

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

Monday, March 29, 1993:

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fair - Jon Aarstad, Director:
- 1) Discussion - Fairgrounds Fencing Project.
 - 2) Miscellaneous.
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Signature - Quit Claim Deed to the State Department of Ecology for Oyster Tracts in Samish Bay.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:
- 1) Resolution - Amending the Skagit River Flood Control Committee.
 - 2) Signature - County Road Administration Board Annual Certification, Standards of Good Practice.
 - 3) Resolution and Interlocal Agreement - Breazeale-Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, Home Composting Demonstration Site.
 - 4) Discussion - Composting Bin Distribution.
 - 5) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Decision - Regarding the Lease of County Property at BayView.
- CONSENT AGENDA.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening - County Legal Printing.
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Resolution - Amending a Resolution Establishing a Program for County Employees to Receive Government Rates Through U.S. West Cellular for Personal Cellular Phones.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation - Operation and Function of County AIDS Task Force.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 29, 1993, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, and Robby Robinson present. Chairman Hart's absence was excused.

PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR - JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Discussion - Fairgrounds Fencing Project.

Don Helwig, Fair Manager, addressed the Board, stating that there is a need to place a fence along the west side of the fairground property. The west property line is located behind several residences and has become a convenient place for residents to dump garbage. When the staking for the fence was being done, it was discovered that the following were found to be directly on, or over the property line: trees, blacktop, an outbuilding, and a children's playground. Mr. Helwig recommended that the fence be placed three feet from the property line, in an act of neighborly consideration, rather than require the residents to remove the trees, etc. The property owners will be notified that the property line will remain the same.

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Commissioner Wolden stated that the present owners may be notified and aware that the fence is not the property line, but a future owner may not.

Mr. Aarstad stated that a recommendation could be included in the letter to the adjoining property owners to have the information attached to their property deeds.

Commissioner Robinson asked what the cost of the fencing project was expected to be.

Mr. Helwig stated that the project is estimated to cost \$3,400.00 which is included in the 1993 budget.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the placement of the fence line three feet from the west property line of the fairgrounds out of consideration to the adjoining property owners, and to accommodate the needs of the County. The adjoining property owners will be notified that the fence line does not constitute the property line. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered.

2) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Aarstad addressed the Board, requesting that the Cooperative Grant Agreement between the County and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission be extended in performance time. He requested that the termination date be extended from April 30, 1993, to June 15, 1993, in order to secure materials and build a facility to store trail grooming equipment (snow cat). The proposal is to build a three sided extension to the existing building at Howard Miller Steelhead Park.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approved the extension, Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #01466).

SIGNATURE - QUIT CLAIM DEED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR OYSTER TRACTS IN SAMISH BAY.

Ms. Stephanie Wood, Administrative Coordinator, stated that the Department of Ecology (DOE) had taken possession of several oyster tracts over the past year, and were interested in obtaining more. Diane Mines, Treasurer's Office, followed up on the status of other tracts, and found the subject tracts to be available. The DOE would like to take possession of the subject oyster tracts if they do not have to purchase them. The only charge involved is \$1.45 for back taxes. It is in the County's best interest to release possession of these oyster tracts.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approved the resolution transferring title of the oyster tracts in Padilla Bay, Tracts 866 and 867. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14784).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Resolution - Amending the Skagit River Flood Control Committee.

Dan Tolliver presented a resolution for the Board's approval regarding a recommended appointment to the Skagit River Flood Control Committee. The City of Burlington requested that a change of representative be made appointing Phil Messina to replace Ted Banta. Mr. Banta has not been able to attend the meetings.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14782).

2) Signature - County Road Administration Board Annual Certification, Standards of Good Practice.

Mr. Robin LaRue, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the County is required to submit a Certification, Standards of Good Practice each year to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB). He presented the document for approval and signature.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the CRAB Annual Certification, Standards of Good Practice. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

3) Resolution and Interlocal Agreement - Breazeale-Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, Home Composting Demonstration Site.

Frances Ambrose, Waste Reduction/Recycling Educator, presented a resolution to the Board approving an Interlocal Agreement between Breazeale-Padilla Bay Interpretive Center and Skagit County. The Agreement will allow for the placement of a home composting demonstration site at the facility. This will be the first large site placed. There is a small site at the Anacortes Children's Garden. Several workshops will be held over the next few months to educate the public on home composting.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution and interlocal agreement as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14783) (Contract #01612).

4) Discussion - Composting Bin Distribution.

Ms. Ambrose distributed photographs of various composting sites in Snohomish County as an example of what the site at the Interpretive Center will look like.

Ms. Ambrose stated that the Solid Waste Department purchased 200 plastic compost bins, with grant funds, that they would like to make available to the members of the public desiring to begin home composting. Ms. Ambrose requested that a fee of \$20.00 be charged for the bins to assist with expenses associated with running the program. It is planned to have the bins available to the public for purchase after attending the composting workshops.

Mr. Ric Boge, presented an example of the composting bins that will be available.

The Board approved charging a \$20.00 fee for the bins.

5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented at this time.

DECISION - REGARDING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AT BAYVIEW.

A public hearing was held on Monday, March 22, 1993, where testimony was heard, and recommendations made, regarding the lease of County property to the Skagit County Historical Society. Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, presented a resolution and lease agreement for approval to the Board for a five year lease of County property located at BayView. The property will be leased to the Skagit County Historical Society for a term of five years at the rate of \$1.00 per year.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution and lease agreement as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14792) (Contract #01613).

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approved the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 29, 1993, Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

* **ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for the Week of March 15, 1993.
2. Record of the Proceedings for the Week of March 22, 1993.
3. Out-of-State Travel Requests for Mike Woodmansee and Rich Medved to attend Bond Rating Agency Presentation to Moody's Investor Service in San Francisco, California, March 27, through 30, 1993. Travel expense of \$998.00 for each includes airfare, accommodations, meals, and miscellaneous expenses.

* **APPOINTMENTS:**

4. Signature - Resolution reappointing Mr. Marty Wright, 4210B Blue Heron Cr., Anacortes, Washington, 98221, to serve another term on the Skagit County Substance Abuse Administrative Board. Said term shall expire March 31, 1996. (Resolution #14786).
5. Signature - Resolution reappointing Mr. John Cheney, 303 Vera, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to serve another term on the Uniform Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. Said term shall expire March 28, 1996. (Resolution #14787).
6. Signature - Resolution reappointing Mr. Dennis Rohloff, 1271 Maupin Road Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to serve another term on the Uniform Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals. Said term shall expire March 28, 1996. (Resolution #14788).
7. Signature - Resolution reappointing Mr. Earl Kleinfelter, Assistant Chief, City of LaConner, LaConner, Washington 98257, to serve a term on the Uniform Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals as an alternate member. Said term shall expire March 28, 1996. (Resolution #14789).

• **HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

8. Signature - Guest Speaker Contract with Sylvia Leyden, 14623 145th N.W., Oak Harbor, Washington 98277, for presenting Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS, through the 1993 year, at the rate of \$25.00 per presentation. (Contract #01614).

• **HUMAN SERVICES:**

9. Signature - Contract Amendment to the sub-contract between Skagit County and Chinook Enterprises. This amendment increases the total amount payable by \$50,000. There has been an increased amount of referrals to the agency and the funds are available within the contract between DSHS and Skagit County. (Contract #01326).

* **PUBLIC WORKS:**

10. Signature - Call for Public Hearing Franchise with Texaco Refining and Marketing, Incorporated. (Resolution #14785).
11. Signature - Final Cost Records, Finch Street CRP #3135-1.

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, Monday, March 29, 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 #94717 through #95242 (Vouchers #3003092, P52001, P114001 though #3003809, P52014, P114034) in the amount of \$1,321,042.64. Transmittal # C09-93.

- B) Mr. Howard discussed with the Board the need to extend the bid opening date for the removal of six County-owned houses. He would like to extend the date due to the discovery of asbestos in the flooring of some of the houses. There will also be an addendum to the bid package sent out, and another legal notice advertised. The removal of the asbestos will need to be performed by a certified asbestos removal company, and there are none in Skagit County. The extension of the bid opening date will allow for the prospective bidders to locate a removal company and provide time for them to inspect the houses.

The Board concurred with the proposal to extend the bid opening date. Mr. Howard will prepare a bid opening notice and resolution for the Board to sign on Tuesday, March 30, 1993.

BID OPENING - COUNTY LEGAL PRINTING.

One bid was received and opened.

Skagit Argus Publishing Company
P.O. Box 739
413 Gates
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Price per column inch for first and subsequent insertions: \$ 4.35

Legal Notice Example "A"	\$17.40
Legal Notice Example "B"	\$13.05
Legal Notice Example "C"	\$50.03
Legal Notice Example "D"	\$78.30

Mr. Dan Berentson, Publisher of The Skagit Argus, commented that the format and requirements in the bid specification packet allowed for a fair comparison of bids. He expressed his appreciation for the development of the new specifications that was used for last year and this year.

Commissioner Robinson stated that the bid received will be reviewed, and Mr. Berentson will be contacted next week regarding the results.

RESOLUTION - AMENDING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE GOVERNMENT RATES THROUGH U.S. WEST CELLULAR FOR PERSONAL CELLULAR PHONES.

Jerry McInturff, County Auditor, addressed the Board regarding a resolution passed on March 22, 1993, implementing a program for Public Works Employees to receive government rates through U.S. West Cellular for personal cellular phones. Mr. McInturff proposed that the resolution be amended to include all County employees, and presented a resolution noting the amendment.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14791).

PRESENTATION - OPERATION AND FUNCTION OF COUNTY AIDS TASK FORCE.

Jere LaFollette, Skagit Community Health Center Director, addressed the Board. He introduced the following people to the Board that are involved in the Aids Task Force Coalition: Arnie Erickson, Affiliated Health Nurse, Linda Speck, Skagit County Health Department, Rick Balam, Swinomish Tribal Police Chief, and Ms. Whitney Gunerius, a concerned citizen.

Mr. LaFollette stated that the Coalition has been involved since 1988 in educating public entities regarding HIV/AIDS and their prevention. The Coalition has performed a needs assessment regarding services to provide for those individuals whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. A group of young people recently presented a play regarding HIV/AIDS called "Something to Think About." This provided a dramatic education presentation to the public. It is important to educate the youth of the County to aid in the

prevention of HIV/AIDS. Mr. LaFollette said that the at-risk population is changing. Not only does AIDS appears among gay men and IV drug users, but more women and children are being afflicted. A needle exchange program is being considered throughout the country where persons may exchange used needles for new ones to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS by way of needle sharing.

Whitney Gunerius addressed the Board. She said that the Coalition has accomplished its original objective, the needs assessment for dealing with the HIV/AIDS crisis. The Coalition is presently working on grant applications and fund raising projects. They will have sales booths during the tulip festival and are planning fund raising dances. It is planned to have young people working on projects to promote funds for youth programs. She said that after a prolonged time, desensitizing occurs when the same information is repeatedly seen. The Coalition is hoping to prepare new and varied information to again make the impact of the HIV/AIDS crisis a pertinent issue with the public. There are more Skagit County residents that are personally touched by AIDS in their lives, and there is greater interest being shown in becoming involved in the HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment. Ms. Gunerius stated that there have been 18 cases of AIDS reported in Skagit County since 1988. She said that if that number was multiplied by 5 or 10, it would be a more accurate reflection of HIV positive people in the County. The AIDS Coalition would like to have services available for prevention and treatment. She stated that the task force would like to include the Board of Commissioners in the Coalition. She offered an open invitation to the Board members to attend meetings, receive minutes, or to stop and visit at their convenience.

Mr. Erickson stated that he has reported two class four HIV cases to the Skagit County Health Department. He said that there are individuals that left the County to receive treatment and have returned to Skagit County to die. The number of individuals going outside the County for treatment is diminishing, and will continue to diminish as Snohomish and King Counties are becoming overloaded with cases.

Ms. Gunerius stated that the Coalition hopes to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS with education, but there is still the need for available treatment in the County. She said that for every dollar spent for preventative education that is successful, \$13.00 is saved.

Mr. LaFollette thanked the Board for their time and invited them to attend the meetings that are held on the third Thursday of each month between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Board thanked the group for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

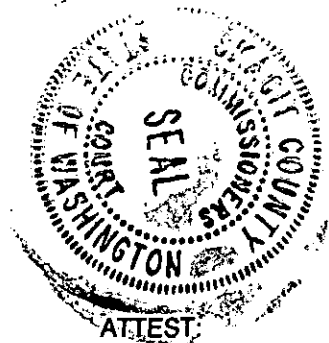
Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered.

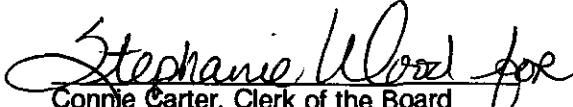
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