

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

Monday, October 31, 1994

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Sale of County Property to Department of Fish and
 Wildlife.
2) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Skagit Conservation District 1995 Budget Presentation.
- CONSENT AGENDA.**
- MISCELLANEOUS.**
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session - New Addressing System.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Recommendation for Approval of Agricultural Variance for Rex Houser,
AGV 94-030, 360 Legge Road, Bow.
- 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 31, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Rich Medved, Director.

1. Discussion - Sale of County Property to Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Linda Leonhart, Public Works Staff, advised that the Department of Fish & Wildlife has requested the purchase of County Property near Clear Lake. Ms. Leonhart advised that the land has been assessed at \$600 per acre. Ms. Leonhart has discussed this purchase with Surface Water Management and has been informed that the land is under water most of the time. Fish & Wildlife intend to use the land in conjunction with other parcels in the area for a swan preserve with proposed parking and viewing areas for the general public.

Ms. Leonhart introduced to the Board Ms. Elsie Kuyper, a representative from the Department of Fish & Wildlife who originally approached the County regarding this purchase, and who is in attendance to answer any questions in this regard.

Commissioner Hart ascertained from Ms. Leonhart that the property is landlocked and is not serviced by a road access.

Commissioner Hart moved to signed the letter of understanding presented by Staff, and to further consider a purchase proposal from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the assessed value of the land.

The Board indicated their concern in not wanting to waste the taxpayer's money on an appraisal, and Ms. Kuyper assured the Board that Fish & Wildlife would proceed with an appraisal at their expense and come back to the Board with an offer of purchase.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion of Commissioner Hart, which unanimously carried. The Board executed the Letter of Understanding.

2. Miscellaneous.

Rich Medved, Director of Public Works, briefly discussed with the Board the prudence of a rail spur upgrade near the new Lignotech facility. Mr. Medved advised that lighter duty track is specified, but that for an additional \$6,000 to \$7,000, the track can be upgraded at this time, rather than in the future at considerable more expense. Lignotech does not need substantial track to accommodate their uses at this time, but if usage increases to the Port, it would be wise to make the investment in heavier track at this point rather than at some time in the future.

Commissioner Robinson indicated that this rail spur is very important for both the Port of Skagit County and the County, and that the additional cost is justified. Mr. Medved confirmed that the cost will be substantially more in the future to tear up the existing track. Chairman Wolden indicated that perhaps latecomer fees could be charged to those utilizing the track in the future.

Mr. Medved indicated that he will contact Burlington Northern, the Port of Skagit County, and property owner, Norma Dahistedt, to ascertain whether these entities would be willing to share in the costs of the upgraded rail spur.

Commissioner Robinson moved to proceed in this manner. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1995 BUDGET PRESENTATION.

Carolyn Kelly, Skagit Conservation District, presented to the Board the proposed budget for 1995. Ms. Kelly advised that the County currently contributes \$25,000 per year to the District. Ms. Kelly briefly reviewed the funding sources for the District. Ms. Kelly noted the problems of grant funding reductions.

A discussion ensued on the increased demand for services and the decreased availability of grant monies or other financial assistance.

Commissioner Hart indicated that state funding is beginning to dwindle, and that the scenario will get worse before it gets better. Commissioner Hart pointed out that funding may have to come by charging for the services rendered.

Commissioner Robinson noted that County department budgets are being cut and that no additional money is available for additional personnel. Chairman Wolden added that everyone is going to have to become more creative in providing increased services with fewer employees.

Commissioner Robinson congratulated the Conservation District on doing a great job of leveraging the money they have available.

Commissioner Hart indicated that it will be impossible for the County to contribute more than the \$25,000 currently budgeted to the Conservation District. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, confirmed that \$25,000 is the amount allocated for the Conservation District in 1995.

Commissioner Hart suggested looking at possible funding through water quality and quantity programs

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within the County, and through the County Surface Water Management Department, with matches for grants in that regard.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 31, 1994, with the removal of no. 6 pending further clarification. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

* Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Friday, October 21, 1994.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, October 24, 1994.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, October 25, 1994.
4. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, October 26, 1994.
5. Resolution Declaring Legal Holidays for 1995. (Resolution #15531)
6. Addendum to Personal Services Contract with Liz Findley for services provided in conjunction with the ARIS program adding compensation for travel time of \$20 per hour. (This item was deleted from the Consent Agenda pending further clarification).

* Human Services:

7. Personal Services Agreement with Robert Helgoe for training for professionals who come in contact with clients at risk, for the period November 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 for a maximum consideration of \$650. (Contract #02205)
8. Personal Services Agreement with Janet Page Walthew to co-facilitate training with Robert Helgoe for the period December 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 at a maximum consideration of \$375. (Contract #02206)

* Sheriff's Office:

9. Out-of-State Travel Request for Nancy Renison to attend the Spillman Data Systems User Group Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, from November 1, 1994 through November 6, 1994, at a total expenditure of \$550.
10. Resolution Awarding Bids for Purchase of Commissary Supplies (Candy, Tobacco, and Snacks). (Resolution #15532)

* Parks, Recreation & Fair:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Best Fence Co. for labor, materials, braces, fittings and other hardware needed to install security fence panels to 18 trestles along the Burlington Norther right-of-way between Sedro Woolley and Concrete for maximum consideration of

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\$1,595 for the period October 26, 1994 through November 30, 1994. (Contract #02207)

* **Miscellaneous:**

12. Grant Application for Early Infestation Funding through Department of Ecology for an eradication project on Lake McMurray for a total request of \$22,625, with the County's share being 12.5% or \$2,828. (Contract #02208)

* **Facilities:**

13. Personal Services Agreement with Haines Tree & Spray Service for weed and insect elimination for the courthouse complex and parking lots from the date of signature to December 31, 1994 for a maximum consideration of \$1,500. (Contract #02209)
14. Amendment "A" to Contract with Pioneer Masonry Restoration Company amending the contract amount to \$4,500 from \$2,000 due to additional work required to repair masonry on the courthouse. (Contract #02175)

* **Public Defender:**

15. Personal Services Agreement with John Ketchum to conduct polygraph exams of Public Defender clients for the period of October 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 for the maximum consideration of \$175 for in-office services and \$250 for outside of the office services. (Contract #02210)
16. Personal Services Agreement with Gregory A. Merrill for client evaluations at a rate of \$70 per hour for the period September 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. (Contract #02211)

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 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 31, 1994, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Voucher numbers 135606 through 135678 and 135691 through 136446, and PW9400009840 - PW94000010138 (payroll warrants 54195 through 55014) in the total amount of \$1,057,176,260 (Transmittal #P-22-94); and,

Voucher numbers 4013445 through 4013854, Mthly173001 through Mthly173035, Mthly073001 through Mthly073017, Mthly 174001 through Mthly174003 (Warrant numbers 120843 through 121264) in the total amount of \$1,287,714.31 (Transmittal #C57-94).

2. Mr. Woodmansee presented an Agreement for Computer Access with the City of Sedro Woolley for the Board's signature. Mr. Woodmansee explained that the City will be connected to the County's computer system and will pay the County \$7,500 per year for such computer access. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement for Computer Access with the City of Sedro

Woolley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and was unanimously approved. (Contract #02212)

3. Mr. Woodmansee presented a Resolution Establishing 1994 Cost Allocation to County Road Fund. Mr. Woodmansee explained to the Board that there is no change from last year, and that the total allocation is \$823,401 as detailed in the attachment to the Resolution. Commissioner Robinson confirmed with Mr. Woodmansee that the State Auditor has had no questions concerning this cost allocation in the past. Commissioner Robinson therefore moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15533)
4. Mr. Woodmansee presented a Resolution Establishing the Water Quality Repayment Fund in conjunction with the State of Washington Department of Ecology loan financing septic system improvements and repairs for eligible individuals. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Resolution establishing the Water Quality Repayment Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, and passed unanimously. (Resolution #15534)
5. Mr. Woodmansee presented an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Among Skagit County, Skagit Community Mental Health Center, and Skagit County School Districts for the Board's signature. Mr. Woodmansee advised that this agreement updates the interlocal agreement with the various school districts and mental health center whereby the mental health center provides 20 hours of counseling per week for \$9,200, with each school district contributing a proportionate share. This has been in place for the last three years, and expired in September. Anacortes has its own arrangement and is not a part of this Agreement. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve entering into the interlocal agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #02213)

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURAL VARIANCE FOR REX HOUSER, AGV 94-030, 360 LEGGE ROAD, BOW.

Commissioner Robinson stated that in reading the Hearing Examiner's Findings and the Planning Department Staff Report, it is obvious that this agricultural variance is proper. Therefore, Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the agricultural variance for Rex Houser. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. (Resolution #15535)

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
Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robby Robinson
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Robert Hart
Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Patti J. Owen
Patti J. Owen, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners