

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, December 17, 1996**

- 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Skagit Conservation District Board Meeting & Breakfast (Three Rivers Inn, Sedro Woolley).
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors.  
Flag Salute.
- T 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.  
1) Discussion - Renaming Portion of Best Road, No. 4401, to Chilberg Road, No. 4220.  
2) Signature - Authorizing Interfund Loan to Solid Waste Fund, No. 401.  
3) Discussion - Recycling Coordinator Position.  
4) Divisional Updates:  
a) Surface Water Management Division.  
b) Engineering Division.  
c) Solid Waste Division.  
d) Operations Division.  
5) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.  
1) Introduction of New Staff.  
2) Miscellaneous.
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Commissioner's Brown Bag Lunch Hour with Employees (Hearing Room B).
- T 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Consideration and Possible Adoption of Revised Skagit County Sewage Code.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioner met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

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

1. Discussion - Renaming Portion of Best Road, No. 4401, to Chilberg Road, No. 4220.

Ed Hawes reviewed the issue of renaming a portion of Best Road to Chilberg Road. Mr. Hawes illustrated by drawing, the portion of the road that was being requested to be renamed. Mr. Hawes also presented a map illustrating parcels and residences that would be effected by this road change. Mr. Hawes asked the Board to consider again to change the 1,000 feet of Best Road to be renamed to Chilberg Road.

Commissioner Hart stated that it is important that the name change and renumbering occur simultaneously. Commissioner Hart also discussed the numbering system and the effect the name change would have on the numbers. Rodney VanderSyspen spoke in regard to the numbering system.

Commissioner Wolden asked about using the numbers on the actual grid, as the proposed is actually reversing the grid sequence. Commissioner Hart asked about his request for the fire department to submit a recommendation and Mr. VanderSyspen stated that the short portion of Chilberg Road should be changed.

Commissioner Hart asked that they use north/south numbers, using the north/south grid system and renaming the entire road from the bridge to the intersection to South Chilberg Road.

Mr. Hawes asked the Board to consider calling for a Public Hearing in this regard.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to hold another Public Hearing and notifying the residents so that they have a clear understanding of what is proposed. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Signature - Authorizing Interfund Loan to Solid Waste Fund, No. 401.

Robin LaRue presented to the Board a Resolution regarding the Interfund Loan to the Solid Waste Fund. Mr. LaRue stated that the low tipping fees caused a negative cash flow and this interfund loan would assist. Mr. LaRue mentioned that the current tip fee will generate sufficient funds to repay this loan. Mr. LaRue stated that currently revenues are slightly ahead of expenditures for 1996.

The Board discussed the bond issues. Mike Woodmansee, Finance Director, stated that this negative cash flow was anticipated last February. Mr. Woodmansee reminded the Board that the Puget Power settlement followed on the heels of the bond issue and would like to go into 1997 with this formalized. This issue was further discussed. Commissioner Anderson stated that he has no intention of subsidizing the cities garbage for any length of time. Commissioner Anderson stressed that this should not create a pattern, that it is crucial that this can be resolved. Commissioner Wolden commended Mr. LaRue on his foresight a more positive direction for the solid waste issue.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16394).**

3. Discussion - Recycling Coordinator Position.

Mr. LaRue presented the issue as referenced above, mentioning that this was previously discussed during the 1997 Budget Adoption Public Hearing. Mr. LaRue reviewed the history of this position, stating that the position was originally filled in late 1990. Mr. LaRue stated that he would like this position to continue current recycling programs and expand the programs as necessary. Mr. LaRue reported on the grants that are available to fund this position and stated that he anticipates continued funding through various grants. Mr. LaRue stated that if Skagit County is to move forward with a recycling plan and solid waste program, then a solid waste recycling coordinator position is necessary.

Commissioner Hart discussed the importance of moving ahead in a positive method, rather than using funds and receiving little or no economical reward. Commissioner Wolden discussed the parity involved and the necessity to get solid waste across the scale in order to receive funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the advantages and disadvantages of having a Recycling Coordinator

Commissioner Wolden indicated that this matter will be discussed further at the work session scheduled for tomorrow regarding the solid waste disposal district.

Tim Crosby, Chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, advised that at the last meeting of SWAC that it was decided that they support the position of the Recycling Coordinator.

4. Divisional Updates:

a) Surface Water Management Division.

David Brookings, Division Manager, stated that much energy has been spent with the Drainage Utility Commission and the proposed rate structures. Work is also progressing on whether to proceed with the Skagit River Feasibility Study. Mr. Brookings further noted that there have been many drainage complaints due to heavy rains during the past few weeks. Specific areas of concern were briefly discussed. Preliminary design work for the South Burrows Bay project was discussed.

b) Engineering Division.

Dave Sheridan, Division Manager, reviewed the work being done on the SKAT Park and Ride Lot at March's Point. Bridge evaluations have been completed with the assistance from consultants on the most difficult bridges. The Guemes Ferry study is continuing. Work continues on the private road list.

c) Solid Waste Division.

There was no report from the Solid Waste Division.

d) Operations Division.

Cliff Butler, Skagit County Road Superintendent, advised the Board that crews have been out with sanders, and that ditching crews are also busy. Specific areas of concern were discussed. Reflectivity of County road signs is being checked by reassigning some crew members to the night shift. There is a proposed road closure for Kellogg Road (South Township) for replacement of a pipe that was washed out quite some time ago.

5. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.**

1. Introduction of New Staff.

Tom Karsh, Planning & Permit Center Assistant Director, introduced Guy McNally Morale who will be handling the processing and storing of exhibits from the varied public hearings and processes. These will include Comprehensive Plan documents and comments.

2. Miscellaneous.

- (a) Mr. Karsh brought forward a resolution clarifying the effective date of the revised fee schedule for the Planning & Permit Center previously adopted. The agreed upon date was January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997. Unfortunately, the effective date was not filled in. Legal counsel has advised that a resolution is necessary to clarify the intent of the Board. Commissioner Hart moved to approve a Resolution clarifying that the date of the revised fee schedule will be January 1, 1997. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16395)**
- (b) Mr. Karsh advised that Commissioner Wolden had asked to bring forward the water rights memorandum that was previous discussed several months ago. Chairman Anderson noted his displeasure that this item is being brought forth under miscellaneous and that an item of such importance should be published as a regular agenda item. It was decided to bring this matter forward on Monday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. for discussion and possible action.

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF REVISED SKAGIT COUNTY SEWAGE CODE.**

Commissioner Ted W. Anderson opened the Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson read into the record the purpose of the public hearing, stating that this is merely to receive testimony.

Tom Karsh, Planning & Permit Center, reviewed the history of the code and mentioned that they are before the Board today because even though this is regulated by the State Board of Health who issues basic requirements, each County or jurisdiction has the ability to adopt some procedures and fine tune the state law. Mr. Karsh mentioned that they will be soliciting comments from the public as to how they think we should modify the local on site sewage code. Mr. Karsh stated that they have been operating under new state laws for the last couple of years, so they don't anticipate a lot of controversy as it relates to what the state is requiring of the counties. Mr. Karsh stated that they would like to be able to receive written comment two more days and then will schedule to come back before the Board.

Don Clark, 5675 Highway 20, Rockport, Washington, complimented Skagit County and particularly Tom Karsh mentioning that they have attempted to make this code as easy as possible to live with. Mr. Clark also commended George Ridgeway for his part in the process. Mr. Clark pointed out that in the section in regard to soil types, he would like to see the code written by regulations of criteria to develop systems based on scientific data rather than being based on whether you live in eastern or western Washington.

Secondly, Mr. Clark discussed the portion pertaining to who exactly should be allowed to design and install a conventional system. The way the state code is written, it is not clear whether a property owner can design a conventional system and then go on to install it. Mr. Clark believes that the criteria should be worded so that the best system should be designed and installed, not being so restrictive as to stating who can actually designs and installs the system.

Thirdly, Mr. Clark brought up the penalties that were included in the code and further discussed the penalties if there is a failing system. Mr. Clark stated that the code should not be written to put people in jail, but to come up with solutions for their financial needs and then deal with the problem. Mr. Clark stated that the penalties for a failing system are currently a fine and a gross misdemeanor which would mean jail time. Mr. Clark stated that our jails should not be filled with people.

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who cannot afford to fix a failing system.

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

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wolden made a motion to amend the statement in regard to the written comment, extending it to Friday, December 20, 1996, for the public to submit written comment. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**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 this date, December 17, 1996, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #PDRAWDE11379 through #PDRAW11594 and Warrants #83556 through #83771 in the total of \$95,643.44. (Transmittal #P-27-96).

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

  
Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST.

  
Debby Sims, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners