

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

**Monday, December 5, 1994**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.

- 1) Introduction of New Employee - Trisha Logue, Accounting Technician I.
- 2) Public Hearing - Consideration of Speed Limit Revision on Lyman-Hamilton Highway, No. 9402.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Public Hearing - 1995 Budget Adoption.

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, December 5, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

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

1. Introduction of New Employee - Trisha Logue, Accounting Technician I.

Marcia Jaeger, Public Works Department Accounting Staff, introduced to the Board Trisha Logue, Accounting Technician I.

2. Public Hearing - Consideration of Speed Limit Revision on Lyman-Hamilton Highway, No. 9402.

Chairman Wolden opened the public hearing. Steve Blair, Public Works Department Staff, reviewed the proposed speed limit increase from 30 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour from Mile Post 1.79 to Mile Post 4.43 and, secondly, from Lyman to State Route 20, Mile Post 5.39 to Mile Post 6.91, an increase from 30 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Mr. Blair pointed out that these two areas have been a difficult enforcement problem for the Sheriff's office.

Judy Kennedy, 2809 Lyman-Hamilton Road, informed the Board that she would prefer that the speed be lowered on this road, rather than increased, and noted a lack of enforcement. Ms. Kennedy highly recommended not approving the speed limit revision as presented by Staff. Ms. Kennedy advised that her home and a local day care center would be located in the 35 miles per hour area.

Jim Kennedy, 2809 Lyman-Hamilton Road, noted that he is a Captain for Fire District #8, and confirmed that traffic volume and speed have increased since improvements were made to the road. Mr. Kennedy noted that there are safety hazards to those walking or bicycling along the shoulders of the road. Mr. Kennedy expressed concern that higher speeds may develop if the speed limit is increased, and urged the Board to consider the safety factors involved.

Carol Ledlin, 3428 Highway 20, noted that her child is in the day care center located along the proposed speed limit increase. Ms. Ledlin noted that this area is a residential area.

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Ethel Adams, who owns the day care at 2752 Lyman-Hamilton Road, stated that she has witnessed two potential accidents in front of the subject day care. Ms. Adams noted that there are sight restrictions in the area of the day care center. Ms. Adams stated that the traffic currently travels too fast along this roadway.

Ms. Ledin reiterated that this is a residential area.

Bill Blunt, 2860 Lyman-Hamilton Road, stated that 35 miles per hour is a reasonable speed for the areas as proposed. Mr. Blunt stressed the need for enforcement of whatever speed limit is imposed. Mr. Blunt further pointed out that local residents are the major abusers of the speed limit.

Mr. Kennedy noted his agreement with Mr. Blunt's comments that 35 miles per hour would be an adequate speed limit if it is enforced.

Ed Hawes, Public Works Department Staff, noted that the traffic enforcement squad has been developed to strictly handle enforcement. The first meeting will establish target enforcement areas and this road sounds like it should be included on the initial list. Deputies and traffic engineers will meet with local citizens in the area, according to Mr. Hawes.

Ms. Adams noted that just the visibility of County Sheriff's vehicles might help the situation.

Commissioner Hart asked for clarification of the exact location of the proposed speed limit revisions.

Commissioner Robinson asked if local residents had been contacted prior to this recommendation from Staff. Mr. Blair stated that a local resident brought this situation to light and requested the change in speed limit.

Mr. Kennedy commented on the lack of contact with other local residents.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Robinson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Commissioner Robinson noted that the enforcement squad is getting up and running due to the Washington State Patrol staying on state roadways and not patrolling County roads. This will be of great assistance to all of the County. Commissioner Robinson stated that 35 miles per hour is reasonable for this area, but stressed the need for increased enforcement.

Commissioner Hart noted that signage and enforcement should be instituted when the change takes place.

Commissioner Robinson moved to change the speed limit in both areas presented by Staff to 35 miles per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and passed unanimously. (Resolution to be provided by Staff at a Later Date).

3. Miscellaneous.

- A. Robin LaRue, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented to the Board a contract with the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) to promote the economic development of industries which will claim waste as a resource, provide on-site consultation for waste reduction and recycling strategies, and to work with businesses, governments and other agencies to procure products made of recycled materials. Mr. LaRue advised the Board that the

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monies for this agreement, \$70,000, were included in the Department's 1995 budget. Don Wick, EDASC, stated their appreciation for the Board's continuing support in this regard. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #02243)

- B. Dave Brookings, Surface Water Management, advised the Board that Jess Knutzen has resigned from the Flood Control Committee, and that the Department would like to issue Mr. Knutzen a Certificate of Appreciation. The Board indicated their approval of the Certificate and noted that Mr. Knutzen has done an outstanding job of providing service to the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for December 5, 1994, except for the deletion of items 2 and 3 which were not completed at this time. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

• Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, November 28, 1994.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, November 29, 1994.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, November 30, 1994.
4. Contract for Professional Services with Martinez Interpreting Services for interpreting services conducted outside of normal working hours for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1996 at the rate of \$35 per hour with a one hour minimum charge. (Contract #02236)

\* Public Works:

5. Call for Public Hearing to Consider Revision of Hours of Operation at the Skagit County Resource Recovery Facility (Transfer Facility). (Resolution #15564)
6. Supplement No. 1 to Agreement with Whatcom Security Agency increasing the monthly rate payable to \$360 per month from \$300 per month for a total maximum consideration of \$1,440. (Contract #02156)
7. Supplement No. 1 to Agreement with Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc. extending the time to complete a survey to determine the County's right-of-way to December 31, 1994. (Contract #01899)

\* Parks & Recreation:

8. Personal Services Agreement with Economy Fence Center to provide installation of a security fence at specific points along the former Burlington Norther right-of-way between Sedro Woolley and Concrete for a maximum consideration of \$2,300 for the period December 6, 1994 through January 15, 1995. (Contract #02237)

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9. Agreement for Use of School Facilities with Sedro Woolley School District for use of the Cascade Middle School for Wednesday and Friday evenings January through March 1995 at a rate of \$15 per hour. (Contract #01292)
10. Agreement for Use of School Facilities with Burlington-Edison Public Schools for use of Allen School Gym on Saturday, December 17, 1994, for a fee of \$56. (Contract #01292)

\* Juvenile Probation:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Community Mental Health to provide specialized juvenile offender evaluations and consultations at rates as detailed in Exhibit "B" thereto, for the period retroactively from January 1, 1994 until terminated. (Contract #02238)

• Senior Services:

12. Notice of Grant Award from the Corporation or National and Community Service for continuation of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for the total amount of \$80,558. (Contract #02239)

\* Health:

13. Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Contract with the State Department of Health adding \$202 to the WIC/Breastfeeding program and \$38,034 to the Immunizations program, for a total increase of \$39,034 and a maximum consideration not to exceed \$530,261. (Contract #01838)
14. Amendment to the Agreement between the Snohomish Health District for Region 3 AIDS Service Network and Skagit County replacing the previous Budget Exhibit with a new revised Budget Exhibit. (Contract #02002)
15. Guest Speaker Contract with Marisa Bauducco for HIV/AIDS Workshop in Spanish for a fee of \$50. (Contract #02240)

**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, December 5, 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 4114-130 through 4114-172, 4118-190 through 4118-205, 4FID-421 through 4FID-433, and PW4-2597 through PW4-2736 in the total amount of \$1,168,656.50. (Transmittal #C-62-94);

Voucher numbers P1-074001 through P1-74018 and P1-177001 through P1-177036 in the total amount of \$1,075,614.75 (Transmittal #C61-94); and,

Voucher numbers 136447 through 137544, payroll warrants numbered 55222 through 56300 in the total amount of \$1,101,335.45 (Transmittal #P-24-94).

2. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Electric West for electrical work concerning automatic door opening devices located in the County Administration Building for a total expenditure of \$1,000 for the period November 14, 1994 through December 31, 1994. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #02241)
3. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Valley Moving & Storage for moving services for various departments for the period December 1, 1994 through December 31, 1995 for maximum consideration of \$8,000. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #02242)
4. Staff presented a Modification of Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency, modifying their cash flow advance from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the modification as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Contract #01878)

**PUBLIC HEARING - 1995 BUDGET ADOPTION.**

Chairman Wolden opened the public hearing by introducing Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director. Mr. Woodmansee noted that this process started in July, and that in mid-August individual departmental budgets were submitted to the Auditor, and the resultant detail was then reviewed by the Board and others. In late September the Board began work sessions (at least 30 hours in all) with individual departments. In late October preliminary budget information was disseminated to the departments. Mr. Woodmansee stated that approximately a dozen departments came back to the Board to address specific issues of concern. Private citizen comment was also submitted and reviewed. Mr. Woodmansee advised that \$65,061,796 is the total budget for 1995. Mr. Woodmansee further advised that of that total budget amount \$24,273,761 is in the Current Expense Fund. A brief discussion ensued on sources of revenue, the allocation of funds generated from property taxes and the balancing of the road fund. Mr. Woodmansee advised that this is the third year in a row that the road fund dollar amount has been held at the same rate. This lowers the actual road tax levy, and therefore taxpayers should see a reduction in the amount paid for road tax. Mr. Woodmansee advised that resolutions will be required later this month to put the relevant levies in place, but that the budget is, in fact, based on the these amounts as discussed.

Mr. Woodmansee reviewed the highlights of the 1995 budget. Thirty-three new staff positions were requested, and only 8 were approved. These 8 are all in the criminal justice system. Specifics of the personnel additions were discussed. Mr. Woodmansee advised that several project-oriented items are continuing such as work on the Growth Management Act requirements, and road improvement projects. Most county departments did not receive additional resources in this budget and will continue to provide basic services to a growing population. Departments are feeling the pressure of more public contact and use of services and facilities. Mr. Woodmansee noted that the solid waste operating fund is balanced based on the current tipping fee of \$80 per ton, but will include operational changes from the current 7-day per week functions to 5 days per week. Several options for maintaining the budget for solid waste were discussed.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the County is working to get an enhanced 911 implementation grant.

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Blanchard-Edison communities to improve septic/waste disposal situations and their \$500,000 revolving loan is included in the 1995 budget. No funding for a drainage utility has been included in the 1995 budget.

Chairman Wolden noted that criminal justice added deputies but that eventually it will be necessary to add additional staff at the Prosecutor's Office and District Court.

Robert Brown, 1109 Rio Vista, Burlington, suggested that clarification is needed in the exact amount of revenues and expenditures in the general fund to avoid the confusion of double entries. Mr. Brown briefly discussed the increasing costs of the criminal justice system. Mr. Brown noted that spending exceeds the adopted budget and that this does not demonstrate responsible budget procedures. Mr. Brown stated that taxpayers cannot afford tax increases for this type of administration of the budget.

Randy Good, 2346 Minkler Road, Sedro Woolley, complimented Mr. Woodmansee on his availability and the open forum that has been prevalent during this budget process. Mr. Good stressed the importance of advisory boards being used as a vital link to the Board, providing constant public input. Mr. Good noted his disapproval of budget items that are included in the budget that have not been approved by advisory boards. Mr. Good compared the County's 1995 budget with Whatcom and Snohomish counties.

Chairman Wolden noted that the County does not take the full amount of taxes available, and, consequently, does not have large surpluses by taking the minimal amount possible.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the portion of property taxes that actually goes to the County is very small. Paul Mahoney, County Assessor, confirmed this fact and noted that over 50% of property taxes goes to schools.

Mark Leander, Assessor-Elect, 790 Thomas Road, Bow, requested a review of staffing allocations after 3 months, noting that reallocation issues need to be addressed.

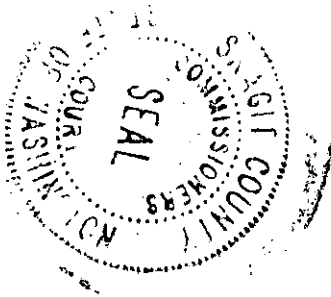
There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Robinson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Resolution adopting the 1995 budget as presented by Mr. Woodmansee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, and passed unanimously. (Resolution #15565)

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Robinson 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