

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

Monday, July 10, 1995:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Work Session - Miscellaneous Financial Matters.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director.

- 1) Introduction of New Staff.
- 2) Public Hearing - Proposed Revisions to SCC 12.16 pertaining to Construction/Demolition/Land Clearing (CDL) and Similar Solid Waste Sites.
- 3) Teen Help-Line Card.
- 4) Urgent Needs Projects - Final Report.
- 5) Customer Service Update.
- 6) Peer Education Training.
- 7) Miscellaneous.

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

Public Works - Jan Keiser, Director.

- 1) Public Hearing - Consideration of Speed Limit Reduction on Portions of South Skagit Highway.
- 2) Discussion - Avon Allen Road Improvement Project State Route 20 to Peterson Road.
- 3) Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request.
- 4) Signature - Amendment No. 2 - Jobs for the Environment Grant.
- 5) Signature - Amendment No. 1 - Lorentzen Creek Fish Passage Agreement - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 6) Signature - Supplement No. 4 Skagit County Drainage Study Contract Montgomery Watson Consulting Engineers.
- 7) Miscellaneous.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Discussion - Assessors' Office Staffing.

**CONSENT AGENDA.
MISCELLANEOUS.**

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

Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Open Space Application No. OSP-94-004 of Valerie Tarico located on the North Shore of Sinclair Island.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Timber Open Space Applications No. OST-95-002 and No. OST-95-003 of the Cady Family Partnership for Property Located on the Northeast side of Guemes Island.

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, July 10, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - Pat Pearce, Director.

1. Introduction of New Staff.

Introductions of new staff were made to the Board as follows; Rory Rochelle, HIV/AIDS Health Educator, Kim Perkins, Western Washington University student working as intern in Oral Health Program, Tina Silva, Western Washington University student who is the most recent Vista worker, and Tonya Thompson, a Senior at the University of Washington in the Environmental Health field.

2. Public Hearing - Proposed Revisions to SCC 12.16 pertaining to Construction/Demolition/Land Clearing (CDL) and Similar Solid Waste Sites.

Britt Pfaff, Department of Health Staff, reviewed the solid waste code, mentioning that the current code could hinder the recycling efforts of the County. Ms. Pfaff stated the proposed changes to the code would effect only new sites, not existing sites. Ms. Pfaff mentioned that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Health Department recommends the changes.

Chairman Hart opened the Public Hearing.

John Schmidt, Sedro Woolley, stated there is a lack of documentation as to where material goes. Mr. Schmidt also commented that the installation of a liner and the probable increase in dumping fees could cause many to dump illegally and ultimately losing control of the situation. Mr. Schmidt stated his support to expand the opportunity to recycle.

Dan Peth, Edison, stated his concern in regard to the changes as written, in regard to future landclearing, especially if burning is banned. Mr. Peth referred to the first paragraph of Code 12.16.116, and suggested changing the language of "aggressively" recycling and questioned who would determine what is and is not recyclable. Mr. Peth stated that this well intended ordinance is unspecific and could cause future problems.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee member, Len Johnson, encouraged the Board to accept the solid waste code changes, as presented, stating that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has spent a considerable amount of time looking at this issue. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is concerned with receiving waste from other areas prior to a system being in place to monitor such waste. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he felt the language in the proposed code change allows for necessary leniency.

Ken Willis, Health Department Staff, addressed Mr. Peth's concerns stating that resolving every issue in a regulation is not possible. Mr. Willis mentioned his desire to work with Mr. Peth on this issue.

Chairman Hart stated that additional staff would not be hired to enforce this ordinance.

There being no further public testimony, Commissioner Wolden closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wolden suggested making some grammatical and language changes to the proposed revision.

Commissioner Anderson expressed his understanding of the Health Department's concern to change the policies in consideration of the recycling issue. Commissioner Anderson mentioned his deep concern with illegal dumps on state, federal and private lands and the necessity to resolve this problem and stated his aversion to putting a regulation in place that is not absolutely specific. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that he would not support or endorse the document as presented.

Commissioner Wolden suggested continuing work sessions in this regard.

A discussion ensued.

The Board concurred to defer action on this matter until further discussions have taken place to address concerns in more detail.

3. Teen Help-Line Card.

Heather Parker, Health Department Staff, presented an update in regard to the Teen Help-Line Wallet Card. Ms. Parker stated that this card deals with comprehensive teen health.

4. Urgent Needs Projects - Final Report.

Staff presented an update of the alcohol/tobacco program and mentioned that grant money has been received to pursue two projects.

Tom Weidekamp, Health Department Staff, stated that the Best SELF program has allowed the Health Department to discuss dangers and costs of tobacco use during class.

Staff also presented an update on injury prevention outreach and Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

5. Customer Service Update.

Stephanie Sharp, Public Health Nurse, presented a customer service update and Staff presented an update on the food and beverage hours.

6. Peer Education Training.

Rory Rochelle, presented an update on the HIV/AIDS Youth Peer Education Program. Mr. Rochelle reviewed the plan to select students from each high school to act as facilitator, stating that peer education works well.

7. Miscellaneous.

Pat Pearce, Director, discussed the roles of the Health Department and the Network.

PUBLIC WORKS - Jan Keiser, Director.

1. Public Hearing - Consideration of Speed Limit Revision on Portions of South Skagit Highway.

Steve Blair, reported to the Board that Public Works has worked with the residents of this portion of South Skagit Highway in this regard. Mr. Blair stated that the recommendation is to increase the speed limit to 50 miles per hour from State Route 9 to Milepost 0.80 and Mile Post 0.80 to Mile Post 2.10.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

Chairman Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Pat Freeman, South Skagit Highway, stated that the lines and signs have been installed, however, the passing and speeding problem has not been eliminated. Ms. Freeman mentioned double fines and enforcement is essential.

Ron Bryson, Sedro Woolley, originator of the petition to reinstate the speed limit to 50 miles per hour, stated that the County has installed the safety measures as promised, however, as the representative of the petitioners, he is still in favor of the increased speed limit.

Darrell Gadbois, 2257 South Skagit Highway mentioned his appreciation of the safeguards being put in place, however, stressed the importance of enforcement in order to eliminate the problems.

Chuck McIntyre, 1099 Warfield Road, Sedro Woolley, stated his support of increasing the speed limit and suggested educating people by increasing their awareness of the hazardous speed of vehicles in the area.

Mr. Gadbois spoke in favor of educating violators by fining and suspension of licenses.

Ms. Freeman stated that individuals should abide by the laws that are in place.

Jim Corkhill, 2253 South Skagit Highway, stated that enforcement is necessary no matter what the speed limit.

Brad Warfield, 3034 South Skagit Highway, stated that 50 miles per hour limit is acceptable.

Mr. Corkhill stated that passing is occurring when vehicles are turning into driveways.

There being no further public testimony, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to increase the speed limit on portions of South Skagit Highway, as presented to 50 miles per hour, with the stipulation that Public Works should contact Sheriff Ed Goodman in regard to requesting enforcement emphasis in that area and to research the issue of imposing high fines for violators. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Discussion - Avon Allen Road Improvement Project State Route 20 to Peterson Road.

Ed Hawes, Public Works Staff, presented an anticipated plan in regard to soliciting public comment on the Avon Allen road project.

Mr. Hawes mentioned that meetings have been set up to determine scope and cost. Mr. Hawes reported that the Drainage District No. 19, Dike District No. 12, Army Corp of Engineers and the news media will be contacted. Mr. Hawes stated that Public Works will return to the Board with preliminary cost estimates and the scope of the project.

3. Signature - Out-Of-State Travel Request.

Marcia Jaeger, Public Works Controller, briefly reviewed the Out-Of-State Travel Requests from herself, Peni Ramsey and Karen Robinson to attend the 17th Government and Education Systems Users Group and Post Symposium Training in Reston, Virginia. Ms. Jaeger mentioned that this seminar provides training for the LGFS software.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the travel requests, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Signature - Amendment No. 2 - Jobs for the Environment.

Dave Brookings, presented an amendment for the Jobs for the Environment Grant No. J/E - 94-09, stating that this will allow Surface Water Management staff adequate time to consolidate the contract invoices for grant reimbursement by extending the grant termination date until December 1, 1995.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract # _____).

5. Signature - Amendment No. 1 - Lorentzen Creek Fish Passage Agreement - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Staff, presented an amendment in regard to the fish passage project on Lorentzen Creek, extending the termination date to December 31, 1997. Mr. Brookings mentioned that due to the complexity of this project, the Department of Fisheries took care of design and project implementation, but stated that the Department of Fisheries ran into a great deal of resistance with property owners and now have to go back through the environmental process and redesign, thus requiring this extension. Mr. Brookings recommended authorizing and signing, however, suggested that Public Works may be able to complete a project of this magnitude in the future, as they become more proficient in these areas.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the amendment, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #01988).

6. Signature - Supplement No. 4 Skagit County Drainage Study Contract Montgomery Watson Consulting Engineers.

Mr. Brookings presented a Supplement to the Board a contract with Montgomery Watson, stating that this requires no additional funding, only extending the contract date to December 31, 1995. Mr. Brookings stated that project delays precipitated this extension. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the supplement, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #01393).

7. Miscellaneous.

1. Jan Keiser, Public Works, discussed contracts involving a change order. Ms. Keiser requested that if these change orders did not involve a change in funds, that Public Works that Public Works would put on the Consent Agenda rather than take up time during regular sessions. The Board concurred.

2. Ms. Keiser reported that there was a fire on June 27, 1995, on Guemes Island, which involved ferry trip costs in the amount of \$382.75 for transporting firefighters. Ms. Keiser requested for consideration of waiving these costs, as is done with medical emergencies. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to waive the costs. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Keiser mentioned that a Public Works employee, Frank Ensley, has a serious illness. Ms. Keiser requested a Resolution be signed to allow the donation of sick leave to Mr. Ensley, as his own sick leave has been exhausted. Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, reviewed the specifics as outlined in the Resolution. A discussion ensued in regard to whether there might be assistance available through other agencies. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Resolution #15817.
4. Staff mentioned to the Board that the public forums in regard to the Six-Year TIP have been well attended.
5. A discussion was held in regard to cost estimates for installation of a noise barrier at the request of a property owner in the vicinity of Best and Chilberg Roads. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

DISCUSSION - ASSESSORS' OFFICE STAFFING.

Mark Leander, Assessor, reviewed the staffing insufficiency in his department, in relation to the workload, which has lead to uncompleted projects. Mr. Leander discussed the possibility of combining accounts, which would eliminate the labor impact for the Assessors Office and the Treasurers Office.

Chairman Hart reviewed trying to database together with Treasurer, Auditor, Permit, and Assessors office.

Wes Hagen, Deputy Assessor, stated his concern in not spending any more than necessary. Mr. Hagen mentioned that they are running into various problems that could be eliminated by increased manpower.

A discussion ensued in regard to various options available, such as increasing current staff hours to 40 hours per week and adding entry level positions to replace retirements.

Mr. Leander stated he would continue communications with Mike and Bob in this regard and return to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #1 and #3 through #7, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, July 3, 1995.

- * Parks:

2. Amendment to Interagency Committee Agreement for the Centennial Trail Highway 9, to extend the project period from June 30, 1995, to June 30, 1996, to complete the project. (Contract Omitted).
3. Amendment to Interagency Committee Agreement for the Burlington-Edison Park, Phase 2, to extend the project period from June 30, 1995, to June 30, 1996, to complete the project. (Contract #02016).

4. Instructional Services Contract with Brenda Lomsdalen to teach Youth Tennis Lessons from June 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, at the compensation rate of 90% after department expenses (of \$3.00 per person). (Contract #02508).

* Permit Department:

5. Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of the Skagit County Code Relating to Adding Reference to the 1994 Editions of the Uniform Building and Related Codes. (Ordinance #15818).

* Planning Department:

6. Ordinance Amending Section 14.28 of the Skagit County Code Skagit County Shoreline Management Master Program Addressing Hydropower. Ordinance #15819.
7. Addendum #4 to Extend the Consultant Services Agreement to Contract #001752; Amend the Scope of Work and Compensation Necessary to Update the Mapping and Computer Database Products. Compensation is amended to allow for services to edit and reproduce revised maps and digital products. The maximum consideration for the revisions to products and services described in this amendment shall not exceed \$5,281.93. (Contract #01752).

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, July 10, 1995, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers P1-201033 through P1-201034, #5006236 through #5006524, #5007-271, #5007-277, #5007-279 through #5007-281, #5007-283, #5007-285, #5007-287 through #5007-289, #5010-337 and #5010-369 in the total amount of \$1,493,116.60. (Warrants #133644 through #134186). (Transmittal #C27-95).

Voucher numbers #MW134188-17 through MW134188-17 and Warrant #MW134188-17 in the total amount of \$2,160.00. (Transmittal #C-29-95).

2. Out of state travel request for Alicia Huschka and Jane Smallman to attend the 17th Governmental and Education Systems User's Group and Post Symposium Training.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the travel request. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Open Space Application No. OSP-94-004 of Valerie Tarico located on the North Shore of Sinclair Island.

Grace Roeder, Planning Department Staff, presented a map to the Board illustrating the area in question. Ms. Roeder mentioned that the Planning Department and the Hearing Examiner recommend approval of this application.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of the Open Space Application of Valerie Tarico. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Resolution #15820).

Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Timber Open Space Applications No. OST-95-002 and No. OST-95-003 of the Cady Family Partnership for Property Located on the Northeast side of Guemes Island.

The Board reviewed the Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Timber Open Space Applications for the Cady Family Partnership. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Resolution #15821).

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Robert Hart, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Commissioners