

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

**Monday, October 25, 1993:**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Budget Work Session - General.

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

- 1) Contract - Ash Cell Closure and Gas Improvement System - Scoccolo Construction, Incorporated.
- 2) Call for Public Hearing - Establishment of Proposed Drainage Utility.
- 3) Facilities Use Agreement - Skagit Valley College - October 28, 7:30 p.m. - Flood Fight Meeting Location.
- 4) Personal Services Agreement - Hickox Road Boring Project - Northwest Boring Company, Incorporated.
- 5) Personal Services Agreement - Colony Road Boring Project - Tunnel System, Incorporated.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Community Services Through Skagit Community Action Agency.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation - 1994 Starling Control Work Plan for Skagit County - U.S.D.A. Animal Damage Control Program.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Resolution - Requesting Changes in Legislation which Requires Fees for EMT Certification.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Demonstration of New Electrostatic Plotter - Skagit County Mapping Department.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation, and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson and Harvey Wolden present.

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

Doug Barnett, County Engineer, introduced Janet Scott, a new hire within the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department.

- 1) Contract - Ash Cell Closure and Gas Improvement System - Scoccolo Construction, Incorporated.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature a contract with Scoccolo Construction, Incorporated, to facilitate the closure of the ash cell at the County's Inman Landfill. (Contract #001804)

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2) Call for Public Hearing - Establishment of Proposed Drainage Utility.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing on November 8, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. to consider an ordinance establishing Skagit County's County-Wide Drainage Utility. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15074)

3) Facilities Use Agreement - Skagit Valley College - October 28, 7:30 p.m. - Flood Fight Meeting Location.

Mr. Brookings presented an agreement which would permit the Public Works Department, at no charge, to utilize Skagit Valley College meeting rooms to host the annual flood fight exercise for Skagit County on October 28, 1993.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve an agreement with Skagit Valley College for meeting space on October 28, 1993. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #01292)

4) Personal Services Agreement - Hickox Road Boring Project - Northwest Boring Company, Incorporated.

Mr. Brookings presented an agreement with Northwest Boring Company, which would provide boring services to facilitate the installation of culvert beneath Hickox Road in Drainage District #22.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the agreement with Northwest Boring Company at a rate of payment not to exceed \$9,775.00. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #001805)

5) Personal Services Agreement - Colony Road Boring Project - Tunnel System, Incorporated.

Mr. Brookings presented an agreement with Tunnel System, Incorporated, which would provide boring services to facilitate the installation of culvert beneath Colony Road, in conjunction with a Colony Road drainage project wherein three cross culverts will be eliminated.

Chairman Hart motioned to approve the agreement with Tunnel System, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$7,559.93. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #001806)

6) Miscellaneous.

A. Don King, Incinerator Manager, explained that Burlington Northern is requiring that, at the location of a proposed rail spur which would serve Skagit County's incinerator, a "Y" spur be installed instead of the originally planned single entrance. In order to survey for this additional requirement, an addition of \$17,250.75 to the consultant contract for surveying with Northern Lines Consulting will be needed. The "Y" spur access will permit calls to enter the incinerator yard from either direction.

The Board discussed the use of the proposed rail spur by private enterprise, and the dependence of the project upon interest by private enterprise.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the contract amendment with Northern Lights Consultants in an additional amount not to exceed \$17,250.75. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #01645)

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adopt the consent agenda of October 25, 1995, items 1 through 11, and 13 through 15. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Item #12 was removed, and staff was asked for a review of this item.

\* Public Works:

1. Resolution calling for bids to purchase one late model chemical injection spray unit on cab and chassis to replace outdated sprayer which was sold at auction in September. The unit being replaced has built an adequate reserve to fund this new unit. (Resolution #15075)
2. Supplement No. 2 - Consulting Services Agreement for Engineering Services - Solid Waste Management Plan update 1991 - Parametrix, Incorporated, to extend the date of completion to December 31, 1993 with contract amount remaining the same. (Contract #01200)
3. Personal Services Agreement for rodent control at Resource Recovery Facility/Inman Landfill with Town and Country Pest Control beginning November 1, 1993, through November 1, 1995. Monthly service charge at Inman is \$85.00 + tax and at the Incinerator \$55.00 + tax bi-weekly. (Contract #001807)
4. Supplement No. 1 to the Ash Sampling and Analysis Service Agreement for materials testing and consulting, increasing the existing contract amount of \$74,390.00 by \$6,630.00 with the new contract not exceeding \$81,020.00, and extending completion date to December 31, 1993. (Contract #01334)
5. Supplement No. 2 extending the contract deadline to July 31, 1994 for the Consulting Services Agreement with Leonard, Boudinot, and Skodje to conduct land surveying services on Eastlake Drive road right-of-way. (Contract #00844)
6. Final cost records for the Alger Cain Lake Road County road project which has been completed.

\* Clerk:

7. Appointment of Julie Lyn Case as Deputy Clerk Pro Tem on a volunteer basis in exchange for college credit as part of the Skagit Valley Community College Paralegal program.

\* Health:

8. Signature - Contract with Dick Eddington to do a presentation on Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS for a fee of \$25.00. (Contract #001808)

\* Sheriffs:

9. Resolution to award commissary supply bid to The Candyman in the amount of \$20,094.00 for the purchase of candy and snacks, excluding tobacco products, for use by the Skagit County Jail. (Resolution #15076)

\* Commissioner's Office:

10. Resolution appointing Sarah Huntington to the Skagit County Planning Commission until October 25, 1997. (Resolution #15077)

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11. Resolution appointing David Hughes to serve as Commissioner for Diking District #22. (Resolution #15078)
  12. Resolution providing for the disposition of the remains of an indigent person who dies within the County having no known living relatives and administered by the Coroner in the amount of \$500.00. (See Below)
  13. Record of the proceedings from October 18, 1993.
  14. Record of the proceedings from October 19, 1993.
- \* Department of Planning and Community Development:
15. Ordinance establishing a program of conservation easements, new chapter to Section 14.04.110 of Skagit County Code. (Ordinance #15079)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

- A. Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, explained that the County has always relied upon the State of Washington to pay for the internment of the remains of indigent persons who expire within Skagit County, and whose remains are unclaimed by friends or family. Recently, the State Department of Social and Health Services has handed down an edict which requires that the Counties, in conjunction with funeral homes and mortuaries, fund the disposal of the remains of the indigent.

Mr. Taylor explained that he has undertaken a comprehensive review of this issue which a groups including the County Coroner, Prosecuting Attorney, and all of the local funeral home directors. A resolution establishing a procedure for this service has been drafted and reviewed by each of the involved parties. Each are in agreement as to the contents of the resolution.

Chairman Hart then motioned to approve the resolution establishing a procedure for the disposal and burial of the remains of indigent, unclaimed individual's remains, and the allocation of costs for the same. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15080)

- B. The Board approved for signature the Final Plat of Locken's Addition.
- C. 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, October 25, 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) Warrant #97507 (Voucher #97507) in the amount of \$18,290.92. Transmittal #R-23-93.
- 2) Warrants #103200 through #103709 (Vouchers #3014853 through #3015647) in the amount of \$476,848.35. Transmittal #C-54-93.

**PUBLIC HEARING - USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES THROUGH SKAGIT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director for Skagit County; Bill Shuler and Karen Parnell of the Skagit Community Action Agency; and Jerry Kaufman, Manager, Puget Power, Mount Vernon branch, were present.

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Bill Shuler reported that this public hearing is in response to a change in federal policy which takes away a large portion of funding for local Community Action Agencies. Washington State has allowed the use of community development block grants in place of this funding, but at least one public hearing to discuss the appropriateness of an application for these funds is required in order to qualify. Mr. Shuler said he was here to respond to any questions the Board might have about how the money will be spent.

Mr. Shuler explained that the community development block grant will enable the Skagit Community Action Agency to maintain its existing programming, allow the maintenance of a stable administrative structure for the operation of all the Agency's programs, and also will allow the Agency to continue to mobilize its community resources.

Mr. Shuler stated that the Skagit Community Action Agency operates on about a \$1,500,000 budget to provide a variety of services to underprivileged, low income Skagit County residents. The grant monies from the community development block grant will amount to \$120,476.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that this is an unusual process, because the use of the money has already been targeted for community action agencies. Funds are already set aside to be directed to the Skagit Community Action Agency, but in order access them, the State Department of Community Developments requires the County to get public input.

Karen Parnell advised that this particular community block grant money is enabling the Skagit Community Action Agency to use a portion of this as "matching" money to access other grant funds.

As there was no further public comment, Commissioner Hart motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodmansee noted that the block grant application must be submitted by November 1st.

Mr. Shuler expressed appreciation to the Commissioners on the County's willingness to work with the Skagit Community Action Agency on this.

**PRESENTATION - 1994 STARLING CONTROL WORK PLAN FOR SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, opened the discussion; and Fredrick Goodman, Animal Damage Control Specialist and Timothy L. Pugh, Wildlife Biologist, Principle ADC Specialist, of the United States Department of Agriculture were introduced to the Board.

Mr. Woodmansee reported that the primary reason this presentation was scheduled is because the County gives approximately \$8,300 annually to the Department of Agriculture for the control of starlings in Skagit County. This year the Department of Agriculture is asking for \$11,700 in order to expand the program. Although this is not excessive, Mr. Woodmansee said he felt that the Board might want to hear first-hand about the program before committing to an increase in the contract amount.

Mr. Pugh provided a history of the program which began in 1963. He stated that starlings have grown in numbers and have spread throughout the United States, creating a tremendous amount of damage to agricultural products. There are several different populations of starlings, with some migrating and others wintering in their native areas.

Mr. Pugh said that the Animal Damage Control Program is trying to reduce the starling population with an annual program to target those birds that do the damage in this area. The Animal Damage Control section started with a traveling program that used large cage traps. In this way, several thousand birds are caught every year. The initial cost for the program in 1963 was to carry the program from April to October, which was the bulk of the damage season.

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Starling trappers operate from 50 to 60 traps from the months of April through October. Approximately 60,000 to 70,000 starlings were captured last year. The Animal Damage Control section has also been able to fund a winter baiting program. Mr. Pugh stated that many birds winter at dairies where they consume and contaminate dairy feed. This year the winter baiting program was cut short because of a shortage of funding. Mr. Pugh noted that damage is much more noticeable in Whatcom and Snohomish Counties, where there is no starling control program.

Chairman Hart asked how Skagit County can control its starling population if Whatcom and Snohomish Counties, to the south and north, are not addressing their starling populations. Mr. Pugh explained that the birds usually return to the same area each year; however, Mr. Pugh acceded that if these other counties would implement a Starling program, it would benefit Skagit County.

There was some discussion about the budget and the fact that an increase is being requested due to increased costs in running the program.

Chairman Hart suggested some form of agreement with counties around Skagit County to address regional starling control. Chairman Hart also said he would like to see the effected farmers put some funding into the program. Commissioners Robinson and Wolden agreed.

Mr. Pugh said that based on the meetings that have been held, he believes the farmers are very willing to contribute to the program.

**RESOLUTION - REQUESTING CHANGES IN LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES FEES FOR EMT CERTIFICATION.**

Mark Watkinson, Emergency Management Coordinator; Irv Lindall, President, EMS Council; and a number of EMT's and First Responders were present.

Mr. Lindall advised that he is representing the Skagit-Stanwood-Camano Emergency Medical Services Council to ask the support of the Board in passing a resolution opposing certification fees and vehicle licenses fees for medical service personnel. He advised that in 1993 the legislature had to balance the State budget, and in doing so one of the changes they made in the language of that budget was to eliminate an exemption that has been in the law for a number of years which waives certification fees for EMS providers. A work group advisory committee comprised of representatives from various fire department associations, fire commissioners and ambulance associations has been established to assist the Department of Health to arrive at a fee schedule. Mr. Lindall cited a letter from the State Department of Health indicating that the Governor has given a reprieve of six months before fees will be instituted.

Mr. Lindall stated that 66% of medical responders are volunteers. A survey of medical responders indicated that if providers were required to pay a certification fee, their numbers would drop substantially. Mr. Lindall said the Skagit Council presently has about 417 certified EMT's, First Responders and paramedics. He said that approximately 90 more responders are projected in 1994. Most of those providers are volunteers and very few come from a particular fire department or hospital facility. The Council has invested a great deal of time and money in training these individuals. He noted that the Skagit County Fire Chiefs Association and the EMS Council oppose the implementation of these fees.

Mr. Lindall requested that the Board of County Commissioners sign a resolution opposing the implementation of certification fees and licensing fees for EMT certification.

Mark Watkinson reported that he met with the fire commissioners at their monthly meeting last week and at that time they voted to write a letter opposing the proposed fees.

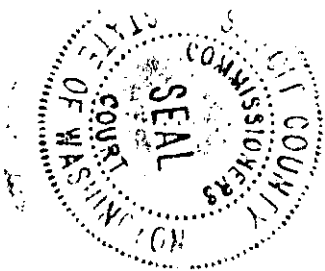
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Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution Opposing the Implementation of Certification Fees for Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Licensing Fees for Emergency Aid Vehicles. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15081)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Robert Hart, Chairman

  
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

  
Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners