

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 26, 1996

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| 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Commissioner's Staff Meeting. |
| 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Work Session - Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors. |
| 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Update and Approval of Applications for Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT). |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Discussion - Salaries of Elected Officials. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present.

UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WA-CERT).

Don Wick, Economic Development Association of Skagit County, reviewed the list of projects and commented that the task before EDASC and the Board is to prioritize this list. The projects include the following projects: Presentin Park Development Project; Water, wastewater and sidewalk improvements in the Central Business District of the City of Concrete; Skagit Valley Agricultural Marketing Plan Feasibility Study; Skagit Valley Agricultural Processing Incubator Planning & Feasibility Study; Environmental Industries Program; Constructed Wetlands Cooperative Demonstration and Education, Long-term Solutions to Non-Point Pollution; Skagit Industrial and Wetland Inventory; and, Skagit Investment in Community Jobs & Clean Water.

Commissioner Hart moved to adopt a prioritization list as outlined by Mr. Wick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden, and passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16374)

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Staff presented an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with King County to allow purchase of a color copier for Skagit County. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden and was unanimously approved. (Contract No. 03266)
2. Staff presented a Vendor Services Agreement with Blyth Plumbing & Heating for adding a boiler to the jail mechanical room, for a contract amount not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the agreement as presented by staff, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden. The motion passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03267)

DISCUSSION - SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Dave Needy, Prosecuting Attorney, opened the discussion concerning the salaries of the Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer and County Clerk. Mr. Needy noted that the block of 4 elected officials currently are at a rate of salary equal to 90% of the Commissioners' salaries, and that a recent survey shows that 33 of 39 Washington counties are at 95% or better. It was pointed out that some long-time deputies are currently earning as much or more than the elected officials.

Commissioner Hart pointed out that elected officials will receive a 3% cost of living raise in 1997 against a 2% raise for other employees.

Chairman Anderson made several comments on the need for elected officials to be compensated for their level of responsibility, and that they should be earning higher salaries than their deputies.

Mr. Needy suggested that it may be time to reconvene the salary review committee for the Commissioners.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Anderson stated that it is his belief that the four elected officials should be compensated at a rate of 95% of the Commissioners' salaries.

The Board indicated that they would be willing to re-establish the salary review and recommendation committee, and would consider the 95% proposal after further study.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Ted W. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Harvey Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ted W. Anderson

Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Harvey Wolden

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Debby Sims

Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners