

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

**Monday, July 18, 1994**

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

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

- 1) Discussion - Call for Public Hearing to Consider Establishment of Permit System for Opening Unopened County Rights-of-Way.
- 2) Miscellaneous.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Skagit Conservation District Presentation of Annual Plan.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discussion - Economic Adjustment Initiative.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. State Capital Budget Committee Meeting at North Cascades Multi-Service Center, Sedro Woolley.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Rich Medved, Director.**

1. Discussion - Call for Public Hearing to Consider Establishment of Permit System for Opening Unopened County Rights-of-Way.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, reviewed a brief history of this matter. Mr. Barnet advised that this proposed ordinance would offer 5 different proposals for opening rights-of-way. Mr. Barnet further advised that this is a straight-forward process and will be available for public comment at the public hearing scheduled for August 1. Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15418)

2. Miscellaneous.

A. Staff advised that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) previously had begun improvements to Cokedale Road near the Upper Skagit Tribe. A portion of the subject road was approved by the Board to be constructed on County rights-of-way. Because of wetlands issues that the BIA did not anticipate prior to construction, the project was stalled. The BIA now wishes to resume construction on August 1. The County's Agreement with the BIA expired in December 1993 and a supplement is now necessary to extend the original agreement until December 31, 1994. A brief discussion ensued on the history of this road project. The Board agreed to execute the contract amendment as presented by Staff. (Contract #01598)

B. A discussion ensued on the recent solid waste rate changes and public reaction.

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- C. A discussion ensued on proposed commercial development at the intersection of Cook Road and Old Highway 99 where Public Works is currently scheduled to begin a project of installing a traffic signal and appropriate turn lanes. Mr. Barnet advised that the Public Works Department has been working with Pertee Engineers for 9 months on this project. Specifics of the proposed development were discussed. Engineering has been working with the proponents of this development so that the County builds an adequate design for this crossing. Various options were discussed for the specific design of this project and the financial responsibilities for the necessary changes. Specifics of the proposed formalized intersection were briefly reviewed. Mr. Barnet advised that he will come back to the Board with the financial decisions of the developer within the next week.
- D. A brief discussion ensued on the Upper Skagit Tribes Casino and the impact on existing roads in the area. The Board indicated their desire for Staff to cooperate during this planning stage.

**SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL PLAN.**

Carolyn Kelly presented the Board with copies of Skagit Conservation District 1994-1995 Annual Plan of Work. Ms. Kelly advised that July is the beginning of the planning year for the District. Primary goals and priorities outlined by Ms. Kelly include:

1. Protect and improve the quality of surface and groundwater;
2. Watershed planning and implementation;
3. Riparian restoration and enhancement;
4. Forest stewardship;
5. Wildlife habitat enhancement;
6. Conservation education;
7. Protection and preservation of prime farmlands;
8. County government assistance; and,
9. Increase district capacity.

Ms. Kelly introduced Candy Hayes, Dale Kennison, Dean Hyden and Tom Holmes, Conservation District Staff, to the Board.

Ms. Kelly brief reviewed the proposed budget for the next year which indicates various funding sources and the contribution of \$25,000 from the County . Various grants were discussed as well as specifics of on-going and proposed projects.

Chairman Wolden noted the ambitious schedule of projected proposed by the Skagit Conservation District. Ms. Kelly indicated that the District's work is tied to the grants available and received. Ms. Kelly indicated the challenge will be to find matching funds from various agencies.

A brief discussion ensued on environmental issues, enforcement of existing regulations, and the lack of publicity for those individuals who comply with regulations. Chairman Wolden indicated that the spirit of cooperation needs to permeate with the Department of Ecology, who are the regulatory agency for these concerns. Commissioner Hart indicated that there is a breakdown in communication from those above who are responsible for regulation.

The Board Indicated their appreciation for the job the Skagit Conservation District is doing. Ms. Kelly expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for July 18, 1994 as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

• Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, July 11, 1994.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, July 12, 1994.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, July 13, 1994.
4. Resolution Amending Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual concerning Section 5.10, 5.13, 6.4, 6.6, 12.5, 18.2 and 20.3. (Resolution #15419)

• Public Works:

5. Resolution concerning Adoption of Pioneer Highway - C.R.P. 8009-2 to the 1994 Annual Road Program in order to utilize federal funding (FAUS). (Resolution #15420)
6. Signature - Establishment of Pioneer Highway as County Road Project #8009-2. (Resolution #15421)
7. Resolution Establishing the County Six-Year Road Program 1995 - 2000. (Resolution #15422)
8. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Reduction of Speed Limit on Cape Horn Road, No. 9500, reducing the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph. (Resolution #15423)
9. Resolution concerning Bow Hill Road, CRP2120-3, Design Alternative Decision. (Resolution #15424)
10. Resolution Calling for Bids for Weathering Steel Bridge Painting of South Fork Bridge, No. 40008, and Lookout Creek Bridge, No. 40073. (Resolution #15425)
11. Resolution Calling for Bids on March's Point Road, et al., Overlay Projects. (Resolution #15426)
12. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Vacation of Unused County Road Right-of-way Known as the Sterling Hill Access Road. (Resolution #15427)
13. Resolution Updating Members to the 1994 Skagit County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. (Resolution #15428)

\* Treasurer:

14. Resolution Establishing Loan Process for State of Washington Department of Ecology Loan. (Resolution #15429)

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\* Health:

15. Out-of-State Travel Request for Linda Albert to attend Special Disciplinary Training in Washington, D.C., at a total cost of \$150, with the balance to be paid by CSAP.
16. Support Group Facilitator Contract with Skagit Mental Health for Wednesday Evenings during 1994 at a rate of \$40 per month. (Contract #02089)

\* Planning:

17. Resolution concerning the appeal of Special Use Permit Request of J.W. Anderson, Upholding the Decision of the Hearing Examiner. (Resolution #15430)

\* Human Services:

18. Sub-Lease Agreement with North Sound Regional Support Network Administrative Offices for the period August 1, 1994 through July 31, 1995 at a monthly rental of \$925. (Contract #02090)

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

- A. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, advised the Board of the need for a for public hearing concerning the Public Works Department and supplemental budget requests. Commissioner Hart moved to approve this Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15431)
- B. 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, July 18, 1994, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Voucher numbers 4008642 through 4009238, 4001-03 through 4001-12, 4020-01 through 4020-07, 4018-01 through 4018-01, 4114-01 through 4114-44, 4019-02 through 4019-23, 4017-18 through 4017-31, 4118-28 through 4118-41, 4101-44 through 4010-65, 4EID-199 through 4EID-231, 4EL-159 through 4EL-167, 4010-339 through 4010-379, PW4-1190 through PW4-1357 (Warrant numbers 115224 through 115925) in the total amount of \$921,039.86 (Transmittal #C-36-94).

**DISCUSSION - ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT INITIATIVE.**

Jon Aarstad, Director of Parks & Recreation, introduced Karen Nolan of the U.S. Forest Service and advised that Ms. Nolan will be our representative for the grant concerning the development of plans for Pressentin and Howard Miller Steelhead parks. Ms. Nolan stated that this role is a new role and she is unsure of exactly what her duties will entail. Chairman Wolden asked if this funding provides for planning purposes only, or will there be monies available for implementation of construction projects at these two parks. Chairman Wolden stated that the initial purpose of obtaining these funds was to provide jobs for displaced timber workers and that, unfortunately, the program does not address that particular agenda at this time.

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Ms. Nolan advised that once the plan is done, additional monies will be available through other grants. Mr. Aarstad indicated that the County has no master plan, and that it is necessary to get to that step to obtain monies for construction.

Chairman Wolden asked about obtaining funding for development of the Northern State facilities. Mr. Aarstad stated that this is possible, but the budget implications of providing a matching 20% must be considered.

Mr. Aarstad confirmed that the County has one year to utilize these funds.

Commissioner Robinson expressed his wish to see the adjacent communities involved as much as possible in the planning process for these parks. Commissioner Robinson further indicated that the chances for success look very good.

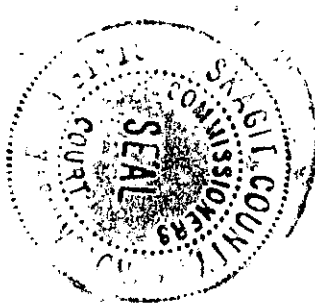
Ms. Nolan noted that with monies allocated to EDASC, the Town of Concrete and this grant, the County has received a total funding of approximately \$113,000.

Chairman Wolden acknowledged the hard work and effort of Jon Aarstad, Dave Brookings and EDASC in obtaining these funds.

**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