

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

**Monday, June 27, 1994**

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10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Signature - Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Library Services.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Work Session - 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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, June 27, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

**SIGNATURE - INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, advised the Board that the County has \$100,000 in the 1994 budget for distribution to the library services programs in the various cities and towns within the County and also to the LaConner Rural Partial County Library District ("District"). Mr. Woodmansee briefly reviewed the specific amounts scheduled to be distributed to the various cities and towns.

A discussion ensued on the various library budgets, the proportional amounts from the County and what the residents of the individual cities contribute, and the percentages of revenue sources. Mr. Woodmansee stated that the County does not have its own library and is not mandated by the State to have such a library. Consequently, the city libraries provide a very valuable resource to the County.

A library representative from Anacortes stated that non-resident (County) use of the Anacortes library amounts to approximately 100 checked-out books per day. This amounts to approximately 18% of the Anacortes library total daily usage.

A Mount Vernon library representative stated that the fee schedule needs to be adjusted to compensate for the current and projected increase in usage and to keep abreast of the growth in population and to assist in budgetary planning.

Commissioner Hart noted that until there is a rural library district, the County will not be putting more money towards the city libraries. Consequently, the County does not intend to start assessing a library tax to raise additional tax monies for the libraries. Chairman Wolden indicated his concurrence with this position.

A representative from the Anacortes library asked who is responsible to raise the money needed, the local library boards or those outside the cities.

Mr. Woodmansee noted that the LaConner Rural Partial Library District was a joint effort between the city and out-lying area residents. Mr. Woodmansee further noted that the contribution by the County started at \$50,000 and was increased to \$100,000 in two years time. The amount eventually went up to \$120,000 and for the last two years the dollar amount contributed has remained at \$100,000.

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Another Anacortes library representative stressed the lack of resources to help set up outside services and expressed his appreciation to the County for the monies currently being designated for Anacortes. This gentleman noted the importance of serving any individual who walks through their doors.

Bud Southworth, Mount Vernon library, stated that the bottomline is that the library budget is very thin, and that existing monies are being well spent.

A representative from Anacortes pointed out to the Board the future needs for information services and the importance thereof.

Commissioner Hart noted that no one disputes the thinness of the budget. Constituents believe they should receive all of these services but should be charged less. Commissioner Hart indicated the need to convince fellow citizens that there must be a trade-off.

Commissioner Hart further noted that the County has never been in the library business. Basically, the County has no requirement to fund libraries, support is not mandatory or required by law. This is an optional contribution.

Phil Messina, Burlington, noted that Burlington's library will have a \$2,400 deficit this year, and asked the Board for direction for the next few years to ascertain where the cities will stand for budgetary purposes.

Commissioner Robinson stated that the County has been consistent with the library contributions over the last few years and will continue to take a real hard look at where and how money is spent.

The Board indicated that County residents may have to be charged more for services provided by the individual cities.

A discussion ensued on the allocation of funds to the new LaConner Rural Partial County Library District and the proportional reduction to each of the districts in supplying the monies for this purpose. The question of an additional contribution of \$6,000 from the County to make up the shortfall was asked. The Board indicated their reluctance to provide additional funding, but queried Mr. Woodmansee on the possible ramifications of funding an additional \$6,000.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the County wants residents to know this is not a County service and is provided by the individual cities.

Dean Maxwell, Mayor of Anacortes, stated that basically Anacortes wants to provide a service to their library users and since the County does not have library services, a partnership needs to be developed.

Commissioner Robinson indicated the need for assurances that the additional \$6,000 would not impact other County entities or programs.

Commissioner Hart moved to supply an additional \$6,000 out of nondepartmental funds to the various library districts and to approve the *Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Library Services* as presented by Mr. Woodmansee.

Commissioner Robinson stated that without further information concerning the budget ramifications, he was uncomfortable designating another \$6,000 to this purpose. Chairman Wolden also indicated his concern in this regard.

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After a further explanation from Mr. Woodmansee concerning the budgetary impact of such a \$6,000, change, Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion designating an additional \$6,000 in funds be added to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Library Services. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously. (Contract #02074)

### CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for June 27, 1994. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

\* Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, June 20, 1994.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, June 21, 1994.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, June 22, 1994.

\* Permit Center:

4. Ordinance regarding Amendments to Chapter 15.04, Uniform Codes, of the Skagit County Code - Adoption of Current Version of Washington State Energy Code and Implementing Fees Schedule for Lot Certification. (Ordinance #15401)

\* Senior Services:

5. Resolution Awarding Bid for Senior Citizen Meals - Skagit Nutrition Project. (Resolution #15402)

\* Juvenile Probation:

6. Personal Services Agreement with Ken Anderson to provide individual and family counseling at the rate of \$60 per hour for the period January 1, 1994 until terminated. (Contract #02075)

\* Parks:

7. Out-of-State Travel Request for Jon Aarstad to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Revenue Sources and Marketing School in San Diego, California, for September 11 - 15, for an approximate cost of \$580.

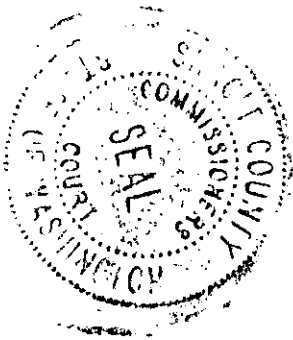
### MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff advised the Board of the need to appoint a member to the Northwest Senior Services Advisory Board. The Board was advised that William Pliska had expressed an interest to serve another term on said Board. Commissioner Wolden moved to reappoint William Pliska to the Northwest Senior Services Advisory Board. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. (Resolution #15403)

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



  
Harvey Wolden, Chairman

  
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

  
Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Patti J. Owen, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners