

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

Monday, July 26, 1993

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Discussion - Blanchard-Edison Sewer Committee Request for Assistance.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Insurance Contract Renewal.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Signature - Construction Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley Designating Skagit County as a Certification Acceptance to Perform the Administration of the West State Street Project.
- 2) Signature - Resolution - Road Closure at Ershig Road - Burlington Northern Railroad Crossing - 8:00 a.m., August 17, through 4:00 p.m., August 19, 1993.
- 3) Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment of the Adopted Six-Year Road Program, 1994-1995.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 26, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson and Harvey Wolden present.

DISCUSSION - BLANCHARD-EDISON SEWER COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

Due to the recent focus on failing septic systems in the Blanchard-Edison community which threaten water quality, a committee has been formed by local residents to discover ways in which to improve sewage disposal methods in the community. The committee has worked closely with George Ridgeway, Environmental Health Specialist, to pursue grant funds or loan funds to explore and implement solutions. Funds and resources to complete a sanitary survey have been received by the County via a grant, and a sanitary survey has begun.

George Ridgeway provided a letter from the Department of Ecology, indicating acceptance of the communities of Blanchard and Edison into the Rensselaerville Institute program. This is a pilot project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Department of Ecology, and is a self-help approach to problem solving. He then deferred to representatives of the Blanchard-Edison Sewer Committee.

Doris Robbins referred to a letter from the Blanchard-Edison Sewer Committee to Howard Leibrand, Health Officer, requesting Skagit County's participation in a \$10,000 preliminary engineering study for the community. She stated that the Department of Ecology has stated that it is premature to begin to request funds at this time. Therefore, she asked to defer this request to another time.

The second request the letter contained pertained to an August 1 deadline imposed by the Board for action on the matter of addressing septic problems in the community. Ms. Robbins stated that the committee will be unable to meet this deadline, but with all of the strides made by the committee, she asked that the Board either rescind or delay this deadline.

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Finally, the letter requested that the granting of permits for on-site septic systems be either curtailed or, when approved, accompanied by a formal notice of the pending actions of the sewer committee, which could possibly lead to the abandonment of new systems if a regional facility of some sort is eventually built. Mr. Ridgeway alluded to a new industrial construction which is an example of the need for this measure. Chairman Hart agreed that notification is imperative. Dr. Leibrand and Ms. Robbins disagreed on the merits of notifying persons who wish to individually affect repairs to their systems. Dr. Leibrand felt that it was unreasonable to warn persons who wish to affect repairs that an alternative system may be available at some unspecified later date, while Ms. Robbins felt that the more people who repair their systems individually, the fewer who will participate in a regional solution later.

Joan Smithman, Bill Dewey and Dana Rust then participated in a discussion that focused on whether individual system owners will be notified that they will need to immediately repair their system. Mr. Ridgeway explained that he has adopted the policy that if there is an imminent public health hazard present, it will have to be immediately addressed.

Ms. Robbins explained that only three pilot projects within the State of Washington have been chosen by the Rensselaerville group.

Mr. Ridgeway explained that initially, he submitted a letter to each of the members the Blanchard-Edison community, indicating an August 1 deadline for solving the problem of failing septic systems. He asked whether the Board would wish him to send another letter indicating that the time line has been vacated now due to the acceptance by the Rensselaerville Institution's program. Dr. Leibrand suggested that the community has actually complied with the deadline in that they have progressed to the point of being selected by the Rensselaerville program. It is therefore not necessary to set any deadline at this time, although it may necessary to set other timelines in future.

The question of a moratorium on building permits in the community was then discussed. Dr. Leibrand suggested that if a lot can be developed with a conforming, appropriate system, building should not be prohibited; however, no non-conforming systems should be allowed. Ms. Robbins reported that the DOE has offered to survey the area and make recommendations on future building. She suggested that improper building may jeopardize the community's ability to receive grants.

Chairman Hart suggested that wet season review be required for all new septic systems in the community. Commissioner Wolden suggested that a letter be sent to all property owners explaining the issues.

Dave Hough, Planning Director, responded to questions regarding how a Sewer District works.

Tom Karsh, Permit Center Coordinator, clarified that since the August 1 deadline has been fulfilled, the date need not be extended or rescinded.

DISCUSSION - INSURANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL.

Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, stated that last week the Risk Management Advisory Committee met to review all of the quotes received for insurance for the County. The following are the recommendations for purchase of insurance contracts for Skagit County:

For general liability insurance, previously the county has carried a \$1 million self-insured general liability policy with a \$10 million limit. For \$195,000, the county can received a \$500,000 self-insured retention and a \$10 million limit, with some additional, extended coverage not before enjoyed. The company, Prism (United National Insurance), is willing to offer a fixed rate for three years and the committee recommends

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acceptance.

The committee recommends contracting with Commonwealth as the primary insurer and Fireman's fund as the excess insurer with a repeat of the same coverage on property, but with a premium increase to \$49,292 for 1994. This coverage includes a \$30 million loss limit per occurrence, \$1 million extra expense, and \$100,000 deductible on all perils except 5% on earthquake and flood.

The committee recommends contracting with Chubb for boiler and machinery coverage, which has increased \$27.00 over last year to \$12,095. The same coverage that is presently in place is recommended at \$10 million liability limit, and \$25,000 deductible on the steam and turbine generator.

Marine insurance coverage has increased about \$4,000 over last year. The committee recommends the current insurance through Lloyds again this year. Hull and machinery would be insured at \$2 million and marine liability at \$10 million. A portion of the increase, \$2,000, is related to claims experience. A policy that covers replacement parts for sudden, accidental breakdown has been recommended by the committee at an additional \$2,000.

Crime coverage increased slightly by about \$145.00, and again the same coverage as last year, through Cigna, is recommended at \$4,823. There are varying coverages and limits, but basically blanket employee dishonesty is covered at \$250,000, forgery and alteration at \$100,000, theft, disappearance, etc., at \$100,000, and robbery and safe burglary at \$100,000.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Risk Management Advisory Committee, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14948)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Signature - Construction Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley Designating Skagit County as a Certification Acceptance to Perform the Administration of the West State Street Project.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, introduced a construction agreement between the City of Sedro Woolley and Skagit County, which indicates Certification Acceptance responsibilities for a realignment of West State Street in Sedro Woolley with Highway 20. The contract also addresses distribution of grant monies. Part of the construction contracts have been awarded. This is a project which was discussed with the Board earlier this year.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the contract between the City of Sedro Woolley and Skagit County for signature. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #01717)

2) Signature - Resolution - Road Closure at Ershig Road - Burlington Northern Railroad Crossing - 8:00 a.m., August 17, through 4:00 p.m., August 19, 1993.

Mr. Barnet explained that the Burlington Northern Railroad Company wishes to place a rubberized railroad crossing at the Ershig Road railroad crossing. They have requested that the County assist this project by closing the road for three days and affecting a detour route for traffic.

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Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the road closure requested by Burlington Northern. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14949)

3) Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment of the Adopted Six-Year Road Program, 1994-1995.

Mr. Barnet explained that after the final public hearing on the Six-Year Road Program, notice arrived from Washington State Department of Transportation indicating that funding is available to affect repairs on weathering steel bridges in Skagit County. County funds had been authorized for the task under maintenance; however, if the Six-Year Road Program can be amended and the project listed, the County may compete for the ISTEA funds to complete the work.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to call for a public hearing on Monday, August 16, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., to consider amending the 1994-1995 Six-Year Road Program. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14950)

Mr. Barnet explained that this action will delay the painting of these bridges to next year.

4) Miscellaneous.

No miscellaneous items were presented by the Public Works Department at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for July 26, 1993, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for the Week of July 19, 1993.

* FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

2. Signature - Personal Services Agreement with Cass Construction, 615 S. Second, Mount Vernon, for the installation of bullet resistant material in the Superior and District Court Rooms. Rate of compensation will be \$38.50 per hour, and Contractor will be reimbursed for incidental materials. (Contract #001718)

* HUMAN SERVICES:

3. Signature - Guest Speaker Contract with Lynnette M. Wheeler, M.S., for a presentation titled "Eating Disorders in Today's Society" which was held June 22, 1993. The workshop was pre-approved in the Substance Abuse Prevention contract between DSHS and Human Services. Contract required by Auditor to pay the Speaker. Fee is \$220.00. (Contract #001719)

* PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

4. Signature - Resolution - Call for public hearing regarding variance #VAR-92-006 of Milton Egbers, 1414 McLean Road, Mount Vernon, to be held Tuesday, August 17, 1993, at 10:30

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a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, Skagit County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. (Resolution #14951)

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 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, July 26, 1993, 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 #96570 through #96729 (Vouchers #96570 through 96729) in the amount of 188,755.22. Transmittal #R-1-93.
- 2) Manual Warrant #MW99903-17 in the amount of \$2,916.93. Transmittal #C-33-93.

- B. Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented a resolution creating a professional services line item in the amount of \$8,300 within the Veterans' Relief Fund to provide for the employment of a Veteran's Relief Fund Coordinator. No additional expenditures are required.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution authorizing a budget line item change in the amount of \$8,300 in the Veteran's Relief Fund #107. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14952)

PRESENTATION - FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 1992.

Chairman Hart introduced Commissioner Wolden as spokesperson for the Board in presenting the Fire Fighter of the Year award.

Commissioner Wolden stated that in the 30 years he has been involved with fire service, Ted Banta has been a prominent name in the local fire service community. Chief Banta was influential in the formation of the Skagit County Fire Chiefs Association, and has been a representative for the County in Olympia. He was also instrumental in the development of the Skagit County 911 system. Commissioner Wolden stated that another program that Chief Banta was involved in that is an important program, but not adequately recognized, is the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing. He said that if a program in the County involves fire service, Ted Banta has probably been involved. Commissioner Wolden presented a plaque to Chief Banta that reads:

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
PRESENTED TO

TED BANTA

BURLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND RFPD NO.6

IN HONOR OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
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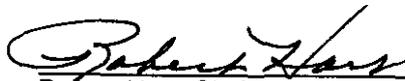
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A reception open to the public followed at the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

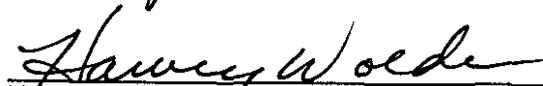
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

 8/2/93
Robert Hart, Chairman


Robby Robinson, Commissioner


Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

