

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

**Monday, September 25, 1995**

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.                    Employee Recognition: Ellen Hall, Assessor's Office, Commendations on Retirement, September 30, 1995.
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.                Review of Cooperative Extension Agriculture Program.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.              Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.
- 1)        Discussion - Update on Joint Recycling Program Contract Amendment.
  - 2)        Discussion - Resource Recovery Facility Mothball Costs.
  - 3)        Signature - Resolution Awarding Bid for Purchase of Two New 3-Axle Pony Trailers.
  - 4)        Signature - Sterling Road - Railway Crossing Signalization RRP No. 6421-1:
    - A.        Washington Utilities & Transportation Commissioner Petitions.
    - B.        Railway Agreements - Burlington Northern.
    - C.        Local Agency Agreements - Supplement No. 1.
    - D.        Resolution Revision No. 1 to County Road/Railway Project RRP No. 6421-1 and Cost Estimates.
- 11:00 a.m. - Noon.                    Work Session - Presentation of Innovation Group's Program.
- CONSENT AGENDA.**
- MISCELLANEOUS.**
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: ELLEN HALL, ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, COMMENDATION ON RETIREMENT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.**

Chairman Hart presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ellen Hall, of the Assessor's Office, in recognition of her retirement. Ms. Hall mentioned that she began working for the County in December of 1978 and joined the Union in 1981. The Board commended Ms. Hall on her many years of service.

**REVIEW OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.**

Cooperative Extension Staff presented an update to the Board and reviewed the goals of the agriculture program.

Staff mentioned that an emphasis on strengthening the partnership between environmentalists and agriculturists has been attempted and also to increase the understanding of the public as to the importance of agriculture.

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A brief discussion ensued in regard to developing a marketing strategy to increase the profile of the extension department, reviewed the Water Quality program and reported on the tremendous success of the tractor safety workshop.

A discussion ensued in regard to agriculture statistics and it was mentioned that the statistics are slowly being compiled and brought up-to-date.

Woody Bernard, Cooperative Extension Staff, reviewed the water quality program potential within the State of Washington. Mr. Bernard requested concurrence from the Board to support an additional person as an indication to Washington State University that there is support available from Skagit County in this regard.

Commissioner Wolden mentioned that there is funding available that could possibly support this request and a discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.**

**1. Discussion - Update on Joint Recycling Program Contract Amendment.**

Jeff Hegedus, Public Works Staff, presented the Joint Recycling Program (JRP) Proposed Amendment. Mr. Hegedus summarized the proposed contract, stating that this amendment would replace per ton payments by each City with a fixed monthly fee, resulting in over \$30,000 annually in savings. Mr. Hegedus stated that this would eliminate existing annual consumer Price Index increases and would allow both Cities and County to share in contractor profits from increases in the prices of recycled materials, resulting in approximately \$92,000 of savings annually. Mr. Hegedus mentioned that adding colored #2 plastics, scrap iron, small business and yard waste to the program at no extra cost to the Cities would be included in this proposal. Mr. Hegedus also stated that the contract would be extended an additional 3 years. Mr. Hegedus reported that these proposals represent an approximate 22 percent savings over the existing contract.

Mr. Hegedus presented scenarios of Sedro Woolley, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Anacortes in regard to the proposed amendment and reviewed the reasons that the Joint Recycling Program Committee tabled the proposal on September 7, 1995. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

**2. Discussion - Resource Recovery Facility Mothball Costs.**

Jan Keiser, Director, stated that this item would be brought back next week, pending further information.

**3. Signature - Resolution Awarding Bid for Purchase of Two New 3-Axle Pony Trailers.**

Charlie Sisson, Public Works Staff, recommended that the bid award be given to Sturdy-Weld Equipment and Design Co., Inc. at the bid price of \$53,764.58 for the two 3-axle pony trailers. Mr. Sisson mentioned that the engineer's estimated price was \$50,000 and that \$60,000 was budgeted for the two pony trailers. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the bid award as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #15895).**

4. Signature - Sterling Road - Railway Crossing Signalization RRP No. 6421-1:

Steve Blair, Public Works Staff, presented the Agreements and Resolution in regard to the Railway Crossing Signalization. Mr. Blair stated that signature on these items would begin the funding process. Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15896).

Miscellaneous.

1. Charlie Sisson, reported that the County surplus auction which was held on Friday, September 22, 1995, brought in \$92,639. Mr. Sisson informed the Board of a problem with a tractor mower, which was listed as a 1987 and was actually a 1980. The Board concurred that the bidder could retract his bid and suggested that the County retain the equipment.

A discussion ensued in regard to the bid received on one of the CAT track loaders just under the bid ceiling. The Board suggested retaining this piece of equipment or consider consigning the loader to NC Machinery for \$40,000. Ms. Keiser suggested that Mr. Sisson contact the Treasurer of the correct procedure in this regard.

2. Ms. Keiser mentioned that she and Robin LaRue met with Puget Power recently in regard to the payment due as outlined in the original contract in regard to the incinerator. Ms. Keiser reviewed the contract as it was originally developed explaining how Puget Power calculated the payment. Ms. Keiser reviewed the options, as follows: repay Puget Power now, repay later at 11.6%, repay over time, trade for something of value, refuse to pay, start up a qualifying facility or retain someone else with a qualifying facility to continue this project. A discussion ensued. Ms. Keiser stated that the collection of information in this regard would continue.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

\* Public Works:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, September 18, 1995.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, September 19, 1995.
3. Resolution Reorganizing Drainage District No. 15 into a Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District. (Resolution #15897).

\* Public Works:

4. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Vacation of Unused Right-Of-Way Along the Chilberg Road #4220 (Public Hearing: Monday, October 16, 1995 at 10:00 a.m.). (Resolution #15898).
5. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Road Name Change for a Portion of Best Road #4401 to be Changed to Chilberg Road #4220 (Public Hearing: Monday, October 16, 1995). (Resolution #15899).

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6. Resolution re: Modifications of Custodians for the Imprest Cash Fund for County Road Fund #117. (Resolution #15900).
7. Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program Agreement for Skagit Men's Garden Club, adopting a portion of Avon-Allen Road between Bennett Road and Highway 20. (Contract #02619).
8. Resolution - Removal of Equipment from Surplus Property and Establishing a Minimum Bid for Surplus Property. (Resolution #15901).

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Resolution Calling for Public Meeting Re:" Consolidation of Hospital District No., 1 and Hospital District No. 304 to be held on Monday, October 9, 1995, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at Skagit County Hearing Room "B". (Resolution #15902).
2. Personal Services Agreement with Cascade Communications Consultants, for the term of September 26, 1995 until terminated, not to exceed \$300, to provide Interpersonal Communications workshop for the Planning Department. (Contract #02620).
3. Agreement for Medic 1 Services with the Skagit Emergency Medical Services Council to coordinate certain emergency medical care and transportation services. (Contract #02621).
4. Interagency Agreement with the Department of Revenue to implement property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons retired because of physical disability. This agreement will facilitate the distribution of this appropriation to the County for its implementation of Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5001.
5. Vouches audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as requested by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

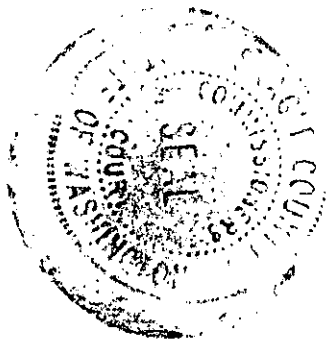
As of this date, September 25, 1995, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #5009230 through #5009719, #5001-85 through #5001-91, #5007-384 through #5007-407, #5010-700 through #5010-704, #5010-713, #5010-715, #5010-719 through #5010-723, #5010-725 through #5010-728, #5014-480 through #5014-507, #5014-507, #5017-315 through #5017-319 in the amount of \$1,173,197.98 and Warrants #137945 through #138545. (Transmittal #C41-95).

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



  
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Robert Hart, Chairman

  
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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Debby Sims, Clerk  
Skagit County Commissioners