

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

**Monday, September 20, 1993**

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

- 1) Submittal - Skagit River Flood Control Committee - Draft County-Wide Drainage Plan.
- 2) Utility Relocation Agreement - Burlington Northern Railroad - Skagit River Channel Improvement Project.
- 3) Request for Letters of Interest/Qualifications - Development of a Centralized Composting Plan.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening - Inman Landfill Ash Cell Closure and Gas System Improvements.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Signature - Application for E-911 Planning Funds - Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Department Director.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Robby Robinson's absence was excused.

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

- 1) Submittal - Skagit River Flood Control Committee - Draft County-Wide Drainage Plan.

Dave Brookings, Flood Control Engineer, stated that he and the appointed citizens comprising the Skagit River Flood Control Committee have been working on the creation of a county-wide drainage plan, which is now in its final draft.

Mr. Brookings stated that he wanted to alert the Board to the occurrences at the Committee's last meeting. He shared with the Board the voting record of the group. Twenty-three members comprise the committee. Thirteen members voted to pass the plan on to the Commissioners with a recommendation for approval, eight voted to reject the plan, and two were unable to be reached. The attendance at the last meeting was only ten members, although because of the low attendance, many of the members were polled by phone. Mr. Brookings stated that an average of 14 members attend on a regular basis. Those who cannot attend are provided with copies of the minutes and other draft documents.

Mr. Brookings shared the concerns of those opposing the referral with the Board. Robin Feetham of Concrete was a bit confused as to which statute the Committee was operating under, and felt that the assessments proposed under the Plan were not supported by statute. Ken Johnson felt that the Plan places an unfair assessment on timberland, that the timberland provides a benefit and should not be assessed. John Thompson has not attended any of the meetings, and felt that the proposal would benefit only the downriver cities. Bob Prince came into the program a bit late, at first supporting the program, but by telephone opposing the utility mechanism as a solution to drainage problems. Ralph Clemmons of Lyman felt that the utility should be funded out of the existing budget of Public Works. He is probably the most vocal opponent of the drainage utility, Mr. Brookings stated. Craig Holmquist of Marblemount voted in

opposition, but provided no reason for his vote. Todd Johnson of Fidalgo Island supports the utility, but is opposed to the method of finance for the Burrows Bay area project. He felt that the local property owners should not be obliged to share in the costs of the project. Leonard Halvorsen disagreed with the Plan because he felt that there would be an impact on the low-income community, where concessions should be made for the disadvantaged community.

Mr. Brookings recommended that the Board authorize the committee to proceed with the public meetings scheduled to announce the Plan, but that the committee take an additional look at the cost/benefit ratio for the upriver communities.

The Board discussed the opinions of the upriver representatives with Mr. Brookings.

Mr. Brookings stated that even those who supported the Plan wished to see some kind of public oversight for the management of the utility.

Neil Hamburg, Jess Knutzen and Ed Capasso, members of the Committee, were present, and were then introduced and invited to speak.

Neil Hamburg, president of the Committee, stated that he voted in support of the Plan because he recognizes the need for a drainage program, and secondly, because a responsible method of funds management is necessary. The utility provides an open and public method of reviewing expenditures. The utility assures that the funds collected from the drainage assessment directly support drainage projects.

Jess Knutzen, sub-committee chairman, stated that he supports the Plan because it is needed. He stated that many of those who opposed the Plan ascribe to an "anti-tax" sentiment. He stated that the Plan appears to them to be an additional tax burden, a concern recognized by many who supported the Plan. He stated that the resentment from the upriver area centers around a notion that improvements will be made downriver at the expense of the upriver area. He stated that this is not so, and perhaps this should be better explained. He felt that it would serve no purpose to return the Plan to the committee for more discussion. He indicated that he has worked very hard on the project, and feels exhausted from the effort.

Ed Capasso from the City of Anacortes stated that Mr. Brookings has fairly and accurately represented the opinions of those members who voted against the Plan. He stated that he also serves on another drainage committee that deals with water quality issues. He stated that he supports the plan from both a fiscal responsibility, as well as a water quality preservation standpoint.

Chairman Hart indicated that he agrees with the recommendation to present the Plan to the public at this time. He thanked the committee for their report, and directed staff to proceed with the process of setting up public hearings.

Commissioner Wolden agreed with Chairman Hart, and felt strongly that it is important to obtain public sentiment regarding the Plan.

Mr. Brookings announced the following public hearing dates and locations:

- Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m., Fidalgo School
- Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m., Conway Elementary School
- Saturday, October 2, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Hearing Rooms A and B
- Monday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Concrete Senior Center
- Tuesday, October 6, Allen Methodist Church

2) Utility Relocation Agreement - Burlington Northern Railroad - Skagit River Channel Improvement Project.

Mr. Brookings asked that this item be withdrawn from the agenda. He stated that difficulties have been encountered in the Army Corps of Engineers permitting process which are yet unresolved.

3) Request for Letters of Interest/Qualifications - Development of a Centralized Composting Plan.

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, had earlier provided a copy of the Request for Letters of Interest/Qualifications for the Board to review. This request involves a plan to provide alternatives and information regarding a regional method for source separation of compostable materials from the solid waste stream. The successful candidate will provide the County with a clear direction in this development, not an actual regional composting facility plan. Mr. Boge impressed upon the Board the urgency of completing this Plan.

Chairman Hart stated that he does not disagree with the need for the Plan, but indicated that he felt the scope of the planning project could be narrowed to permit a greater amount of planning funds to be devoted to actual construction of the facility. The budget submitted by Mr. Boge for the planning effort was \$35,000. Chairman Hart noted that decreasing the cost of construction creates a more affordable public service when the facility is completed.

Commissioner Wolden suggested that a number of vendors currently exist who could provide information which would decrease the scope of work for the Plan.

Chairman Hart and Commissioner Wolden agreed that devotion of staff time would be less expensive than a private consultant contract.

Mr. Boge indicated that staff does not have all of the necessary information on organic waste materials to complete the Plan without an expert's assistance. Amounts of sludge material and how they can be incorporated are also not available. He stated that his perception is that the private sector lacks an understanding of the County's intent with respect to organic waste materials. This proposal would permit the private contractor to see how he can incorporate his company into the County's plans. He indicated that the \$35,000 is a "not-to-exceed" amount. Staff is currently not available for a project of this magnitude, nor will they be in the near future.

Chairman Hart suggested that a letter of request be prepared, but that staff use the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a resource to develop a narrower scope of work to include only those essential items.

Bill Stensland, a local solid waste private contractor, stated that this request is a duplication of a proposal request released last March. His company responded to the March request, but was told that his company's proposal was not responsive.

The Board again confirmed their wish that the scope be narrowed, and the discussion terminated.

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4) Miscellaneous.

- A. The Board approved for signature a contract with Economy Fence to perform work at the Clear Lake compactor site for the total contract price of \$1,827.50.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the contract. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #001776)

- B. The Board discussed with Mr. Boge the possibility of recycling fluorescent tube light bulbs which are being generated in large quantities by many commercial users.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the Consent Agenda of September 20, 1993, as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

\* Public Works:

1. Resolution calling for Public Hearing restricting parking on a portion of Old 99 North, #5051. (Resolution #15020)
2. Resolution forming an Address Advisory Committee. (Resolution #15021)
3. Emergency Resolution for voluntary transfer of sick leave to John Davidson. (Resolution #15022)
4. Out-of-State Travel Request for Don McKeehen to attend a "Management and Supervision of Training" class from November 1, 1993, through November 5, 1993, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, lodging and air fare to be paid by Federal Government.
5. Ordinance amending Scrivener's Errors Ordinance #14659 - Skagit County Code 12.18.020 and 12.18.050 pertaining to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance. (Ordinance #15023)
6. Resolution authorizing construction funding for the County Road Project on the Cedardale Road Overlay in the amount of \$443,088.73. (Resolution #15024)

\* Parks, Recreation and Fair:

7. Cooperative/Collection Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to provide snowmobile trail grooming services which are provided by the Skagit County Parks through a State Parks Winter Recreation Grant beginning September 20, 1993, and terminating on April 30, 1994. (Contract #001777)

• Commissioner's Office:

8. Record of the proceedings from September 13, 1993.
9. Record of the proceedings from September 14, 1993.

\* Human Services Department:

10. Building Sub-Lease between Skagit County and North Sound Regional Support Network for NSRSN's share of costs at 811 Cleveland Street. The Sub-Lease begins on August 1, 1993, and terminates on July 31, 1994. Payments are \$841 per month. (Contract #001778)

\* Department of Planning and Community Development:

11. Ordinance amending Section 14.04.155 of the Skagit County Code regarding agricultural signs. (Ordinance #15025)

**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, September 20, 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 #38406 through #38565 (Vouchers #PDRAWSE04282 through #PDRAWSE04441) in the amount of \$63,391.36. Transmittal #P-19-93.
- 2) Warrants #0000000736 through #0000001558 (Vouchers #10693000001 through #10693000795) in the amount of \$22,587.00. Transmittal #C-45-93.

**BID OPENING - INMAN LANDFILL ASH CELL CLOSURE AND GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.**

Chairman Hart waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus.

The following bids were received and opened:

- 1) Tri-State Construction, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3686  
320 106th Avenue N.E.  
Bellevue, WA 98009

Total Bid: \$727,030.15  
Receipt of Addendum Confirmed  
Bid Bond Enclosed

- 2) Scoccolo Construction, Inc.  
2825 South 154th Street  
Seattle, WA 98188

Total Bid: \$752,169.11  
Receipt of Addendum Confirmed  
Bid Bond Enclosed

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- 3) Ground Improvement Techniques, Inc.  
P.O. Box 56  
Woodland, WA 98674

Total Bid: \$776,906.14  
Receipt of Addendum Confirmed  
Bid Bond Enclosed

- 4) Delhur Industries Inc.  
P.O. Box 1116  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Total Bid: \$778,509.50  
Receipt of Addendum Confirmed  
Bid Bond Enclosed

- 5) Trico Contracting, Inc.  
P.O. Box 409  
685 Fisher Lane  
Burlington, WA 98233

Total Bid: \$928,546.08  
Receipt of Addendum Confirmed  
Bid Bond Enclosed

A bid from Wilder Construction was rejected due to its late arrival. The bids will be studied by the Public Works Department, and a recommendation for award made at a later date.

**SIGNATURE - APPLICATION E-911 PLANNING FUNDS - TOM SHEAHAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR.**

Mr. Sheahan stated that he met with Dennis Hofstad and John Church from Central Dispatch and Mike Woodmansee, Skagit County's Budget/Finance Director, last week to discuss a concern that the State 911 Committee may be able to access a portion of the \$0.50 that is currently being collected by Skagit County to support 911 emergency dispatch in the event that E-911 is implemented throughout the State. Mr. Hofstad indicated that the County need not be concerned, as this will not occur. All of the agencies that are applying for State E-911 planning funds have been concerned about this, and the State has recognized a need to reassure the County's by changing the wording of regulations.

The Board discussed with Mr. Sheahan the eventual combining of all of the separate dispatch entities within the County into one centralized operation.

Mr. Sheahan provided a letter to Mr. Bob Oenning with the State Emergency Management Department, which he read to the Board. The letter requests of the Department of Emergency Management a total of \$25,000 in grant funds for the purpose of planning for the development of an E-911 system not presently operating in Skagit County. Mr. Sheahan asked that the Board approve this letter for signature.

Mr. Sheahan stated that the letter also promises that Skagit County will study the feasibility of joining with other counties to consolidate E-911 services.

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Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the letter requesting \$25,000 in State funds to plan for E-911 service. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

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- A. Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, requested that the Board approve an amendment to the current contract with the District Court Teamsters Union which incorporates the recently passed Federal Family and Medical Leave Act into the current contract.

Chairman Hart motioned to approved the resolution amending the current contract with the District Court Teamsters Union to incorporate the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, which becomes effective on January 1, 1994. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON




  
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Robert Hart, Chairman

  
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Robby Robinson, Commissioner

  
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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners