

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 9, 1996**

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| 8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Public Comment Period. |
| T 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director.
1) 1996 Public Health Improvement Plan Preview.
2) Basic Health Plan Enrollment Task Force.
3) Suicide Prevention Program.
4) Concrete School District Update.
5) Domestic Violence Community Awareness.
6) Miscellaneous. |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.
1) Public Hearing - Declaration of County Property as Surplus.
2) Updates of Divisional Projects and Programs:
a) Surface Water Management Division.
b) Solid Waste Division.
c) Operations Division.
d) Engineering Division.
3) Miscellaneous. |
| | CONSENT AGENDA.
MISCELLANEOUS. |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Public Hearing - Consideration of Accepting a Grant of Real Property from Wayne Del Conte for Property Located near Morford Road, Section 32, Township 35N, Range 5E, W.M. |
| T 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Parks & Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director.
1) Bid Opening - Highway 9 Railroad Bridge Debris Removal.
2) Parks Projects Update.
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 with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment this morning.

BOARD OF HEALTH - Pat Pearce, Director.

1. **1996 Public Health Improvement Plan Preview.**

John Thayer, presented the 1996 Public Health Improvement Plan, and reviewing the background stating that completion is anticipated in December of 1996. Mr. Thayer discussed the plan content, emphasizing plans that are currently underway. Mr. Thayer mentioned that one of the key components of the Public Health Improvement Plan is the issue of financing. Mr. Thayer also reviewed various other partnership building components of the plan and the training efforts that will be incorporated. Mr. Thayer mentioned that a draft will be available to the Board in November.

Commissioner Wolden inquired as to the tribal involvement and the allocation of funds in this regard. Mr. Thayer explained how this affects Skagit County and that federal funding will be allocated for partnership building, including distribution to the tribes.

Commissioner Wolden also inquired as to the role of the Epidemiologist in this regard and Mr. Thayer discussed this issue, stating that the employment of the Epidemiologist is crucial due to the skills this person possesses to provide service in a County of this size. Commissioner Wolden expressed his concern of duplicating this task.

2. Basic Health Plan Enrollment Task Force.

Chrissy Rusillo, Affiliated Health Services, discussed what the Basic Health Plan involves, stating that it is available to all people who do not qualify for other health plans. Ms. Rusillo discussed the costs of the program and emphasized that this is not just for subsidized families. Ms. Rusillo also explained other aspects of the program, such as where applications are available.

JoAnn Hoover, Island Hospital, continued this presentation by discussing the background of the Basic Health Plan and reviewing the marketing approach to spreading the word of the availability of this plan to the public.

Ms. Rusillo stated that the goal of the task force is to have everyone in Skagit County covered by health insurance. Ms. Hoover stated that the Board could help by spreading the word of the availability of this plan and presented the Board with informational packets in this regard.

3. Suicide Prevention Program.

This item was not presented today.

4. Concrete School District Update.

Gil Johnson, Superintendent of the Concrete School District, invited the Board to an open house on October 10, 1996.

Loren Fitting, Concrete Elementary Principal, presented a proposal to the Board for extended health care services provided to the district, requesting 324 actual hours of nursing services from the Skagit County Health Department. Mr. Fitting stated that Concrete is asking for this special consideration due to it's rural location, the increase of low income students who do not receive medical services and the effect of this on the school and community.

Mr. Johnson presented a contract to the Board for review which has been used in other school districts in this regard. Mr. Johnson asked that the Board look at the budget to help find funding to assist the district in accomplishing the goals.

Commissioner Wolden and Commissioner Hart expressed concern in regard to the financial portion of this issue and asked for more information in order to prevent supplying false hope for funding from the County.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, explained the funding mechanisms and the state grant programs. Mr. Woodmansee stated that some of these programs could be funded, however, if this programs are to be paid out of County general fund dollars, then this needs to be addressed more closely. Mr. Woodmansee discussed options available and also stated that he is anticipating a meeting with most of the County superintendents this coming Monday and would be glad to discuss this with them, in hopes of finding a mechanism to help Concrete School District. It was determined that the school district should meet further with the County to research this issue further in regard to the funding which could be made available.

A discussion ensued in regard to the services that are necessary and Mr. Johnson explained the need for contracting health care professionals in this regard. A further discussion ensued in regard to the Hepatitis B vaccine. Emily Garcia, Valley Medical, discussed the ever changing medical laws, explaining that currently school children are immunized at the clinic, the vaccine of which is provided by the County. The actual service of administering the immunizations are provided without a charge.

Mr. Johnson discussed the new immunization requirements.

No action was taken by the Board on this item today.

5. Domestic Violence Community Awareness.

Sara Sanford, Health Department Staff, asked the Board for assistance in regard to a new program in developing a community awareness about domestic violence. Ms. Sanford presented statistics of domestic violence, emphasizing the effect this has on the entire community. Ms. Sanford stated a play is being produced which traces the history of a relationship which concludes in violence and how to deal with this transition of the relationship. Ms. Sanford stated that this play is being presented state wide with very effective results. Ms. Sanford stated that she would like this play to be shown at the Lincoln Theatre possibly in November and asked the Board for their support in this regard.

Commissioner Wolden inquired as to the cost of presenting this play, and Ms. Sanford stated that the cost begins at \$3,000, increasing with the number of showings, although she indicated that service groups have offered to help with this funding.

Ms. Pearce stated that she would look into the Health Department participating in the funding by a contract mechanism and as directed by the Board, looking to the area highschools for additional help.

6. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.

Robin LaRue, Assistant Public Works Director, presented this portion of the agenda in the absence of Ms. Keiser.

1. Public Hearing - Declaration of County Property as Surplus.

Commissioner Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Charlie Sisson, Public Works staff, stated that this equipment is in excess of the County's needs, and that this will allow the disposal through sale to another government agency, an auction to be held on Friday, October 4, 1996, or as a trade-in for other equipment. A brief discussion ensued in regard to minimum bid requirements and the exact procedure of the disposal.

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

Commissioner Wolden pointed out that two items listed have the same identification/serial number. It was determined that this was a typographical error and would be corrected. Also discussed was the preparation involved in some of the vehicles prior to being made available for public use.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution in regard to Declaration of County Property as Surplus. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16279).**

2. Updates of Divisional Projects and Programs.

Surface Water Management Division.

Dave Brookings briefly update the Board on several projects, including Muddy Creek, indicating that Cockreham, Jackman and Parker Creek projects are proceeding well.

Solid Waste Division.

Robin LaRue updated the Board on several solid waste projects, reviewing upcoming workshops and also presenting recent tonnage statistics from the transfer station, recycling in rural areas, ferrous material separation, and scrap iron recycling. A discussion ensued in regard to the overall transfer station operation and Mr. LaRue stated that all indications are that the revenue is right where it was anticipated to be.

Operations Division.

Cliff Butler updated the Board on the Bow Hill project, the Parker Creek bypass, and various other projects. Mr. Butler also reported that tree trimming is taking place on the West side of Guemes Island, at the request of residents due to limbs hanging over the roadway. Mr. Butler also stated that weather permitting, the Sedro Woolley project will be completed soon.

Commissioner Hart briefly mentioned that the Guemes Ferry Advisory committee has asked to meet with him and that he would discuss this further with Charlie Tewalt. Commissioner Hart also stated that a drive way on Snee-oosh Road needs to be repaired. Mr. Butler indicated that this should have been taken care of this weekend and stated that he would make sure this had been completed.

Engineering Division.

Young Soo Kim updated the Board on the crushing contract project for the Samish Pit area, the Allen Road realignment project which eliminated the road crossing of railroad tracks as it tied into Ershig Road and stated that the project is proceeding well. Mr. Kim also discussed the Guemes Ferry dolphin project and stated that this project has been very successful.

Ed Hawes presented updates on the the Francis Road project and the Bow Hill Road. Mr. Hawes also discussed the Muddy Creek project and reported that the two properties effected are the Dynes and Crown Pacific. Mr. Hawes stated that the Dynes family are quite unhappy with the project. Mr. Hawes indicated that hopefully this will be resolved and that the project will move ahead with anticipated completion this Fall. Mr. Hawes also reported that they have been working with FEMA in hopes of concurrence.

Mr. Hawes reported on the Cascade River Road stating that information was presented to the Engineering Department with repairs necessary in four different areas of the road. Mr. Hawes discussed the damage on the road, stating that the river is a major factor in this damage. Mr. Hawes continued by discussing the proposals for repairs which includes the restructure of the wall, by the Federal Highway Administration, mentioning that there is a stumbling block due to the river being a Wild & Scenic river and the inability to disturb the base at the river level. Mr. Hawes stated that he is continuing meetings with the Forest Service in this regard and that a meeting is also scheduled with the community in the near future. Mr. Hawes stated that this project was anticipated to be completed by this Fall, mentioning that the risk of completing this project will fall in the area of road closures, as it is crucial to monitor traffic while this repair is taking place.

A discussion ensued in regard to the issue of the Wild & Scenic river status and the effects of the project.

Mr. Hawes continued by briefly reviewing the other locations of necessary repairs of other portions of this road.

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Dave Brookings presented a Cooperative Agreement for the Sauk Prairie project which states what each entity will provide mentioning that the County will be liable for 25% of the project cost. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03165).
2. Dave Baltz presented a Call for Public Hearing Resolution regarding the Six Year TIP Program. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16281).

CONSENT AGENDA.

- * Commissioners Office:
 1. Record of the Proceedings of September 3, 1996.
 2. Record of the Proceedings of September 4, 1996.
 3. Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for Development and Implementation Timber Harvesting and Timber Management Plans to provide for development of timber harvesting and timber management plans for selected Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department to assure conformance with existing or draft development plans. (Resolution No. 16283).
 4. Resolution Appointing Don Moe to Dike and Drainage District #1 through February, 1998. (Resolution No. 16284).
- Best SELF:
 5. Interlocal Agreement with LaConner School District #103 in regard to the Best SELF Program for the term of October 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996. The County shall allocate \$5,000 of grant funds for provision of the Best SELF after school program. (Contract No. 03166).

6. Addendum to Cooperative Agreement between Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and the County to extend the date of the contract to July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. (Contract No. 02781).
- Historical Museum:
 7. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Jim Barmore to attend the Western Museums Association Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 16 - 19, 1996, to receive training in critical areas such as marketing strategies, public relations to expand audiences, fund raising, customer service, and audience research. Total cost will be \$636. (Approved).
 - Senior Services:
 8. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Wendy L. Weyer to attend the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 30, 1996 through November 2, 1996. Total cost will be \$1,042. (Approved).
 - Public Works:
 9. Contract with SRV Construction, Inc. regarding Francis Road project, CRP #7900-3. (Contract No. 03167).
 10. Contract with Lakeside Industries regarding Cook Road project, CRP #6300-7. (Contract No. 03168).
 11. Revised Rural Arterial Program Agreement for Lake Samish Road in the amount of \$45,150. (Contract No. 03169).
 12. Revised Local Agency Agreement for the Gear Bridge Project. This agreement replaces the previously signed Local Agency Agreement, Supplement #1. (Contract No. 03170).
 13. Standard Consultant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration to be used for the employment of consulting firms. SKAT is fully responsible for Contract costs and County administrative costs. (Contract No. 03171).
 14. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Jan Keiser to attend the American Bar Association Forum - Construction Law Summit and Contract Termination in Public and Private Construction. The forum will be held in New York City, New York, on October 17 and 18, 1996. Total cost of the forum is approximately \$1,377. (Approved).

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 the date, September 9, 1996, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Voucher #6007-323 through #6007-335, #6009338, #6010-563, #6010-565 through #6010-568, #6010-570 through #6010-575, #6010-577, #6014-443 through #6010-445, #6014-447 through #6014-458, #6014-451 through #6014-454, #6017-285 in the amount of \$1,200,636.36. Warrants #159578 through #60127. (Transmittal #C-40-96).

Vouchers #61140000998, #61140001060, #61140001080, #6009022 through #6009046, #60210000659 in the total amount of \$1,309,148.60 and Warrants #159479 through #159577. (Transmittal #C-41-96).

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING A GRANT OF REAL PROPERTY FROM WAYNE DEONTE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NEARMORFORD ROAD, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 35N, RANGE 5EN.M.

Nancy Nersten, Planning Staff, briefly reviewed the history of the request from Mr. Wayne DelConte, the exact location of the property and the Staff Report. Commissioner Wolden questioned Ms. Nersten on the zoning of the property.

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Commissioner Hart noted that both the Planning Department and Public Works Department have indicated their approval of this grant of real property. Linda Leonhart, Public Works Staff, read the Public Works Staff Report into the record.

There being no additional public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hart moved to accept the grant of real property from Wayne Del Conte for Property located near Morford Road, Section 32, Township 35N, Range 5E, W.M. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16282).

PARKS & DEPARTMENT - JonAarstad, Director.

1. Bid Opening - Highway 9 Railroad Bridge Debris Removal.

Pete Mayer, Assistant Parks Director, opened the one bid received in regard to the Highway 9 Railroad Bridge Debris Removal.

- 1) Richard Tingley
D/B/A Northwest Logging
\$34,100.00

Mr. Mayer stated that the estimate for this project was between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Mr. Mayer stated that the bid will be reviewed and a bid award recommendation brought back to the Board at a later date.

2. Parks Project Update.

Mr. Mayer gave the Board a brief update on several Parks projects and other activities within the Parks Department such as the Playfield, the debris removal from the Highway 9 bridge, 1997 budget presentation and the snowmobile grooming contract. Mr. Mayer also reported that they are also in the process of conducting staff evaluations.

Commissioner Hart commented on Anacortes and Sedro Woolley in regard to requests for funding which would be a consideration during the budget process for the department.

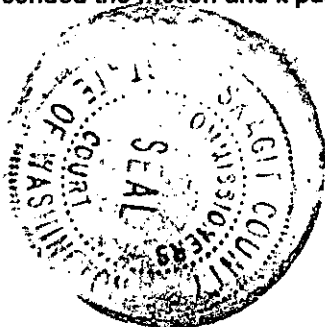
Commissioner Wolden asked that a presentation be done in this regard in order to request real estate excise tax funds and continued with a brief discussion in regard to skateboard parks.

3. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items today.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings in to Executive Session. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Harvey Wolden

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Robert Hart

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ATTEST.

Debby Sims

Debby Sims, Clerk
Board of Commissioners