

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

**Monday, November 14, 1994**

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director.
- 1)        Discussion - Proposed Samish Watershed Storm Event Sampling Program.
  - 2)        Signature - Interagency Agreement for Water Recreation Program.
  - 3)        Discussion - Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Problem Behavior in Skagit County.
  - 4)        Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.        Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.
- 1)        Discussion - Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan Comments.
  - 2)        Discussion - Swinomish Tribe STP Project Application.
  - 3)        Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.        Signature - ARIS Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.
- CONSENT AGENDA.**
- MISCELLANEOUS.**
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.        Public Transportation Benefit Area Board (Commissioners' Hearing Room).
- 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, November 14, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Robby Robinson's absence was excused.

**BOARD OF HEALTH - Pat Pearce, Director.**

1.        Discussion - Proposed Samish Watershed Storm Event Sampling Program.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Director of Planning, reviewed an application for a Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant/Loan which would provide funding for a necessary component of the Samish Bay Initial Closure Strategy. Mr. Olason advised that the storm event sampling program is an attempt to identify non-point pollution sources and types to help direct our watershed water quality improvement efforts. The grant itself is a 75%/25% split with the Department of Ecology. Field work and most sample analysis will be conducted in-house by existing staff. The County share will be \$38,500, based on preliminary budget projections, and the County match will be met by salary and benefits provided to County staff working on the project.

Specifics of the sampling procedures were briefly discussed as well as the use of outside testing laboratories.

Mr. Olason also noted the need to set up clear direction for dealing with violators. Commissioner Hart stated that the County has a responsibility to find out what is causing the problems in Samish Bay. Chairman Wolden also indicated the need for this determination. Chairman Wolden moved to go forward

with the Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant/Loan Application as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #02222)

2. Signature - Interagency Agreement for Water Recreation Program.

John Thayer, Health Department Staff, reviewed the history of this Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Health and Skagit County for conducting a Water Recreation Program. This program has to do with public use pools and spas. Mr. Thayer advised that this program dates back to the 1970's and that major revisions to the State Board of Health rules governing water recreation facilities were adopted in 1990. Chapter 246-260-020 of the Washington Administrative Code specifies that an interagency agreement such as this is required between the State Department of Health and the local Health Officer. Mr. Thayer explained that the purpose of the contract is to define local and state health department responsibilities in the Water Recreation Program.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Interagency Agreement for Water Recreation Program as presented by Staff. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolden and passed unanimously. (Contract #02223)

3. Discussion - Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Problem Behavior in Skagit County.

Vera Sullivan, Human Services Department, reviewed with the Board a presentation entitled Risk-Focused Prevention Using the Social Development Strategy: A Community Approach to Reducing Adolescent Problem Behaviors.

Ms. Sullivan explained that elements of family, community, school and peer pressure all influence and affect adolescents. Ms. Sullivan stressed that community-based prevention is the goal.

Family support networks are part of the on-going process in Skagit County. A brief history of the development of community involvement was made. Ms. Sullivan explained that the problems of substance and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, violence, school drop-out and suicide are all intermeshed, and that not one particular problem stands alone. Ms. Sullivan reviewed several graphs showing statistical information relative to these problems, and the importance of addressing these problems via data analysis.

Economic deprivation factors were reviewed with the Board.

Commissioner Hart noted that urban versus rural data would be more reflective of actual situations in the County.

Chairman Wolden mentioned the need for less administering and more attention to addressing needs.

Ms. Sullivan noted the need to reduce risks and emphasize strengths in the community. Ms. Sullivan noted that the community network is an excellent example of the community working together in this regard. Ms. Sullivan further stated that sometimes a relationship with one positive adult can reduce risk in an adolescent.

4. Miscellaneous.

Pat Pearce, Health Department Director, reviewed with the Board a letter of appreciation for the Nursing Department and an announcement of World Aids Day on Thursday, December 1, 1994.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Rich Medved, Director.

1. Discussion - Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan Comments.

Dave Baltz, Public Works Department Staff, reviewed with the Board a draft letter addressed to Robert A. Josephson of the Washington State Department of Transportation concerning comments on the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Mr. Baltz explained that the plan downplays capacity needs for state highways, particularly for funding, and that inconsistencies with the Growth Management Act exist. Projects which combine safety, mobility and economic improvements should be given special consideration in the priority selection.

Chairman Wolden reviewed with Staff alternative ways to fund highway projects.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the letter presented is sufficient to express the Board's views on this subject.

2. Discussion - Swinomish Tribe STP Project Application.

Mr. Baltz advised the Board that in October the STP Board opened the "Call for Projects" for the local STP "Rural" funding program. Within the past two weeks, the Swinomish Tribe submitted a project application requesting rural STP funding in the amount of \$775,000 to help finance the \$1,220,000 "SR20/S. Marches Point Road Access Improvements" project. This project proposal was reviewed by the RTPO Technical Committee and will be acted upon by the Skagit STP Board at the November 16 meeting.

Mr. Baltz indicated that it would be reasonable to fund a small portion of the project out of STP rural funds as originally proposed. Previously the tribe discussed a proposed budget for the project that included \$120,000 in STP rural funding. The need for the project is well documented, but it is felt that primary funding for the project should come from elsewhere. Major funding from the STP rural funds should go to more regional projects which benefit the public in general rather than specific aspects or developments.

Chairman Wolden indicated that he cannot see how the County can commit any more monies than originally set aside, and that this funding should have been established prior to the development of the Casino.

A discussion ensued on the use of STP funds, and how the County funds are directed to be spent by the RTPO.

Rich Medved, Director of Public Works, noted that the impact here was caused by the development. Funds could be used more wisely in other areas. Mr. Medved further stated that other projects of regional benefit also need to be funded. Mr. Baltz indicated there are other funding sources that may be available to the tribe for this project.

The Board concurred that \$120,000 is the maximum amount available for the project at this time.

3. Miscellaneous.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Staff, presented to the Board a call for public hearing concerning a proposed drainage ordinance for forming a drainage utility to address drainage problems through the County.

A lengthy discussion ensued on tax questions, logistics and timing of this hearing.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that there may be a problem in the Assessor's mind in the designation of parcels with and without structures. Mr. Woodmansee further elaborated on the difficulties that may be prevalent if this matter is rushed into, and briefly discussed the effects that the formation of a drainage utility may have on the 1995 budget.

Mr. Brookings stated that the bottomline is to make a decision to try to solve drainage problems in the County in 1995, and pointed out the disadvantages in delaying this matter, and asked the Board for direction in this regard.

Commissioner Hart noted that there is a need to have a good public hearing and get valuable public input at this time.

Mr. Woodmansee pointed out that the new Commissioner in District #3 may want to be involved in this process and that possibly this hearing should be delayed until mid-January.

A brief discussion ensued on funding sources for the formation of such a utility.

The Board concurred that the public hearing should go forward, but that a decision does not necessarily have to be made immediately.

Chairman Wolden moved to approve the Resolution calling for the Public Hearing on this matter. It was agreed to change said public hearing to November 30, 1994, at 3:00 p.m. from the originally proposed date and time. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15542)

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 14, 1994, as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

\* Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, November 7, 1994.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, November 8, 1994.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, November 9, 1994.
4. 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. Ms. Findley will be travelling from Mount Vernon to the Sedro Woolley and Concrete areas. (Contract #01913)

\* Health:

5. Guest Speaker Contract with Rosetta Brumbaugh for a presentation entitled "Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS" at a rate of \$25 per presentation for the calendar year 1994. (Contract #02225)

\* Parks:

6. Contract with the Bonneville Power Administration for the removal of Cottonwood trees between Highway 20 and the County's Cascade Trail near Fruitdale Road for a fee of \$100. (Contract #02229)
7. Application and Agreement for use of School Facility with Burlington-Edison Public Schools for use of the Lucille Umbarger School gym on November 8, 1994 for a fee of \$9. (Contract #02226)

• Public Works:

8. Resolution Regarding Commitment to Costs Incurred for the Closure/Post Closure of Inman Landfill. (Resolution #15546)
9. Resolution Updating the Funding for the Farm-to-Market Road Guardrail Project, C.R.P. #3101-1. (Resolution #15543)
10. Final Cost Record for Farm-to-Market Road Project, C.R.P. #3101-1.
11. Ordinance Establishing Parking Restrictions on a Portion of Fir Island Road, #4020. (Resolution #15544)

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Northwest Hydraulics & Repair for removal of a meal partition in a former holding cell on the second floor of the courthouse. The contract is for \$800 and is for the period September 1, 1994 through November 30, 1994. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #02227)
2. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Land Title Company of Skagit County for preparation of a Preliminary Commitment for Title Insurance and issuance of Title Insurance insuring Skagit County. The contract amount is \$1,840.15 and is for the period November 1, 1994 through November 21, 1994. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #02228)
3. Mr. Woodmansee presented a Resolution calling for Public Hearing to adopt the proposed 1995 budget. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution setting the public hearing for December 5, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15545)

**SIGNATURE - ARIS PROGRAM INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that the ARIS program is currently operating without an Interlocal Agreement in place. Mr. Woodmansee briefly reviewed a summary of the ARIS program and noted that counseling has been one of the single largest services that ARIS provides, once the school district referral is made. The purpose of the program is to empower the intervention specialist to do whatever it takes to make a difference. The program has no pre-defined absolute limits.

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The goals of the program are to keep children in school and prevent them from choosing crime as an alternative.

Mr. Woodmansee pointed out that ARIS is the reason we have developed the BEST SELF program, and that cooperation with the school districts is of the utmost importance.

Mr. Woodmansee presented the Interlocal Agreement for the board's signature. Mr. Woodmansee noted that records and facilities are paid by the school districts, but beyond that the citizens of Skagit County pay the necessary personnel costs, rental on three cars, and counseling services. Administration is minimal and is provided by Mr. Woodmansee. The subject agreement is for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996.

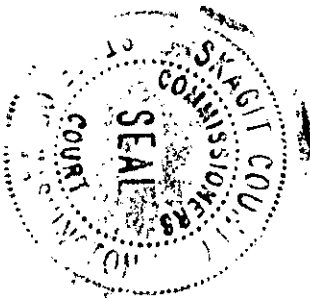
Commissioner Hart indicated that the key to this type of program is that it must be completely flexible and goal oriented.

Commissioner Hart moved for adoption of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and the local school districts. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #02224)

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



  
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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

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Robby Robinson, Commissioner

  
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Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Patti J. Owen, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners