

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 22, 1993:

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Board of Health.
- 1) Alternatives for Solving Edison and Blanchard Sewage Disposal Problems.
 - 2) Application for Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Community Team Training Institute in Washington, D.C.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:
- 1) Discussion - Status of Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Surface Transportation Program.
 - 2) Discussion - Annual Truck and Equipment Road-E-O.
 - 3) Proclamation - Earth Rally 1993.
 - 4) Resolution - Regarding Support for Cleanup Recycling Projects During Earth Rally 1993.
 - 5) Signature - Change Order # 1 to the Lake Chiquita Contract #01403.
 - 6) Signature - Resolution Establishing a Program for Public Works Employees to Receive Government Rates Through U.S. West Cellular.
 - 7) Miscellaneous.
- CONSENT AGENDA.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Regarding the Lease of County Property at BayView.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Update on Permit Center Activities.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, and Harvey Wolden, present. Commissioner Robby Robinson's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

- 1) Alternatives for Solving Edison and Blanchard Sewage Disposal Problems.

George Ridgeway, Environmental Health Specialist, presented three options to the Board for solving the towns' sewage disposal problems. The first option would be for each property owner to take care of their own on-site sewage problem. This would be the most time effective, allowing for faster installation of individual systems. Those residents whose drain fields are not failing would be minimally affected by the County's regulatory procedures. The County would enforce the on-site sewage rules and regulations as failures are discovered. The individual systems could turn out to be expensive and possibly involve drainfield easements to nearby properties.

This option would provide for a quick solution but may not prove effective over a long period of time.

The second option would be for each community to develop a sewage district and apply for State and/or Federal funding to solve their sewage problems. The citizens of the towns would retain control over their sewage problems, and the ability to secure a loan or grant on their own could reduce the cost per individual property owner. Matching funds of 25 to 50% from the district would be required. The application for State or Federal funding is a long process that can take up to two or three years. This option would require extensive and costly engineering and planning. A 2/3 majority vote of the registered voters in the designated district would be required. Contamination would continue until the sewer systems are installed.

The third option would be for the County to develop a county-wide sewer district that would incorporate all high risk areas with potential on-site and off-site sewage problems. RCW 36.94 allows for the County to provide funding by bonds, utility local improvement districts, or local improvement districts. The various methods available to plan for the correction of the sewage problem in this option would commit the County for a long period of time, make additional County staff necessary, and burden County citizens in specified areas with an additional tax.

Ms. Doris Robbins, Chairman, Edison Committee, stated that Edison residents are very interested in increasing the water quality in the area and are ready to work with the County on the septage problem.

An unidentified member of the audience stated that the septage problem in the towns is critical and needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. He felt that the third option mentioned would be the best for the situation, and recommended that the shellfish businesses be encouraged to be included in an improvement district.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that there are other areas in the County that are having problems that need to be considered also. Mr. Ridgeway will continue to keep the Board informed on the Blanchard/Edison situation.

The Board expressed appreciation for the interest and willingness of the residents in the two towns to assist in solving the septage problems.

2) Application for Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Community Team Training Institute in Washington, D.C.

Linda Albert, R.N., Public Health Nurse, and Dan Gould, CSO Administrator, reviewed with the Board an application for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), a Community Team Training Institute in Washington, DC. The Center was created for the prevention and intervention of alcohol and drug abuse and focuses on pregnant and post-partum women and children. The training will provide for community action coordination in the prevention and intervention of drug and alcohol abuse. The 5 1/2 day program is fully funded by CSAP. The training is in a team effort style provided by the Community Team Training Institute. The team will include between 8 and 12 key leaders of community organizations and groups representing Skagit County. This program will provide information necessary to develop a community action plan to assist with the prevention and intervention of the changing alcohol and drug abuse situations in the County. The perinatal substance abuse problem is an increasing concern and will be addressed in this program.

Ms. Albert said that there is a large drug problem in the County due to being on the I-5 corridor. The Board was requested to support the program and the team's 2 year commitment.

The Board concurred with the request.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Discussion - Status of Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Surface Transportation Program.

David Baltz, Traffic Coordinator, stated that the Transportation Technical Committee met and concurred with the items he was presenting. He said that the Federal Government will contribute \$18,000 each year for the Regional Transportation Organization (RTPO) and there will be a two year commitment at the State level. Mr. Baltz reviewed the projected revenues and expenses for the 1993 - 94 period. He said that more details will be discussed at the Skagit Council of Government (SCOG) meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 1993. He said that it is felt that a full time staff member is necessary for the position of Regional Transportation Planner. The pay level for the position is yet to be determined, but due to the planning and technical skills required, is felt that a level equivalent to an Associate Planner or Senior Planner would be appropriate.

Commissioner Wolden asked whether the proposed salary level was budgeted.

Mr. Baltz stated that it may be approximately \$2,000 higher than budgeted, but there are sufficient funds to accomodate it. There are details that will continue to be worked out and discussed with the Board.

2) Discussion - Annual Truck and Equipment Road-E-O.

Cliff Butler, Road Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding a request for support for the annual truck and equipment rodeo. He said that the County has done well in the past and has had equipment operators qualify for the National rodeo the past three years. He felt that the activity was beneficial to employee morale and it gives the competitors an opportunity to meet with their peers in other Counties.

Commissioner Wolden felt that it was beneficial for the employees to take part in the competitions, and that it enhanced their equipment operating skills.

Mr. Medved stated that the County equipment operators that qualified and were sent to the National competition the past three years are very skilled.

The Board supported the idea of having the truck and equipment rodeo again.

3) Proclamation - Earth Rally 1993.

Ric Boge, Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator, presented a proclamation for approval and signature to the Board designating April 17, through 25, 1993, as Earth Rally 1993.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adopt the Proclamation as presented, Chairman Hart seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered.

4) Resolution - Regarding Support for Cleanup Recycling Projects During Earth Rally 1993.

Mr. Boge presented a resolution for approval and signature to the Board supporting cleanup efforts during

Earth Rally 1993. Litter from public areas gathered by community groups, individuals, and schools and sorted for recyclable metals and glass will be disposed of at no cost at the Sauk Transfer Station or the Skagit County Incinerator. Household organic yard debris from self-haulers will be disposed of at no cost at the Inman Landfill on Saturday, April 17, 1993, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Household organic yard debris from municipal haulers will, upon request, be disposed of at no cost at the Inman Landfill during normal hours of operation. Household solid wastes may be disposed of at half the normal cost at the Sauk Transfer Station and the Skagit County Incinerator during normal operating hours. In addition, this year, the rate for appliance disposal will be reduced from \$12 to \$6 for those appliances without CFCs, and appliances containing CFCs will be charged \$17.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution supporting the cleanup and recycling projects during Earth Rally 1993 as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14774).

5) Signature - Change Order # 1 to the Lake Chiquita Contract #01403.

Doug Barnett, County Engineer, presented a Change Order to the Lake Chiquita Project Contract increasing the total amount by \$4,597.77. This increase was necessary due to unforeseen additional rock work on the unstable slope on Marine Drive. The County requested the contractor to perform this work.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve Change Order #1 to the Lake Chiquita Project Contract as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #01403).

6) Signature - Resolution Establishing a Program for Public Works Employees to Receive Government Rates Through U.S. West Cellular.

Greg Thramer, Public Works Controller, explained that US West Cellular has a program that allows government employees to purchase personal cellular phone service. The purchases will be made by payroll deduction and the employees must sign a waiver form authorizing the collection of funds for unpaid bills through payroll deduction.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14775).

7) Miscellaneous.

No miscellaneous items were presented at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA.

• **ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for the Week of March 1, 1993.
2. Record of the Proceedings for the Week of March 8, 1993.

3. Signature - Contract for Professional Services with Kevin Kennedy, P.O. Box 1, Glacier, Washington 98244, to conduct an ADA compliance audit of parks and boat launches operated by the County. Rates of \$25.00 per hour for site visits and report preparation; and \$12.50 per hour travel time shall be imposed. Reimbursable expenses will include mileage at the rate of \$.25 per mile and any other out of pocket costs directly related to the completion of this contract. The total compensation shall not exceed \$4,000.00. (Contract #01605).
4. Signature - Agreement with Economic Development Association of Skagit County for the January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993 term. The County will pay EDASC in accordance with the following payment schedule: March 31, 1993 \$3,000; May 31, 1993, \$2,500; July 31, 1993, \$2,500; September 30, 1993, \$2,500. An additional \$2,500 will be paid to EDASC at each of the following membership contribution levels: \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, \$15,000, and \$30,000. The total County contribution during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$23,000. (Contract #01606).
5. Signature - Resolution amending Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the cellular phone use policy. (Resolution #14776).

* HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

6. Signature - Amendment to State Department of Health Consolidated Contract #1620-02028 reducing some grant dollars by \$11,162.50, but increasing the grant by \$50,978.00 in other areas. The original grant amount was approximately \$249,000.00, the amount not to exceed with this Amendment will be \$300,784.00.
7. Signature - Guest Speaker Contract with Paul Moguel, 606 Willow Road, Bellingham, Washington, 98225, to present Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS through the 1993 year at the rate of \$25.00 per presentation. (Contract #01607).

* PARKS, RECREATION, AND FAIR:

8. Signature - Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility for the management of the right-of-way owned and operated by Burlington Northern Railroad. The property extends from MP33.42 near Hamilton, to MP 44.69 near Concrete (11.27 miles). The right-of-way is part of a line proposed for abandonment in Docket AB-6 (Sub-no.299X). (Contract #01608)

* PUBLIC DEFENDER:

9. Signature - Out-of-State-Travel Request for Gary Gaer to attend the 1993 Trial Practice Institute at the Mercer Law School in Macon, Georgia. Mr. Gaer would depart June 12, 1993, and return June 27, 1993. Total cost for airfare, ground transportation, meals and accommodations will be approximately \$1,238.00.

• PUBLIC WORKS:

10. Signature - Resolution Rescinding/Replacing Contract Number 01574 between the County and WSDOT regarding the lead agency for RTPO funds. (Resolution #14777 and Contract #01609).

11. Signature - Resolution Establishing CRP #4001-2, Snee-Oosh Road. (Resolution #14778).
12. Signature - Resolution calling for bids for the rental of Road Maintenance Equipment. (Resolution #14779).

• **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

13. Signature - Application for owner extension or sewer service agreement pursuant to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit and Whatcom County's Water District No. 12. Application is for Jerry Hayes, Jr., 189 Old Highway 99 North, Burlington, Washington 98233. A building permit must be presented to the City of Burlington prior to the final connection.
- * 14. Signature - Resolution Authorizing and Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Skagit and King County. (Resolution #14780 and Contract #01610).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

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 22, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- A) Warrants #95351 through 95512 (Vouchers #95351 through 95512) in the amount of \$166,054.67. Transmittal # R5-93.
- B) Warrants #32028 through 32180 (Vouchers PDRAWMR03306 through PDRAWMR03458) in the amount of \$56,624.79. Transmittal # P-5-93.

PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AT BAYVIEW.

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

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, addressed the Board, stating that the current lease agreement with the Skagit County Historical Society expires at the end of March, 1993, and the Society has requested that the contract be renewed. The maximum time length that the County may lease is 10 years, with a built in annual renewal through those 10 years.

Jim Barmore, Director, Skagit County Historical Museum, stated that a letter was sent to the County requesting a lease renewal, and it is now understood that the maximum lease agreement is 10 years, with an automatic annual renewal through that time frame. He said that the site is an important one in that it is used to store agricultural tools and equipment too large to be displayed at the museum, exhibit props are stored there, and restorations to properties are performed there as well.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing for comment.

Mr. Dennis Perrin, BayView resident, addressed the Board. Mr. Perrin stated that he and his family is heavily impacted by the use of the subject property as his home is surrounded by the County property. He has an easement for access to his property. He attended the hearing in order to hear what plans for future use there might be for the subject property. He said that he likes the people who have worked there and since the Historical Society has been involved the situation has become even better.

Chairman Hart asked whether any plans were being made for future use by the County.

Mr. Howard stated that there may be a long range plan for the storage of equipment, but there is not a specific plan developed at present. He said that it has been requested by the Public Works Department to take into consideration that there may be a need for Public Works Equipment to be stored on the subject property at some time in the future. Mr. Howard stated that he had prepared a five year contract, including annual renewals, for the Board's consideration.

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

The Resolution and Contract regarding this lease will be provided to the Board for adoption and approval next week.

UPDATE ON PERMIT CENTER ACTIVITIES.

Roxanne Michaels, and Tom Karsh provided an update on the Permit Center Activities. Included in the Board package previously submitted was the 1992 Annual Permit Center Report.

The 1993 Goals of the Permit Center will include the computerization of updates and multiple user ability in entering building permits, a newsletter is being developed for the public, continued education for staff will be provided for on-call and regular staff; a fast lane at the permit counter will be tested, a simulated disaster exercise is to be performed, an open house is planned and public education and building related professional education will be available for homeowners and the building industry to impress the importance of code knowledge and adherence.

The Board expressed appreciation for the increased improvement in Permit Center Activities and efficiency.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert Hart, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Robby Robinson, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Connie Carter, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

