidalgo has acquired permits for infiltration ponds for their development. Discussions have been held with the holding company and they have agreed to create clay-lined detention ponds, rather than infiltration ponds. Mr. Brookings stated that there must be a commitment to the improvements by 1994. The issue is whether an agreement with San Juan Fidalgo to create detention ponds can be negotiated and a drainage utility formed by 1994. If a utility is not formed, fees can be imposed on the area residents, or funding can be applied for to support the project. Mr. Brookings said that currently, water drains into the groundwater, down the road and over the bank toward the bay, as well as down the road to the lower land.

Commissioner Robinson felt that more information was needed before the Board could approve the project.

Mr. Medved stated that the Board's concurrence with the concept of the proposed plan was all that was being sought at this time.

Mr. Brookings said that the Public Works Department needs the Board's approval to negotiate with San Juan Fidalgo regarding the concept of the project, and agreement with the detention pond versus infiltration pond plan.

Commissioner Robinson stated that the citizens of the area need to be aware that there will be a cost to them whether a drainage utility is formed or not.

Mr. Brookings agreed that fees will be imposed upon the residents benefitting from the system.

An unidentified member of the audience felt that the developer should incur the expense as there was no problem until development began.

Chairman Hart stated that every house in the area contributes to the problem.

Carol Ehlers, Anacortes resident, stated that the County needs to acknowledge that the County road is a major contributor to the drainage problem. The houses originally built in the area did not have paved drives, installed drain systems, and planted or left vegetation which supported the slopes. She felt that the homeowner, developer, and the County should take responsibility for the current drainage problems.

An unidentified member of the audience stated that the area East of Rosario Road was deforested approximately four years ago, shortly before he took residence there. His home is on the rim of Jones Canyon and the erosion problem has existed the entire time he has lived there. The erosion problem is

Impacted by the deforestation. Water is draining from the upland into the subsoil and into the aquifer. The soil can't hold the weight and slides into the canyon. He felt that the proposal of detention ponds instead of infiltration ponds was a sound one.

Mr. Brookings stated that the State regulated forested lands at the time of the referenced deforestation. The problem and possible solutions are known, it is just a matter of finding the best solution before 1994.

An unidentified member of the audience asked whether the County is responsible at present, and what alternate solution is available.

Mr. Brookings stated that the suggested drainage solution will not solve the erosion problem. There was erosion before homes were built, and it will continue.

Chairman Hart stated that he agreed with the tight line system, but more information is needed before it will be known who will be financially responsible for the project.

Commissioner Wolden stated that he agreed with the proposed project also.

Commissioner Robinson felt that more information was needed regarding an agreement with the developers to coordinate on the project.

Mr. Medved stated that he understood the Board to be in agreement with the proposed method, and will come back to the Board when more information regarding funding is available.

2) Discussion - Cokedale Road Agreement with Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, addressed the Board stating that no action was needed on this item, it was intended to be informational. He introduced Mr. Rick Taylor, Representative, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to the Board.

Steve Winter, reviewed with the Board that the BIA submitted a request to the County in 1989, to make improvements on the Cokedale Road right-of-way. There is a problem with access to tribal residential lands due to seasonal flooding of Red Creek over the existing access road. In 1989, the Public Works Department issued a Utilities Permit for soil samples to be taken on Cokedale Road. The BIA drafted plans for the road project, which have been received and approved by the County. Citizens in the area are concerned regarding traffic safety related to Alpine Lane where it crosses Helmick Road. A public meeting was held last year with the Board regarding this concern where there was a considerable amount of input from the area residents. None of these citizens have been heard from since the public meeting. The BIA wishes to sign an agreement with the County allowing them to make the desired improvements. The project would be funded and performed by the BIA, or their contractors.

Mr. Barnet stated that the plan submitted by the BIA suggests a road that will be developed to higher standards than the County would require, and once the project is completed, it will be turned over to the County for maintenance.

The Board concurred with the proposed project and request that an agreement be prepared and presented at a later date for adoption and signature.

3) Presentation - Request for Proposals - Solid Waste Handling and Transportation.

Don King, Operations Manager Resource Recovery Facility, presented a draft Request for Proposals to the Board regarding solid waste handling and transportation. He said that there will be a need to begin a small amount of longhauling by June, 1993.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve advertising the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Handling and Transportation. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4) Resolution - Awarding Bid for Purchase of Mid-Size, Extended Body Passenger Van.

Charlie Tewalt, Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Coordinator, addressed the Board stating that the bid received from Skagit Ford Subaru was the low bidder for this item. However, their bid did not meet bid specifications. He requested that the Board approve the bid award to Blade Chevrolet, as their bid item, a 1993, Chevrolet CM11006, did meet all the specifications.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution awarding the bid for one new 1993 mid-size, extended body, passenger van to Blade Chevrolet at the bid price of \$16,913.21. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14758).

5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA.

\* Sheriff's Office:

1. Out-of-State Travel Request for Deputy Bonnie Bowers to travel to Portland, Oregon, to attend a seminar on gang activity from March 8 to March 10, 1993. Total cost for travel is \$365.00.
2. Out-of-State Travel Request for Deputy Bill Wise to travel to Vancouver, B.C., Canada, to attend "Street Survival '93" from March 1, 1993 through March 3, 1993. Total cost for travel is \$330.

• A.R.I.S. Program:

3. Contract for Professional Services with Shirley Hikogawa to provide family and individual therapy to A.R.I.S. clients at the rate of \$60.00 per hour from March 3, 1993 through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01586).
4. Contract for Professional Services with Judith McCarthy to provide individual and family therapy to A.R.I.S. clients at the rate of \$60 per hour for individual therapy and \$50 per hour for family therapy from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01587).

\* **District Court Probation:**

5. Annual renewal of Probation Services Agreement with City of Sedro Woolley in the amount of 40 case units for use during 1993 at the annual rate of \$3,500 for the period from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01588).
6. Annual renewal of Probation Services Agreement with City of Anacortes in the amount of 6 case units for use during 1993 at the annual rate of \$500 for the period from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01589).
7. Annual renewal of Probation Services Agreement with City of Burlington in the amount of 45 case units for use during 1993 at the annual rate of \$4,000 for the period from January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. (Contract #01590).

\* **Juvenile Probation:**

8. Contract for Professional Services with Whitehorse Consulting Services to provide specialized juvenile sex offender evaluations (\$850), treatment (individual - \$60 per 50 minutes, group - \$20 for 90 minutes) or consultations for juveniles referred by the County beginning on January 1, 1993, and continuing until terminated. (Contract #01591).

\* **Data Processing:**

9. Purchasing agreement with Microage, for micro-computer hardware and related peripherals for the year ending December 31, 1993, at cost plus prices provided in proposal document marked Exhibit A. (Contract #01592).
10. Renewal of Contract for Professional Services with William Dockstader to provide data processing, planning, programming and system support for the County's IBM 9300 computer for the period from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1993, at the rate of \$75 per hour for senior consulting services and \$35 per hour for staff consulting services. (Contract #01593).

\* **Public Works:**

11. Resolution establishing eligibility list for procurement of maintenance materials. (Resolution #14759).
12. Resolution amending Resolution #14717 which establishes CRP 5000-3, Prairie Road, due to an error in listing the mile post locations. (Resolution #14760).
13. Final Order of Vacation for vacated State turnback in Conway to Charles Faber of Conway Feed.
14. Resolution authorizing a call for bids for one or more a) 1992 or 1993 small pick-up truck, b) 1992 or 1993 small station wagon, and c) 1992 or 1993 mid-size sedan. (Resolution #14761).

\* Commissioners' Office:

15. Annual renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit Valley Humane Society to administer the provisions of the County's dangerous dog ordinances for 1993 in return for a payment of \$4,700 per month plus reimbursement of up to \$4,000 for a copier and up to \$4,000 for computer hardware and related software. (Contract #01594).
16. Resolution approving application of Washington State Department of Transportation for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment on property located on Sims Road east of Sedro Woolley. (Resolution #14762).
17. Ordinance amending Skagit County Code Chapter 14.04.240(16)(c) which changes procedures for conducting appeals of hearing examiner decisions. (Resolution #14763).
18. Resolution reappointing Frank Tucker to Board of Equalization with term expiration of January 1, 1996. (Resolution #14764).
19. Resolution reappointing Bob Cockburn to Fair Advisory Board with term expiration of December 31, 1996. (Resolution #14765).
20. Resolution reappointing Carol Garzina to Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board with term expiration of December 31, 1995. (Resolution #14766).

**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, March 8, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants #95214 through #95350 (Vouchers #95214 through #95350) in the amount of \$361,772.20. Transmittal Number R4-93.

- B) The Board approved and signed an amendment to (Contract #01166) between the County and Service Alternatives for Washington, increasing the contract amount to \$85,000 and the timeline to June 30, 1993.
- C) The Board approved and signed a Contract for Professional Services with Columbia Analytical Services, Inc., 1317 South 13th Avenue, Kelso, Washington 98632 to perform testing according to EPA Publication Number SW-846, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid waste - Physical/Chemical Methods. (Contract #01595).

1) Resolution - Call for Bids - Removal of Six Wood-Framed Houses.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, displayed an aerial photograph of the downtown Mount Vernon area that contains the Courthouse complex. He pointed out the houses along Broadway Street that are County owned, and in the acquisition process. Mr. Howard requested to call for bids for the demolition of the houses, in order to contract for the ones that are already County owned. The bid call will be applicable to other houses as they are acquired. Bid opening to be scheduled Monday, April 5, 1993, 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 Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution to call for bids for the removal of six wood framed houses as directed by the County. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14767).

2) Facilities Management Department Project Status Report.

Mr. Howard reviewed the status of various facilities projects with the Board.

- a) When the new building is constructed, by City of Mount Vernon Ordinance it will be required to provide 230 new parking spaces to accommodate the users of the building. With the future removal of the buildings previously discussed, and the possible acquisition of more property, it will still remain a challenge to provide employee parking and public parking adequate for the County's needs.
- b) The roofing project on the courthouse will begin March 9, 1993, and is anticipated to be completed in one week.
- c) Mr. Howard reviewed an outline of the status of County owned underground storage tank removal, and a summary prepared by the consultant regarding the requirements on the underground storage tanks according to Department of Ecology specifications.
- d) Mr. Howard stated that he has received a considerable amount of proposals for the Inmate Telephone System. The last day to receive proposals is Monday, March 15, 1993, at 4:30 p.m.
- e) Mr. Howard distributed a list of County Leased Property, and property leased by the County, for the Board's review.
- f) The Mount Vernon Senior Center restroom project is complete.
- g) The second floor remodel of the Public Defender's Office is complete.
- h) The installation of the wall in the Auditor's Office is complete.

**DISCUSSION ON AND SELECTION OF HEARING EXAMINER FOR PROPERTY SEIZURE HEARINGS.**

Tom Sequine, Prosecutor's Office, addressed the Board regarding property seizure hearings. He said that at some point in the past, a member of the Board of Commissioners was appointed to act as the judge for property seizure hearings. State statutes mandate that offenders be given an opportunity to be heard.

Historically, the Prosecuting Attorney stated the facts of the case and then the defendant was given the opportunity to speak. The Commissioner appointed then decided the disposition of the property. Mr. Seguire stated that most cases are negotiated and settled without a hearing.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to appoint Commissioner Robinson to hear property seizure hearings, Chairman Hart seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

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

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, addressed the Board regarding the Human Services Fund receiving revenues in excess of 1993 estimates. These revenues pertain to the decision to have Skagit County serve as the conduit for the North Sound Regional Support Network in their effort to furnish the Evaluation and Treatment Center near Sedro-Woolley.

Chairman Hart opened the hearing for public comment.

Seeing and hearing no comment from the audience, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget for the Human Services Fund #116 in the amount of \$90,000. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14769).



**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings, Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


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Robert Hart, Chairman

  
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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

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Robby Robinson, Commissioner

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Connie Carter, Clerk of the Board.

