

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 20, 1995

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- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Establishment of Solid Waste Tipping Fee for 1996 through 1998.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Kaiser, Director.
1) Signature - Resolution of Adoption of 1996 Annual Road Program.
2) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Facilities Projects Update.
- 11:30 a.m. - Noon. Parks Projects Update.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director.
1) Discussion - Compliance with Growth Management Hearing Board's Order Case No. 95-2-0065, Interim Urban Growth Areas.
2) Discussion - Procedural Amendment Skagit County Code 14.12 Subdivision Ordinance.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 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 20, 1995, with Commissioner Robert Hart and Commissioner Harvey Wolden. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE FOR 1996 THROUGH 1998.

Chairman Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Robin LaRue, Assistant Director/Solid Waste Division Manager, briefly reviewed the events proceeding this Public Hearing. Mr. LaRue reviewed the highlights summarized in the Revenue Requirements of the completed Solid Waste Rate Study. Mr. LaRue also reviewed the summary of proposed rate adjustments and reviewed the summary of Solid Waste Rate Options, which included three different options, as follows; 1) full revenue requirements, 2) full revenue requirements less Butler Lagoon, and 3) full revenue requirements less Butler Lagoon and Working Capital Reserve.

Chairman Hart reviewed the proposed rates and a discussion ensued in this regard.

Tim Crosby, 942 Jennings, Sedro Woolley, requested that the area of Newhalem (City Light) have some relief to this proposed rate.

A discussion ensued in regard to tonnage from this area and Chairman Hart suggested that the tonnage numbers should be reviewed.

Helen Day, 122 N. 4th Street, Mount Vernon, pointed out the impact that City Light and Puget Power have had on Skagit County and suggested that recycling efforts should be increased as County growth takes place. Ms. Day also requested that spraying of chemicals on street perimeters should be eliminated.

Eleanor Powers, 317 E. Lawrence, Mount Vernon, read a letter written by Ms. Day into the record, as Ms. Day was experiencing an eyesight problem, encouraging the Board to emphasize recycling.

Marjorie Westman, Burlington, stressed the need to emphasize recycling and educate people to produce less garbage to ensure a safe planet for our future generations.

Chairman Hart clarified that the establishment of the tipping fees has not decreased the Cities or County emphasis on recycling efforts.

Ray Reep, Mayor of Mount Vernon, agreed that we do need to be more concerned in regard to recycling. Mr. Reep also reviewed the Puget Power situation, pointing out that Puget Power has shown tremendous previous generosity to the County. Chairman Hart concurred and reported that the contract with Puget Power is currently being negotiated.

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

Chairman Hart proposed to set the solid waste rates at \$100 for the Commercial Exempt, \$103.15 plus tax (\$106.15) per ton for the Commercial Regular, and the Out of County rate to be increased at the same dollar amount as the non-urban rate, beginning on January 1, 1996, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Hart reiterated that this in no way curtails recycling production or efforts.

It passed unanimously.

Mr. Reep commended the work the County has done on this project and thanked the Board for their consideration and fairness shown to the Cities and everyone involved in this issue.

Mr. LaRue will be provide a Resolution at a later date in this regard.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.

1. **Signature - Resolution of Adoption of 1996 Annual Road Program.**

Dave Sheridan, Public Works Engineering Division Manager, presented the Resolution regarding the Adoption of the 1996 Annual Road Program. A discussion ensued in regard to equipment purchases, specifically, the Regenerative Sweeper which was listed for \$100,000 on the 1996 expense budget worksheet. Discussion continued in regard to the validity of purchasing 4-wheel drive vehicles. Mr. Sheridan reviewed the projects included in the 1996 Annual Program for County Roads.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #15952).**

2. Miscellaneous.

Mr. LaRue presented a Resolution previously discussed during the Public Hearing in regard to Solid Waste Rates and reviewed the Resolution in this regard. The Board signed the previously approved resolution in this regard. (Resolution #15953).

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

Mental Health Facility -

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, introduced Jere LaFollette, Skagit Mental Health Director, who reviewed the condition of the building which the Mental Health clinic leases from the County. Mr. LaFollette mentioned that it had been brought to his attention that a handrail is needed at this facility to assist in handicap access. Mr. LaFollette stated that the cost of this project appears to be approximately \$2,900.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

Mr. Howard stated that after discussion with Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, this project is recommended in regard to the ADA requirement issue.

Chairman Hart made a motion to authorize proceeding with the project, as presented today. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jail Roof -

Mr. Howard stated that in regard to the Jail Roof, they will be ready to call for bids for this project on November 27, 1995, with a bid opening for December 18, 1995. A discussion ensued in regard to this project.

First Floor Administration Building -

Mr. Howard stated that the First Floor Administration Building Remodel project is scheduled to be completed the first of the month. Mr. Howard mentioned that the following weekend will include moving personnel. Mr. Howard reviewed some of the tasks involved in accomplishing the move.

Courthouse Foundation System Upgrade -

Mr. Howard stated that a meeting has been arranged with John Griffin, structural engineer, in regard to the courthouse foundation system upgrade. Mr. Howard will provide a report of this meeting to the Board at a later date.

Custodial Service Proposals -

Mr. Howard reported that in regard to the custodial service proposals, the deadline has passed and they received 7 proposals, 4 from local companies. The proposals ranged from \$130,000 per year to 330,000 per year and have not been reviewed as of this date. Mr. Howard stated that a report will be presented to Board at a later date. A brief discussion ensued in regard to do security checks, bonding, etc. Mr. Howard affirmed that this is included in the proposal, including background checks on all employees.

Guemes Ferry Parking Lot/Port of Anacortes -

Mr. Howard informed the Board that a meeting was held with Dave Baltz, Public Works Staff, and Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, recently to discuss the possibility of using the property for parking.

Juvenile Probation Remodel Project -

Mr. Howard reported that the Juvenile Detention project is completed, although final payment has not been made pending the punch list completion.

Grant for Facility for Multi-Agency Center -

Mr. Howard stated that he was approached by Paul Schissler, Grant Writer, in regard to construction costs of a Community Resource Building, to assist Mr. Schissler in the grant application.

Superior Courtroom Improvements -

Mr. Howard stated that Bob Taylor requested that Mr. Howard work with Judge Stan Bruhn in an attempt to solve the noise problem in the Courthouse. Mr. Howard reported that Ross Baily, Facilities, has found some equipment to reduce this noise and will proceed with this project.

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, reviewed with the Board the Fair Facility 6 Year Master Plan estimates. Mr. Aarstad briefed the Board on specific items on this plan, including asphalt/parking replacement, arena improvements, transportable bleacher repair, caretaker's trailer repair alternatives, roof replacement, expansion and remodel of goat/poultry building, horse barns and sheep barn electrical system improvements, south lot lighting improvements, and resurface the wash rack. The Board indicated their concern for the replacement or remodel of the caretaker's trailer. Mr. Aarstad indicated that he would check into what is proposed for this trailer. The relocation of the trailer was also discussed.

Mr. Aarstad then briefly reviewed the status of the Pressentin Park project. He advised that a grant request will be forthcoming next week to the Board for signature. Planning Department Staff has advised that a Special Use Permit will be required for this project.

Regarding Howard Miller Steelhead Park, a public meeting will be forthcoming, and Mr. Aarstad further advised that no grant proposal is forthcoming in this regard.

Chairman Hart asked about the progress being made on the shooting range. Mr. Aarstad updated the Board on the progress being made in this regard. Interviews will be held today for consultants to prepare for a limited EIS on the shooting range site.

CONSENT AGENDA.

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

* Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, November 8, 1995.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, November 13, 1995.
3. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, November 15, 1995.
4. Resolution Establishing Salary and Benefit Levels for Skagit County Elected Officials, whereas the salaries of Skagit County elected officials, with the exception of District and Superior Court Judges shall be increased by 2.56%. (Resolution #15954).

5. Letter of Understanding with Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific which puts into effect a Union/Management committee, consisting of representatives of the Union, Bob Taylor, Stephanie Wood and the department director to foster a more open communication between management and employees, resulting in fewer grievances and ultimately in better service to the public. (Contract #02214).
- * Clerk:
 6. Appointment of Linda K. Wren of Burlington, as Deputy County Clerk.
- * Prosecuting Attorney:
 7. Memorandum of Understanding with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for the 1995-1996 Community Contribution from the Swinomish Casino to the County for the Prosecutor's Office, to provide assistance to non-tribal law enforcement and other government services that are affected by the Casino. The Grantee has received a tentative allocation of \$5,000 for the Grant period of July 15, 1995, through July 14, 1996, paid in the amount of \$1,250 per quarter. (Contract #02681).
- * Senior Services:
 8. Lease Agreement with Skagit Farmers Supply through Senior Services for the lease of the propane tank at the Concrete Senior Center in the amount of \$51 for the period of one year. (Contract #02682).
- * Health:
 9. Personal Services Agreement with Kathleen DeCatur for the period of October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996, to develop, coordinate and implement activities associated with child find in individual communities, public relations in this regard, develop data, participate in community networks, and maintain records. The compensation rate will be \$16 per hour, not to exceed \$14,976 for the duration of the contract. (Contract #02683).
- * Parks:
 10. School Facility Rental Application and Agreement with Mount Vernon School District for 17 days beginning November 9, 1995, for athletics with rental charges in the amount of \$50 per day. (Contract #02684).
- * Public Works:
 11. Resolution Waiving Solid Waste Disposal Fees for Disposal of Household Debris from the November 8-10, 1995., Flood, which waives the tipping fee for flood damaged/destroyed material delivered to the Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station. This waiver is only for household goods which were damaged/destroyed during the November 8-10, 1995, flood and will be in effect from November 14th through November 30, 1995. Resolution #15955).

MISCELLANEOUS.

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 available to the Board.

As of this date, November 20, 1995, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #5020-222, #5020-224 through #5020-229, #5114-1143 through #5114-1162, #5114-1168, #PW5-2656 through #PW5-2772, #5011402 through #5012070, #5012170 through #5012208 and Warrants #14912 through #141596, in the total amount of \$983,129.26 (Transmittal # C-48-95).

Warrant #MW140911-22 in the amount of \$1,209. (Transmittal #C-47-95).

Vouchers #PDRAWNO08939 through PDRAWNO09126 and Warrants #68674 through #68861 in the total of \$76,008.59. (Transmittal #C-24-95).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. Discussion - Compliance with Growth Management Hearing Board's Order Case No. 95-2-0065, Interim Urban Growth Areas.

Dave Hough, Planning Director, reviewed the ruling of the Growth Hearing Board's decision to rollback the interim urban growth boundaries to the city limits and the indicated that the Board ruled that the 30 days expires November 30th. Mr. Hough presented an Ordinance prepared for consideration by the Board and recommended that the effective date be November 30, 1995, to comply with the 30 day ruling.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

Chairman Hart mentioned that we are under mandate to address this issue and that this Resolution does comply.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Ordinance, as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Ordinance #15957).

2. Discussion - Procedural Amendment to Skagit County Code 14.12 Subdivision Ordinance.

Mr. Hough stated that change in the subdivision statute by the legislature this year precipitates this procedural amendment.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Ordinance #15958).

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Hough presented a Resolution in regard to Friends of Barrel Springs Road. The Board signed the previously approved Resolution. (Resolution #15956).

- Oscar Graham, Planning Staff, stated that another matter before the Growth Hearings Board, is the protection of resource lands and critical areas. Mr. Graham reviewed a previous Resolution that included a target date of November 22, 1995, stating that it is apparent now that the target date will not be met and encouraged the County to inform the Growth Hearings Board in this regard. Mr. Graham asked for the direction of the Board in preparing this letter in order to move forward with this project.

The Board concurred to proceed with the preparation of a letter in this regard.

A discussion ensued in regard to the Growth Management Plan anticipated completion date.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session for approximately one hour to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert Hart, Chairman


Harvey Wolden, Commissioner


Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST.


Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners