

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, July 8, 1996**

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director.
1) Discussion - Peer Education Retreat.
- T 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.
1) Discussion - Sauk Prairie Road Bank Stabilization Project.
2) Divisional Projects/Programs Updates:
a) Surface Water Management Division.
b) Engineering Division.
c) Solid Waste Division.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.
1) Signature - Prospectus for Supplemental Rural Arterial Program Funding:
a) Reservation Road Reconstruction.
b) Little Mountain Road 2R/3R (New).
c) Concrete-Sauk Valley Road 2R/3R (New).
d) Lake Samish Road 2R/3R (New).
e) Alger Cain Lake Road 2R/3R (New).
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Senior Services - Tim Holloran, Director.
1) Discussion - Heating System at Mount Vernon Senior Center.
- CONSENT AGENDA.**
- MISCELLANEOUS.**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Work Session - 1997 Budget.
- T 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Parks, Recreation & Fair - Jon Aarstad, Director.
1) Update - Skagit County Annual Fair.
2) Update - Dreamfield.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - Pat Pearce, Director.

1. **Discussion - Peer Education Retreat.**

Rory Rochelle, Health Department - RN, reported that last year's pilot program of the Peer Education Retreat was very successful. Mr. Rochelle continued to update the Board on this year's activities and goals. Mr. Rochelle reported that the primary funding will be from the Mount Vernon Kiwanis, who has offered \$5,000 in sponsorship fees.

Mr. Rochelle stated that there is emphasis in this program on the prevention of teen pregnancy, infectious diseases, gang intervention and healthy relationships, targeting 8th grade through high school age students.

Mr. Rochelle asked the Board for approval to continue with the second annual retreat. A discussion ensued in regard to the funding from the Health Department that is available. The Board concurred that the concept of this program is very valuable and if funding is available, then the program should proceed.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to grant the request to continue with the second annual retreat and allow \$1,500 of the funding to be procured from the Health Department. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.

1. Discussion - Sauk Prairie Road Bank Stabilization Project.

Dave Brookings, Surface Water Management, reviewed the background of this project. Mr. Brookings reported that it appears at this time that there are some glitches which could prevent this project from proceeding. Steve Nissely, Natural Resource Conservation Service, stated that the U. S. Forest Service has determined that this project did not completely comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Mr. Nissely also reported that eagle nests have been located in the area which would further prevent this project from proceeding. Mr. Nissely stated that these issues need to be addressed and resolved.

Dave Sotnik, U. S. Forest Service, responded to a letter that was sent to the Board of Commissioners by Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, stating that the U. S. Forest Service Regional Forester would be the correct individual to respond to this letter, stating however, that he would possibly want to see a better alternative suggested. Mr. Sotnik stated that he was quite sure no decision would be made based solely on this letter. Mr. Sotnik reported that it appears this project could have adverse affects to the free flowing nature of the river, thus, noncompliance of the Wild and Scenic River Act. Mr. Sotnik suggested writing to the Regional Forester, Mr. Bob Williams.

Tom Kearns, Darrington, and resident of the area, clarified the correct name of the road as being Bryson Road and reviewed the history of the project on behalf of the property owners of this area. Mr. Kearns explained the previous damage done to residents during flood season. Mr. Kearns stated that an exemption by the Corps of Engineers was previously granted, which allowed the County to provide a small amount of rip rap for flood protection. Mr. Kearns discussed the previous procedures that have taken place and expressed his aversion at this project being halted when so much work has already been done to start this project. Mr. Kearns stated that on behalf of the area property owners, they request that the Board of Commissioners take the strongest possible lead to solve this problem and that the U. S. Forest Service specifically work with the NCRS and vice versa. Mr. Kearns also reported that they are in the process of forming a local sub control flood district to show that the local property owners are doing as much as possible to find a solution. Mr. Kearns reviewed the number of people who would be affected by the seemingly dysfunctional government units at the federal, state and local levels.

Mr. Kearns asked for some explanation from the U. S. Forest Service.

Mr. Sotnik stated that he could not speak for the Regional Forester at this time. He continued by clarifying the issue of Forest Service jurisdiction, stating that their jurisdiction is inside the river high water mark only, mentioning that they could comment on the project if it was outside their jurisdiction, but they would not be able to stop the project.

Mr. Brookings recommended that they contact the Regional Forester by letter in this regard, requesting a written response.

Chairman Anderson commented on this issue, conveying his concern over the problems encountered by property owners and expressed the need to resolve this problem more quickly than has been done in the past, with better coordination of the government entities involved.

The Board signed a letter to Mr. Bob Williams in this regard.

2. Divisional Projects/Programs Updates:

a. Surface Water Management Division.

Mr. Brookings provided an update on the current projects. Mr. Brookings did mention that negotiations are beginning in regard to the Jackman Creek issue, trying to resolve environmental concerns and property owner protection. Mr. Brookings also reported that a meeting was held with the Department of Ecology and FEMA in regard to a Fir Island project.

b. Engineering Division.

Dave Sheridan, Division Manager, reviewed the Engineering Division Projects and Programs, specifically addressing the service requests, crash investigation, special events, spot safety program, railroad crossings, traffic flow count program, and hazard elimination rating and guardrail priority. Mr. Sheridan also reviewed the hazard elimination rating and guardrail priority program.

c. Solid Waste Division.

Robin LaRue, Division Manager, reviewed several projects that were occurring in the Solid Waste Division. Mr. LaRue stated that August 1, 1996, is the target date for the processing transition at the transfer station and that public announcements are planned to notify the public. Mr. LaRue also reported on the recycling contract and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee activities.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.

1. Signature - Prospectus for Supplemental Rural Arterial Program Funding:

Dave Baltz, Public Works Staff, presented an overview of the Rural Arterial Program projects, explaining the funding procedures involved in these projects. Mr. Baltz reviewed the Reservation Road Reconstruction, the Little Mountain Road 2R/3R (New), the Concrete-Sauk Valley Road 2R/3R (New), the Lake Samish Road 2R/3R (New), and the Alger Cain Lake Road 2R/3R (New). The Board concurred that these projects should proceed and Chairman Anderson signed the prospectus for the five supplemental RAP Projects, as presented.

SENIOR SERVICES - TIM HOLLORAN - DIRECTOR.

1. Discussion - Heating System at Mount Vernon Senior Center.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, stated that there have been consistent problems with the boiler at the Center. Mr. Holloran reported that the Mount Vernon Senior Center Advisory Board has committed to assist in the financing of this project. Mr. Holloran explained the costs involved with the Repair and Upgrade (approximately \$18,125) or Replacing the Existing Radiant System with a New Forced Air System (approximately \$34,500).

Ross Bailey, Maintenance, discussed the condition of the boiler and the most current work that was completed on the system.

A discussion ensued in regard to the condition of the boiler and the available options. Roger Howard, Facilities, recommended choosing the Repair and Upgrade option to eliminate getting into asbestos problem and to continue this type of heat source for the Seniors using the facility.

The Board concurred to proceed with the repair and upgrade unless it is found by a professional firm that the system is too problematic for this to be a cost effective plan.

CONSENT AGENDA.

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

* Commissioner's Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, June 24, 1996.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, June 25, 1996.
3. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, July 1, 1996.
4. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, July 2, 1996.
5. Record of the Proceedings of Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

* Juvenile Probation:

6. Supplemental Agreement with Phillip Russell for the period of July 15, 1996 until terminated, to provide evaluations, counseling or treatment to juvenile offenders and families. Compensation will be as outlined in attachments to supplemental agreement.

* Facilities:

7. Agreement with Catapult Heavy Construction, Inc. for the removal of two wood framed houses for Skagit County. Completion of the project will be no later than thirty consecutive calendar days from Notice to Proceed, with compensation at \$44,990.
8. Lease agreement with rape Relief and Battered Women's Services for the facility which Skagit County leases from K. L. Medical Partnership. This is an extension to an existing lease that has recently expired.

* Public Works:

9. Contract with One-Way Construction, Inc. for the Bow Hill Road Project in the amount of \$529,430.25.
10. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Vacation of Unused Right-Of-Way known as Sauk Valley Road. This right-of-way is unused and unopened and believed to be an error in the original legal description for the road right-of-way. This vacation will remove the discrepancy off of the private property for the property owners whose land is affected by this description.
11. Resolution calling for Bids for the crushing of coverstone and crushed surfacing top course to be used for construction and maintenance of county roads. (Resolution No. 16221).
12. Interlocal Agreement with Department of the Interior and U. S. Geological Survey to maintain existing gaging stations along the Skagit, Sauk and Cascade River systems. The costs associated with this agreement have been budgeted in the 1996 River Improvement Fund. (Contract No. 03040).

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Claus Tjaden to provide a Together for Youth Evaluation of Skagit County grant in collaboration with the Skagit County Probation Department and Karen Peterka. This agreement is for the period of April 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997. This will be fully funded by grants. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03041).

PARKS, RECREATION & FAIR.

1. Update - Skagit County Annual Fair.

Lori Anderson, Fair Facilities Operation Coordinator, reviewed the Fair activities, stating that the theme this year is "Grow With Us...We're Raising The Future". Ms. Anderson reported on the vendors, the exhibitors, premium books, posters, advertising, superintendents, and entertainment.

Mr. Aarstad mentioned that the fair this year will be held on Wednesday, August 7th, through Saturday, August 10th. The Board commended Ms. Anderson and her co-worker, Tony Rees, for the outstanding work they have done on the fair.

2. Update - Dreamfield.

Mr. Aarstad presented an update on the Dreamfield, reviewing the baseball and soccer facility. Mr. Aarstad stated that funding is still necessary, even though construction will begin tomorrow, using the funds that have already been donated. Mr. Aarstad reminded the Board that this coming Saturday will be the Mariners Dreamfield Day and stated that tickets are still available. Mr. Aarstad stated that support from the Mariners is being requested in grant form, with hopes of securing more funding for completion of this facility. A discussion followed in regard to the need for a facility of this type.

3. Miscellaneous.

- a. A brief discussion took place in regard to the Northern State facility.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Ted W. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the regular session and proceed to Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ted W. Anderson, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST.



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners