

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

Tuesday, January 3, 1995

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 1) Election of 1995 Chairman of Board of County Commissioners.
2) Selection of 1995 Committee Assignments for Board of County Commissioners.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Appeal of the Decision Notice of the U.S. Forest Service Re: Surface Water Restrictions.
2) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director.
- 1) Signature - Construction Signal Plans for Cook Road/Old Highway 99, C.R.P. #6300-5.
2) Signature - Resolution Calling for Bid - Cook Road/Old Highway 99 Signalization, C.R.P. 6300-5.
3) Update of Customer Service Strategy.
4) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 1) Discussion - Completion of Restitution Pilot Program.
2) Signature - Treasurer's Personal Property Tax Write-Off.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Work Session - Emergency Response and Declaration Procedures.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 1995, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

ELECTION OF 1995 CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Wolden moved to elect Robert Hart as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 1995. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SELECTION OF 1995 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

A discussion ensued on various committee assignments and selections were made for 1995. These include the following:

Northwest Regional Council
Northwest Air Pollution

Commissioners Wolden and Anderson
Commissioner Wolden

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Emergency Management Council	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
LOEFF Disability Board	Commissioner Anderson
Community Action Agency	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
North Sound Regional Support	Commissioner Hart
Public Transportation PTBA	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
Finance Committee	Commissioner Hart
Watershed Committees	Commissioners Hart and Wolden
Risk Management Advisory	Commissioner Anderson
Canvassing Board	Commissioner Hart
Skagit Council of Governments	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
Regional Transportation Planning	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
Department Head Meeting	Commissioners Wolden, Anderson and Hart
Law & Justice Committee	Commissioner Hart
Upriver Office Visit	Commissioner Anderson

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. Discussion - Appeal of the Decision Notice of the U.S. Forest Service Re: Surface Water Restrictions.

Oscar Graham, Senior Planner, presented to Commissioner Anderson a packet of documents concerning the Board's response to the U.S. Forest Service concerning surface water restrictions on the Skagit River. Mr. Graham noted that he has been working with John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, in drafting the County's appeal of the Forest Service proposal. The proposed draft appeal was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Graham stated the responsible official has failed to consider the economic impacts in regards to this proposal, and that such impacts are significant.

Mr. Graham indicated that there have been ever-increasing numbers of bald eagles along the Skagit River and throughout the State of Washington. Mr. Graham further noted that citizen involvement did not occur and the failure to involve local citizens in the development of the alternatives was a violation of law, regulation or policy.

Commissioner Anderson expressed his concern for the feeding habits of the eagles and that the restrictions do not have any affect on the habits of the eagles.

Chairman Hart indicated the possible necessity of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service to encompass the concerns of all involved.

Commissioner Anderson noted the possible need for de-listing the bald eagle from the endangered species list.

Commissioner Wolden concurred with Chairman Hart that perhaps a Memorandum of Understanding may be the right approach.

Commissioner Wolden moved to proceed with the Appeal by Skagit County concerning regulating surface water uses proposed by the U.S. Forest Service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

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2. Miscellaneous.

- A. Dave Hough, Planning Department Director, advised that Tim Hoffman, Code Enforcement Officer, will provide a year-end report in the near future.
- B. A brief discussion ensued on the continuing schedule for the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan. A further discussion was held concerning resultant implementing ordinances and policies, and work sessions that need to be scheduled to review such policies.
- C. Commissioner Wolden questioned Mr. Hough on activity following the interim controls regarding aggregation. Mr. Hough indicated that he has met with several individuals in this regard.

PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT - Rich Medved, Director.

1. Signature - Construction Signal Plans for Cook Road/Old Highway 99, C.R.P. #6300-5.

Dave Sheridan, Public Works Staff, presented the construction signal plans for the Cook Road/Old Highway 99 work to be done. The Board signed the plans as presented by Staff.

2. Signature - Resolution Calling for Bid - Cook Road/Old Highway 99 Signalization, C.R.P. 6300-5.

Mr. Sheridan presented a Resolution Calling for Bids for the above-referenced project. Chairman Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15611)

3. Update - Customer Service Strategy.

Rich Medved, Public Works Staff, reviewed with the Board that 83 action items were proposed in 1994 of which 64 were completed. Mr. Medved announced that an annual report for the Department will be published in March.

Mr. Medved reviewed the Adopt-A-Road program which has been proposed and is expected to be implemented early in the year. Mr. Medved indicated that Frances Ambrose of the Public Works Department Staff will be the contact person/administrator for this program.

Mr. Medved advised that an employee recognition program for the department will be implemented, noting that County employees do many good things for the community and need constant and on-going recognition.

Mr. Medved briefly described the Department's plans for increasing the level of public communication and involvement, including the development of a newsletter for broad distribution. A brief discussion ensued on the communication problems inherent with road projects. Mr. Medved advised that community communications will be beefed up in 1995. Commissioner Wolden stressed the Board's sincere interest in the improvement of customer service.

4. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Medved reminded the Board of the Solid Waste Legislative Conference to be held this Friday in Tumwater. Several Public Works Department Staff will be attending and it was indicated that

Commissioners Anderson and Wolden would also attend.

- B. Mr. Medved shared some positive letters with the Board concerning the performance of various personnel in the Department.

DISCUSSION - COMPLETION OF RESTITUTION PILOT PROGRAM.

Lyle Poolman, Director of Juvenile Probation, gave a brief history of this restitution pilot program. Mr. Poolman reported that approximately \$100,000 was owing from 60-70 individuals who either turned 18 or were going off of supervision without paying the pertinent court costs and detention fees. In April of 1994, it was agreed that something needed to be done to collect these delinquent monies and the Board adopted a pilot program in concert with Juvenile Probation and the Treasurer's Office to collect the fees.

Mr. Poolman advised that approximately \$12,000 has been collected and 40 individuals are now making monthly payments. "Show Cause" hearings have been held for those who have not responded, and several judgments have been entered. Mr. Poolman indicated that amounts less than \$200 are not pursued as it would not be cost effective.

Mr. Poolman advised that he made this same presentation to the Superior Court Judges and the judges indicated that the project has been successful. Mr. Poolman asked the Board for further approval to keep this program ongoing as standard operating procedure. At the Board's query, Mr. Poolman briefly reviewed the specifics of obtaining a judgment.

Commissioner Anderson questioned Mr. Poolman on the amount of staff time involved. Mr. Poolman responded that a majority of the work is being done through the Treasurer's Office, and that this is not a losing proposition. Mr. Poolman stated that it is difficult to put a dollar figure on the successful outcome of these cases. Mr. Poolman thanked the Treasurer's Office staff for their continued support.

Commissioner Wolden moved to continue the restitution program as described by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SIGNATURE - TREASURER'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WRITE-OFF.

Judy Menish, County Treasurer, presented to the Board a list of uncollectible personal property taxes. Clyde Williams, Treasurer's Office Staff, reviewed the specific list of write-off amounts.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Treasurer's Personal Property Tax Write-Off list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and passed unanimously. (Resolution #15612)

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, January 3, 1995. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

• Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, December 27, 1994.

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2. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, December 28, 1994.

* **Treasurer:**

3. Resolution designating qualified public depositories for public funds held. (Resolution #15614)

* **Health:**

4. Support Group Facilitator Contract with Skagit Mental Health for Tuesday evenings in 1995 at the rate of \$40 per month. (Contract #02268)

5. Guest Speaker contract with Larry David for presentations on personal perspectives on HIV/AIDS at the rate of \$25 per presentation during 1995. (Contract #02269)

* **Human Services:**

6. Contract Amendment with the Department of Social and Health Services adding approximately \$10,000 for community drug and alcohol treatment services, with federal funds provided for Pregnant Women's Treatment specifically. (Contract #01668)

* **Parks, Recreation & Fair:**

7. Private Roadway and Utility Crossing Easement over the Cascade Trail for permittees William and Evelyn Hoyle. (Deed #0394)

* **Sheriff's Office:**

8. Out-of-State Travel Request for Ken Tiscornia to Orange County, California, for the period December 27, 1994 through December 31, 1994 for the transfer of inmate/evidence for an unspecified dollar amount.

* **Assigned Counsel:**

9. Personal Services Agreement with John Murphy to provide professional legal services for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 for fees as listed on Exhibit "B." (Contract #02269)

10. Personal Services Agreement with Stephen C. Schutt to provide professional legal services for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 for fees as listed on Exhibit "B." (Contract #02270)

11. Personal Services Agreement with Kristjan P. Ochs to provide professional legal services for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 for fees as listed on Exhibit "B." (Contract #02271)

• **Public Works:**

12. Final Record Book for Farm-to-Market Guardrail, et al., C.R.P. 3101-1.

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, January 3, 1995, 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 PW9400010436 through PW9400010726 and 137545 through 138343 and payroll warrants numbered 56528 through 57370 in the total amount of \$1,068,304.82 (Transmittal #P-26-94);

Voucher numbers P1-18001 through P1-180032, P1-181001 through P1-181004, and P1-18200 through P1-182002 (warrant numbers 124142 through 124177) in the total amount of \$888,588.22 (Transmittal #C65-94); and

Voucher numbers 4016158 through 4016633, 4001-55 through 4001-60, 4007-204 through 4007-215, 4010-790 through 4010-815, 4014-280 through 4014-299, 4017-213 through 4017-221, 4019-250 through 4019-269, 4020-143 through 4020-151, 4101-355 through 4101-393, and 4114-238 through 4114-289 (warrant numbers 124178 through 124739) in the total amount of \$1,326,444.71 (Transmittal #C66-94).

2. Staff presented Call for Bids for the Skagit County Juvenile Detention Facility Alteration, with the bid opening scheduled for January 31, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15613)

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Robert Hart, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

 1-9-95

Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners