

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 28, 1993

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Regarding a Request to Place proposition on the September 14, 1993, Primary Ballot Regarding the Formation of a Rural, Partial-County Library District Separate from, but Within the Boundaries of the LaConner School District.
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening - Canned Goods, Staples and Meat Products for the Skagit county Jail for a One-Year Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 28, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING A REQUEST TO PLACE PROPOSITION ON THE SEPTEMBER 14, 1993, PRIMARY BALLOT REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A RURAL, PARTIAL-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPARATE FROM, BUT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LACONNER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, explained that his office received a petition from residents of the Laconner area which requested that a rural partial county library district be formed in the LaConner area. Mr. McInturff's staff validated the petition, which contained 235 validated signatures. A minimum of 209 signatures were required to validate the petition. Mr. McInturff remarked that 2,085 registered voters reside in the proposed district

Mr. McInturff read the petition into the record. The petition stated, "Shall a rural partial county library district be formed separate from but within the Boundaries of the LaConner school district".

The proposed boundaries of the district, Mr. McInturff explained, would be the existing LaConner School District, exclusive of the Town of Laconner, which can be annexed in at a later time if desired.

Chairman Hart then opened the hearing for testimony regarding whether or not this issue should be placed on the ballot for the primary election.

Sally Cram, no address given, represented the library district petition founders, and advocated the measure.

Doug Avery, Fire Commissioner, District #13, stated that the passage of this issue will pit two important services (the library and fire district) against each other in competition for tax monies. He stated that right now there is enough tax money to operate both systems; however, in future there may be inadequate tax funds, which would require the fire district to reduce services. He felt that the issue should not be placed on the ballot, suggesting that instead the legislature be approached to provide an alternate method of funding library districts.

Mary Margaret Haugen, 10th Legislative District State Senator spoke in favor of placing the item on the ballot. She stated that several years ago the legislature protected fire district funding from competition from other districts. She felt that the people should be given an opportunity to vote on this measure, which would benefit a large number of persons.

Commissioner Wolden stated that fire districts were not aware of the bill permitting funding of partial library districts, nor its signing by the Governor, and asked that in future, the courtesy of notification be observed.

Ken Slater, Fire District #3 Commissioner, opposed the proposition. He made the point that it better serves the persons living outside LaConner to pay the fee for a library card to the LaConner Town Library. He felt that tax money would be better used for fire services.

Chairman Hart reminded the audience that today's public hearing was focused on whether or not the Board of Commissioners should recognize the petition and place this issue on the ballot for a vote of the people.

Jean Hiley, Library Board member, stated that she does not live within the Town of Laconner boundaries. She agreed that the issue of whether or not the public wishes to be taxed to support a library district should be made by a vote of the people.

Norm Mellot, District #2 Fire Commissioner, stated that the proposed library district boundary lines will encompass a small portion of his district. Although only a small portion of the district will vote on the measure, it will effect the entire district's tax support.

Rosemary McDaniels, President, LaConner Friends of the Library, remarked that those who truly need to use the library are those who cannot afford to buy a book or a library card. It is important, she stated, to provide services to those who cannot afford to purchase them.

Hearing no further testimony, following three announcements by the Chairman, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing.

Chairman Hart motioned to place this issue before the voters on the September primary election ballot. He stated that much information still needs to be gathered, but he stated that when the voters petition for the opportunity for a ballot measure, the Board should concur.

Commissioner Robinson agreed, seconding the motion.

Commissioner Wolden informed the audience that yesterday the Board heard a request from the criminal justice agencies in Skagit County requesting that the Board support a .1% increase in sales tax to support criminal justice agencies. Commissioner Wolden stated that his response to their request was that they should hold public meetings to allow people in their towns and cities to comment. He stated that he would be remiss if he did not support similar public input by supporting the placement of this issue on the ballot for a public vote.

Commissioner Wolden then called for the question, and a unanimous vote was received.

**BID OPENING - PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF CANNED GOODS AND STAPLES, MEAT PRODUCTS, PAPER PRODUCTS FOR THE SKAGIT COUNTY JAIL.**

Four bids were received and opened:

- 1) Bay City Supply  
P.O. Box 2073  
Bellingham, WA 98227

Specific Paper Products only.  
Bid Amount was not totalled.

- 2) Food Services of America  
P.O. Box 3547  
Seattle, WA 98124
- Section I: Canned Goods & Staples.  
Bid Amount: \$47,889.92
- Section II: Meat Products.  
Bid Amount: \$17,063.69
- Section III: Paper Products.  
Bid Amount: \$5,118.87
- 3) Food Service, Incorporated  
1587 McLean Road  
P.O. Box 218  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
- Section I: Canned Goods & Staples.  
Bid Amount: \$45,108.29
- Section II: Meat Products.  
Bid Amount: \$16,596.52
- Section III: Paper Products.  
Bid Amount: \$4,912.35
- 4) Good Source, Incorporated.  
2721 41st Street SE  
Puyallup, WA 98374
- Section I: Canned Goods & Staples.  
Selected items only: \$7,911.21

The Sheriff's Office will review these bids, compare to State contract amounts and return at a later date with a recommendation for award.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) Don King, Operations Manager, Resource Recovery Facility, stated that in the last eight days there has been 7 break-downs of one of the bottom ash conveyors. He felt it was necessary to shut down the one line in order to install a new conveyor. There is one available for immediate installation. Mr. King said that it will require four or five days, around the clock, with a crew of four to six people to complete this installation task. He recommended that contractors be hired to assist in completing the project. He said that there is an emergency situation existing requiring the shut-down and repair due to the excessive amount of garbage on-site. Mr. King requested approval from the Board to declare an emergency situation at the Resource Recovery Facility, and to divert garbage to the Inman Landfill for 7 working days. This would conclude on Friday, August 6, 1993. Mr. King said that there is a need for extra welders and maintenance persons, with county staff as lead personnel on the project. He said that he will review the Public Works list of contractors and prepare a personal services agreement for the additional personnel.

Mr. Medved, Public Works Director, stated that the Resource Recovery Facility was designed to be shut down on an annual basis for this type of repair.

Mr. King stated that he notified the Skagit County Health Department of the situation.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to declare that an emergency situation exists at the Skagit County Resource Recovery Facility which required the diversion of the waste stream to the Inman Landfill in order to make necessary repairs to the conveyor at the Resource Recovery Facility.

Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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


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Robert Hart, Chairman

  
Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Connie Carter, Clerk of the Board

