

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

Monday, November 8, 1993:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director:

- 1) Public Hearing - Proposed Revision to the Schedule of Charges.
- 2) Review of 1994 State Health Report Forums.
- 3) Discussion of Grants Procedure.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Public Hearing - Franchise Application - Index Cable T.V., Inc.
- 2) Public Hearing - Opening of Unopened County Right-of-Way - West Big Lake Boulevard, #8950.
- 3) Public Hearing - Formation of County-Wide Drainage Utility.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Discussion - .1% Sales Tax for Criminal Justice Services.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Budget Amendments - Current Expense Fund and Solid Waste Fund.

3:00 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, November 8, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Robby Robinson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - PAT PEARCE, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Public Hearing - Proposed Revision to Schedule of Charges.

Pat Pearce, Health Department Director, stated that on October 11, Pat Anderson and John Thayer of the Skagit County Health Department briefed the Board on proposed fee increases to the Health Department Schedule of Charges. At that time, the Board set November 8, 1993, for a public hearing on the proposed revisions. Ms. Pearce asked if the Board had any questions regarding the proposed changes.

Commissioner Robinson conferred with Ms. Anderson regarding the changes in the water laboratory services. Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist, also provided information.

Seeing that there was no public testimony, Commissioner Wolden motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Following the vote, an unidentified female audience member asked whether the fee for permitting convenience stores was being increased. Ken Willis advised that the fee will be increased from \$55 to \$75; however, the proposed resolution that was presented did not reflect those charges. Pat Pearce provided the board with the corrected copy of the resolution; which had not yet received legal review. The unidentified audience member complained that she not only must pay a fee to license her convenience

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store, but must also pay a monthly fee for water testing of her private well, which supplies water for her ice machine, and must travel to and from the Courthouse to retrieve and submit her water sample. Mr. Willis defended the fee increase, and stated that he is familiar with this individual's convenience store. He stated that staff has put in a great deal of time assuring that the private water system serving the store is safe for the public. He suggested that this individual do her water sampling by mail.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the proposed amendments to Skagit County Health Department's Schedule of Charges. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A written resolution will follow after it has received legal review.

The approved changes were:

- Presence/Absence for Satellite System Manager submitting 15 or more samples per month subject to negotiation	\$12.00	
- HPC (heterotrophic plate count) only		\$8.00
- Presence/Absence + HPC (heterotrophic plate count)		\$20.00
- Convenience Store with espresso		\$75.00
- Urinalysis		\$5.00
- Urinalysis - Dipstick		\$2.00
- Immunization Clinic Minimal Visit		\$15.00
- DTaP vaccine		\$18.50
- Typhoid-oral vaccine		\$22.00
- Gamma Globulin		\$7.00
- Yellow Fever vaccine		\$31.00
- Rabies vaccine		\$95.50
- Well child exams		\$41.00-60.00
- Well child minimum visit		\$16.00
- EPSDT PPD		\$8.00
- Chest x-ray and reading		\$17.00

2) Review of 1994 State Health Report Forums.

Ms. Pearce read a single comment which she received through the mail on recently held forums to gather comment on the State Health Report. The correspondent was unhappy that at the Mount Vernon forum, only tobacco reduction was discussed, and other health topics should have received recognition. Ms. Pearce stated that a number of health topics were discussed at the Anacortes forum, only two topics were covered at the Sedro Woolley meeting, and a single topic only was discussed in Mount Vernon.

Ms. Pearce stated that the comment has been recognized, and will be considered to improve future forums.

3) Discussion of Grants Procedure.

Ms. Pearce presented a grant policy which staff has compiled to facilitate review of proposals for grant supported community-based public health programs. She asked for the Board's concurrence for the policy.

Chairman Hart stressed the importance of non-duplicative efforts, and the Board agreed with the policy presented.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

2) Public Hearing - Opening of Unopened County Right-of-Way - West Big Lake Boulevard.

Chairman Hart ordered that item #2 would be taken first to accommodate an audience member who wished to attend a funeral this morning.

Linda Leonhart, Office Records Clerk, identified the unopened portion of West Big Lake Boulevard on a vicinity map. She reminded the Board that they denied an earlier application to open this portion of West Big Lake Boulevard in May. She stated that this request is by the Port Gardner Timber Company to facilitate the logging of property above the right-of-way. The total length of the proposed opening is 800 feet. Ms. Leonhart reported that in May, an applicant asked to open the right-of-way in order to develop the property. This application was subsequently denied by the Board following much public testimony.

Ms. Leonhart stated that later Skagit Public Utility District #1 (PUD) was given permission to locate a water tower above the right-of-way, using the right-of-way to access the tower. During the use of the right-of-way by PUD, a culvert was replaced at its intersection with the open portion of Big Lake Boulevard.

Ms. Leonhart stated that the Public Works Department is recommending approval of the permit, with the following conditions:

- 1) Use of right-of-way is for temporary logging access only, and any future use must be approved by the Board.
- 2) Approved drainage plan must be submitted.
- 3) Port Gardner Timber Company shall be responsible for all road maintenance.
- 4) The roadway must be maintained in a condition equivalent with its original condition, and the applicant shall submit a bond to assure the same.
- 5) An estimated date of completion must be provided.

Bill Vaux, representing Port Gardner Timber Company, provided photographs of the property site. The first photograph was a picture of the posting for the public hearing. After showing the first photo, Mr. Vaux introduced J.R. Dorsey, son of the owner of the Port Gardner Timber Company. Mr. Vaux stated that it is the Port Gardner Timber Company's intent to eventually develop a Planned Unit Recreational Development on the property. They have held two meetings with County Planning and advised them of the same. The results of an environmental review are pending. Photographs #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 were photographs of the right-of-way itself. Mr. Vaux stated that the underlying property owner is a Mr. Drummond. The PUD successfully negotiated with Mr. Drummond for access to a water tank owned by the PUD. Photographs #9 - #16 showed the PUD water tank. Mr. Vaux stressed that this opening is a temporary permission to use the road. Once the property is logged, Mr. Vaux stated the Port Gardner Timber Company will be able to better assess what any further development will look like.

M.R. Dorsey stated that it will require approximately six months to complete the timber cut. He stated that 50 to 60 acres to the southeast end will be left in open space. The creek located at the south end of the property will remain untouched.

Doug Lisser, Project Engineer for PUD #1 of Skagit County, stated that the PUD has been working on the Big Lake Local Utility District for approximately 2 years. The reservoir site off of the County right-of-way is one of the most significant components of the utility district. Mr. Lisser stated that a 12 inch culvert is located within the County right-of-way, and other utilities are planned to locate there as well. He stated that if the road is permanently opened, he requested that the utilities be relocated at the developer's expense.

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Seeing that no further public comment was forthcoming, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the temporary opening of unopened right-of-way known as West Big Lake Boulevard with all of the conditions suggested by staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15098)

1) Public Hearing - Franchise Application - Index Cable T.V., Inc.

Ms. Leonhart stated that an application was submitted to the Public Works Department by Country Cable T.V. to expand their franchise to encompass the entire county. Ms. Leonhart explained that Country Cable T.V. was first purchased by Northland Cable, and has since been purchased by Index Cable T.V. The primary service areas for the company are areas from Lyman to Marblemount. The purpose of the franchise is to permit expansion at a later date.

Seeing no forthcoming public comment, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Hart motioned to approve the county-wide franchise of Index Cable T.V., Inc. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15097)

3) Public Hearing - Formation of County-Wide Drainage Utility.

Due to the large audience, the hearing was moved to the County Administration Building Hearing Rooms B and C.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing by requesting a statement from Dave Brookings, Flood Control Engineer.

Mr. Brookings explained that he and his staff have been working with a 23-member advisory committee for the past two years to develop a County-Wide Drainage Utility. Under a plan for development of the utility, Federal Land, existing drainage districts, sub-flood control districts, cities and towns, and Indian Reservations will be excluded from the Drainage Utility. These entities will be required to negotiate individually with the Drainage District for the water they contribute to Utility-owned drainage systems.

A pie chart showing the total 1994 utility income was reviewed. The County road fund would provide the majority of the Utility funding. A pie chart showing six-year average utility budgets was shown. Approximately 39% of the budget is earmarked for capital improvement projects.

A chart showing the average costs per household and business was shown. Mr. Brookings explained that a typical single family residence would be charged a fee of \$28.02. An example of a four-acre parcel was shown. Mr. Brookings explained that undeveloped land is proposed to be charged at \$.033 per square foot. Mr. Brookings stated that the committee used the average impervious surface per household and business as the factor in figuring the costs. A charge of \$.0076 per square foot is computed for commercial buildings, as well as .33 per acre of undeveloped commercial land.

Mr. Brookings provided a brief synopsis of what is being done in other counties. King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties all charge for handling drainage problems, and Whatcom County is in the process of developing a drainage utility. In King County the average homeowner pays \$80 per year; in Pierce, \$40; and in Thurston, \$20 per year. Mr. Brookings stated that it is his experience that counties which have a drainage

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utility in place have been able to leverage greater grant funding than has Skagit County. He stated that he hopes to be able to compete for those same grant funds with the approval of the drainage utility.

Mr. Brookings stated that a pending Superior Court appeal may prevent the County from beginning to collect revenues to support the drainage utility in 1994. Mr. Brookings stated that a number of steps are necessary to formulate the utility. Ordinances must be passed to create the utility and set its fees. An appeal mechanism must also be created.

Rich Medved, Public Works Director, stated that the purpose of this hearing is to discuss the utility as a whole, not particular projects.

Peter Eglick, attorney, 81212 Bank of California Building, Seattle, represented Concerned Citizens of South Burrows Bay. Practically the entire audience was made up of persons from that group. Mr. Eglick stated that his clients feel that while there may be a problem with drainage county-wide that requires the formation of a drainage district, the cost for a project which is planned for the Burrows Bay area is being recommended to be borne by the local property owners, not entirely by the utility. Mr. Eglick indicated that the property owners feel that having to pay for drainage improvement projects is unfair. Mr. Eglick stated that he has filed a SEPA appeal of the formation of the drainage utility as a means of forcing the issue of the assessment to the property owners. Mr. Eglick stated that because the County did not impose reasonable, basic conditions for drainage plan approval, and without following the County's own drainage ordinances, projects were approved in the South Burrows Bay area which impacted his clients' property. He stated that it is not his clients' fault that the County did not do what should have been done to protect the area's drainage ability, and that his clients should not be required to pay for the omissions of the County.

Mr. Eglick proposed that the County revisit the allocation of costs for the South Burrows Bay drainage improvement project. He stated that his clients do not proportionally contribute to the drainage problems in an amount equal to the monetary amount being required of his clients to pay. He suggested that a steering committee composed of his clients should negotiate with the County regarding the assessments but, he stated, he believes that the County will be required to pay a greater share. Mr. Eglick cited court cases that require the assessment to be proportionately equal to the benefit gained. Mr. Eglick recommended that the Board not continue on with the adoption process until this matter has been negotiated and resolved.

Chairman Hart stated that the Board does not intend to continue with the formation of the utility until the SEPA appeal has been completed. He did state, however, that later review by an advisory committee may alter the allocation which the South Burrows Bay property owners may be required to pay.

Mr. Eglick stated that his clients would like to have some assurances in advance as to the amount they will be required to pay, rather than be subject to the decision of an advisory committee.

Pete Grafton, 172 Birch Way, Sunset West, stated that his property would be within the boundary of the contemplated project in South Burrows Bay. He stated that he is concerned that although there are 207 residences in the area proposed in the Capital Improvement Project, an additional 93 residential lots also exist which are at present undeveloped. He stated that the 207 residences will be required to bear the burden for the 93 undeveloped residential lots under the current plans. He recommended that the County develop a more equitable method of allocating costs for drainage improvement projects.

Answering a question from Chairman Hart, Mr. Grafton stated that not all property owners agree that drainage improvement projects are necessary in their area. Chairman Hart stated that he does not feel that

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any of the capital facilities projects are finalized at this point, and that at this time the Board is attempting only to put in place the mechanism for establishing the utility. Mr. Grafton stated that he felt that the majority of persons present do not oppose the utility. Mr. Grafton pointed out that the utility will be simply comprised of those properties not in any city or any drainage district.

Chairman Hart asked Mr. Eglick if the utility were formed, would his clients agree that they would like to see their project be first. Chairman Hart noted that it is possible to place other projects ahead of this one. Mr. Eglick stated that he did not have a clear opinion from his clients at this time as to this issue. Mr. Eglick stated that although the Board indicates that no Capital Improvement Plan is finalized, all of the technical information produced is indicative that it is a final product, and he felt it unlikely that the County would find in opposition to their consultants.

Mr. Eglick stated that his clients object to the fact that there is no ability to recapture funds that they have paid when other properties are developed. Again Mr. Eglick stressed the County's failure to adequately condition new development and its effect on existing properties.

Richard Aiken, 111 Biz Point Road, asked if the impervious water run-off factors are based on the County Assessor's figures. Mr. Brookings stated that it is based on a sampling of aerial photographs which were measured to calculate an average impervious surface per structure. Mr. Brookings stated that the Assessor does not have data regarding impervious surface area.

Mr. Brookings asked to add a last comment. He stated that much work still remains on the Capital Improvement Project list. He stated that there is a great deal of opportunity for public comment prior to the completion of any project. He stated that there are a variety of different projects being considered for the Burrows Bay project.

Todd Johnson, 115 Biz Point Road, Anacortes, commented that each time assessments are discussed, Chairman Hart and Commissioner Wolden remark on how much they pay per year to the drainage district they reside in. Mr. Johnson stated that this should not be a valid argument, since both properties exist on reclaimed agricultural land, and that each assessment is a business expense for the Commissioners' private businesses. Mr. Johnson stated that the subcommittee voted to pass this ordinance on to the Commissioners for approval; however, the majority of those voting were persons unaffected by the formation of the district. Mr. Johnson, who was a member of the advisory committee, stated that he did not have adequate information to reach a conclusion on the ordinance, so he voted against it.

Chairman Hart stated that although the procedure for voting may be debatable, it is necessary to resolve this issue in order to go forward with the utility in 1994. Mr. Johnson stated that he does not oppose the utility, but he does oppose an advisory committee composed of representatives of a specific group.

Bob Ketterson, 166 Biz Point Road, stated that the County has known for two years that a drainage problem exists at Burrows Bay and those problems requiring immediate attention have been brought to the County's attention by the public. Mr. Ketterson used a culvert near the property of a Mr. Garrison, and a culvert running under Biz Point Road and emptying onto the Wassack property, as examples. Two other projects near Mr. Johnson's house and Mr. Garrison's house were also cited. Mr. Ketterson wondered why it is necessary to form a drainage utility to take care of problems that everybody knows about.

Terry Lameroux, 176 Madronna, agreed with Mr. Grafton.

Fergus Black, 185 Biz Point Road, spoke regarding Jones Canyon. He stated that his property covers approximately 50% of Jones Canyon, and that he is very concerned regarding past and future happenings

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at Jones Canyon. Mr. Black was concerned that in a previous meeting the terms L.I.D., which can be voted on by the property owners, and C.I.P., which is not voted on, were used interchangeably. Mr. Black was critical of the County's actions to permit clear cutting above Jones Canyon. As well, Mr. Black was critical of logging being permitted at The Pointe development.

Jim Hanna, 113 Biz Point Road, Anacortes, felt that the drainage problems did not exist before development of the Sea View neighborhood. He felt that the County failed to properly oversee the project, and that the County is now asking for a "blank check" to correct the drainage problems.

Gene Erwin, 1415 Rosario Road, Anacortes, asked if it was Skagit County's intent, prior to the filing of the appeal, to put the Capital Improvement Plan in motion and pass it. Chairman Hart responded that it was the County's intent to put the drainage utility in motion, but not to implement the Capital Improvement Plan. Chairman Hart stated that before a Capital Improvement Plan could be implemented, there will be public hearings and opportunity for public involvement.

Ron Sparling, 178 Madronna Drive, Anacortes, stated that he is against the formation of the utility until some of the "inequities" are worked out. Mr. Sparling felt that people have less and less control over what effects them.

Chairman Hart stated that if a sub-flood control zone is formed in the Burrows Bay area, its advisory committee would be composed of persons from the zone itself.

Mr. Eglick advised that a sub-flood control zone can be formed either following an advisory petition by the people, or simply by a vote of the Legislative Authority. Mr. Eglick referred to Page #26 of the Montgomery - Watson report which indicates that the cost to each property owner for the South Burrows Bay Project will be assessed through the sub-flood control zone. Mr. Eglick stated that there is no legal provision for a vote of the property owners.

Carol Ehlers, Wind Crest Lane, criticized the process for approval of the Sea View divisions. Ms. Ehlers gave a long speech regarding the shortcomings of the conditions for the Sea View division and how they were reached. She stated that she has no objection to the drainage utility. She stated that the purpose of the utility is not for everyone to assist in the cost of repairing drainage problems, but those with the biggest problems being required to pay for their own improvements. Ms. Ehlers remarked that there is no fee structure for those properties that fall between "undeveloped" property, and property with a home on it. She stated that there is no way for the person who builds a house on the undeveloped property to share in the cost of drainage improvements. Ms. Ehlers stated that in other counties a Storm Sewer Attachment Fee can require that every house built in an area pay an attachment cost.

Richard A. Moore, 153 Biz Point Road, stated that he moved to Biz Point three years ago. He moved from Seattle, where a development near his home was assessed in an equitable way for a Metro sewer system, but he did not feel that anyone has come up with an equitable plan for Skagit County.

Mr. Eglick asked that his clients receive advance notice of any new hearing; and this request was noted. Mr. Eglick remarked again that his clients will pursue the SEPA appeal if they have to, but that if the County would agree to negotiate a compromise such as a vote of the people on the Capital Improvement Plan, his clients may look favorably upon this.

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DISCUSSION - .1% SALES TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES.

Chairman Hart invited Sheriff Gary Frazier to introduce the topic. Sheriff Frazier thanked each person for attending. The audience totaled approximately 60 persons. Sheriff Frazier stated that of all of the persons he spoke with, he did not receive any negative comments regarding the tax increase. He recommended that the Board ask those present for their opinion, and then approve the imposition of a .1% sales tax.

Chairman Hart explained for the benefit of the audience that earlier this year, the Legislature approved giving the authority to County Legislative Authorities to impose a .1% sales tax upon taxable goods to support criminal justice services.

Dan O'Donnell, Mayor of LaConner, stated that a week ago Sunday he doorbelled in his Town for a bond issue that would have supported law enforcement services in the Town of LaConner. He stated that the recent failure of this proposition in LaConner leads one to believe that the Town does not wish to fund additional law enforcement services to police out-of-town residents. He stated that the imposition of a sales tax would fund law enforcement services from purchases partly made by by out-of-town residents.

Ethyl Galbraith stated that she has lived in the north end of the County for 44 years. She stated that she canvassed her neighborhood and found that the majority favored the funding of law enforcement services. She provided information about the population of Skagit County, its growth, and the growth of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office in response to the growth. Mrs. Galbraith felt that at this time the Sheriff's Office is grossly understaffed.

Kathyn Alexander, Campbell Lake Road, Anacortes, stated that she owns property on Campbell Lake that she does not use because the Sheriff's Office does not control the lake users and use of the lake is a "free for all". She felt that the quality of life in Skagit County is plummeting. She encouraged the imposition of the additional sales tax in order to fund the hiring of more deputies.

Cal Brown, 731 Chinook Drive, a member of Block Watch and a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office also canvassed friends and acquaintances, who were all very much in favor of the imposition of the tax.

Mike Blade, General Manager of Blade Chevrolet, a former resident of Mount Vernon and current County resident, felt that he was unsafe in his home while living in Mount Vernon and decided to move. He stated that he is temporarily living back in Mount Vernon, and things have not changed. He felt that more law enforcement personnel would improve matters within Mount Vernon. He stated that his business collects a great deal of sales tax, and much of that tax is collected on sales to out-of-county residents.

Mike Crawford, 1868 Rocky Ridge Lane, Sedro Woolley, stated that although it is unusual for him to support new taxes, he is supportive of this new tax. He stated that he has been the victim of personal property crimes three times this past year, and that additional personnel for the Sheriff's Office will help to combat crime in Skagit County.

Delores Gibbons, Mount Vernon School Superintendent and Skagit County resident, stated that the school districts have come to expect a high level of response from local police departments. She stated that in a recent parent survey, violence and safety in the schools top the list of concerns. She favored the .1% sales tax for law enforcement.

Joe Mihearin, an Anacortes resident, stated a concern for inefficiencies within the local police that are a result of lack of funding. He particularly cited unfunded State mandates. Mr. Mihearin stated that police officers work long hours, sometimes without compensation, and sometimes alone, without assistance. Mr.

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Mihearin discussed how vital law enforcement services are to the community, and recommended that law enforcement be supported with this tax increase.

Dean Maxwell, 4505 San Juan Avenue, Anacortes, Mayor-elect of Anacortes, stated that he felt that a .1% sales tax could be well used by the Anacortes Police Department.

Joy Werner, 904 - 8th Street, Anacortes, stated that she has called the police department 6 times in the last year for a variety of reasons. She feared crime like that in Seattle is coming to Skagit County, and encouraged imposition of a .1% sales tax to combat crime.

Walley Shaefer, 388 B Cape Horn Drive, urged the Board to pass the .1% sales tax for law enforcement to combat crime.

Bill Taylor, Bow Hill, stated that he was the first Crime Watch coordinator in Skagit County for his neighborhood. He felt that the Sheriff's Office needs a full time crime watch coordinator. Mr. Taylor favored the .1% sales tax.

Barbara Quist, 230 Ruth Lane, stated that she is the Block Watch coordinator for 12 households located 1 mile north of the Skagit County border. With the exception of one household, all households have stated that they favor the .1% sales tax if all of the money goes to deputy sheriffs and not to administrators, lawyers or "paper pushers".

Barbee Andrew, Mayor of Lyman, stated that Lyman does not have a police department and depends upon the Sheriff for police protection. She stated that she learned from the Sheriff that there is often only one deputy on duty for the entire upriver area. She favored the sales tax, and urged that the Board also increase law enforcement funding with whatever other funds might be available.

Chairman Hart asked Sheriff Frazier to discuss the law and justice council. Sheriff Frazier stated that as part of the legislation which authorized the .1% sales tax, the County was mandated to implement a law and justice council to review law enforcement functions. Mandated representatives must be from the County Commissioners, mayors of the cities, city police chiefs, County Prosecutor, County Risk Manager, County Clerk, Judges and the Jail Administrator. Sheriff Frazier stated that the Commissioners have asked him to recommend other individuals to serve on the council. He stated that he is not ready to make those recommendations at this time, but that by next week, he should be prepared to make that recommendation. Sheriff Frazier emphasized that the council will be reviewing functions to determine if services are being duplicated, and if so, where services can be combined to achieve the greatest efficiencies.

An audience member asked what the County's plans are to go forward with implementing Enhanced 911. Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Director, stated that basically the same representatives Sheriff Frazier discussed are required to formulate a plan for implementing Enhanced 911 before April of 1994. The committee has been meeting for the last 90 days to create this plan. Mr. Sheahan stated that the dispatch function will operate in the same manner that it now operates; however, under Enhanced 911, more information will be available to the dispatcher to assist law enforcement in responding to calls. Mr. Sheahan invited audience members to discuss Enhanced 911 with him after the meeting.

Commissioner Robinson asked the group assembled if there was any in opposition to the tax proposal. There were no proposal opponents present.

Mr. Werner, a resident of Anacortes, stated that he was invited by Sheriff Frazier to speak at this meeting, and wished to reiterate his wife's earlier statements.

Mike McCleary, representing downtown Mount Vernon businesses, voiced his support of the .1% sales tax proposal.

Bill Lefeber, a resident of Anacortes, stated that he has had little exposure to law enforcement until he joined a senior crime watch group and discovered how truly serious the issue of crime is in Skagit County. He stated that all of his contacts have been in favor of additional taxes to support law enforcement.

Chairman Hart stated that over 65% of Skagit County's budget is devoted to law enforcement services.

Bill Stendall, Mayor of Sedro Woolley, stated that Sedro Woolley has sent a formal letter to the Commissioners indicating the City Council's support of a sales tax increase. A public meeting was also held, at which approximately 30 persons were present. Those present also favored the sales tax increase.

James Tingstrom, Concrete area, 871 Arnold Lane, stated that he is a former owner of the Baker River Grocery Store and the Hub Tavern. He supported the sales tax increase.

Stan Sass, Mount Vernon Police Chief, stated that throughout the County, local cities have sponsored hearings to gather public comment on a sales tax increase to fund law enforcement. Chief Sass remarked on the recent passage of I-593, "Three Strikes, You're Out" bill, as well as the passage of I-601, which requires government accountability and a cap on future government spending, as indicating that the public wants to support law enforcement, but requires accountability.

Chairman Hart closed the discussion by offering to speak individually with audience members until time for the next agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENTS - CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AND SOLID WASTE FUND.

Chairman Hart waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, explained that budget amendments are being requested in the amount of \$373,000 in the Current Expense Fund and \$334,000 in the Solid Waste Fund. In the Current Expense Fund, \$62,000 is for insurance transfers to cover the high costs of defending the Halvorsen Suit, \$45,000 covers an interfund transfer for a recent sandbar removal project on the Skagit River, \$19,000 in general maintenance funds to cover rental of facilities, \$40,000 for the Planning Department based on grants requirements, and \$40,000 to cover Assessor's software modifications and two bills totalling \$20,000 that pertained to the Assessor's software that the County had expected to pay in 1991. Mr. Woodmansee stated that all monies in the Solid Waste Fund pertain to the Inman Landfill closure, and a small amount to close Butler Lagoon. A budget line item change moves funds in the amount of \$650,000 from line items within the Solid Waste Fund which, it was anticipated, would contain overages at the end of 1993, to other line items within the Solid Waste Fund which are anticipated to experience shortfalls.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to close the public hearing, as no testimony was forthcoming. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Hart motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a budget amendment to the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$373,000 and the Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$334,000; and a budget line item change in the Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$650,000 within the Solid Waste Fund. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15104)

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These items were taken late in the day due to the length of the previous items.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 8, 1993, as submitted. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Public Works:

1. Resolution calling for bids to purchase one cargo van for the Moderate Risk Waste Program to collect household hazardous waste with 64% of the cost to be reimbursed through a Coordinated Prevention Grant from the DOE. (Resolution #15100)
2. Resolution calling for bids for the improvements scheduled for West State Street in the City of Sedro Woolley in which the County signed a Construction Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley on July 26, 1993 to act as the C.A. (Resolution #15101)

* Senior Services:

3. Amendment to the contract with the Northwest Regional Council adding \$3,000 for Title XIX Case Management Services. (Contract #01521)

* Sheriff:

4. Resolution reducing the monetary amount of the petty cash for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office detention fund from \$500 to \$250. (Resolution #15102)

* Parks:

5. Use of the Allen School gym facility on December 18, 1993, to conduct the Pink Cheeks Family Fun Run. (Contract #01292)

* Commissioner's Office:

6. Addendum to parking lot agreement with Dolores Tooth extending the lease through November 30, 1994. (Contract #01740)
7. Addendum to parking lot lease with Alfco, Incorporated extending the lease through October 31, 1994. (Contract #01753)
8. Record of the proceedings from November 1, 1993.
9. Record of the proceedings from November 2, 1993.

* Department of Emergency Management:

10. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. for the creation of a new chapter of the Skagit County Code requiring burning permits and imposing fees for burning permits. (Resolution #15103)

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, November 8, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

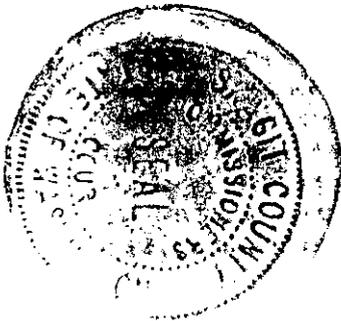
- 1) Vouchers #97654 through #97776 (Warrants #97654 through #97776) in the amount of \$560,598.78. Transmittal #R-25-93.
- 2) Vouchers #3015657 through #3016460 (Warrants #103747 through #104345) in the amount of \$518,979.52. Transmittal #C-56-93.

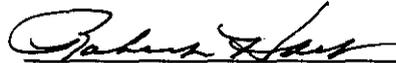
- B. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a Personal Services Agreement with North Sound Concrete, in the amount of \$1,561.65 for the installation of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of the new County parking lot at Third and Kincaid Streets in Mount Vernon. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #001815)

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




Robert Hart, Chairman


Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners