

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
*Monday, June 2, 1997*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.            Discussion and Possible Action – Proposed Bullerville Sewer District.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.        Public Comment Period.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

\*T 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.        Discussion – Formation of Rural Library District.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.        Executive Session

The Skagit County Board of Commissioner met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PROPOSED BULLERVILLE SEWER DISTRICT.**

Tom Karsh, Assistant Director of Planning, reviewed the history of this proposal. Mr. Karsh presented to the Board a draft Resolution Approving the Formation of the Bullerville Sewer District. Mr. Karsh advised that in the proposed Resolution, he has included a provision to submit this proposal to the Boundary Review Board for that Board to hold its own public hearing to consider the SEPA threshold determination and other specifics of the formation of this new sewer district. Mr. Karsh advised that taking this step is not required by law.

A discussion ensued on the ramifications of adopting this resolution.

Mr. Karsh advised that the action of the Board this morning will not be the final action on the formation of the sewer district. Mr. Karsh indicated that there will be additional steps required of the applicant.

Commissioner Hart clarified that the formation of the sewer district will assist Mr. Clark with future financing options for the development of his property.

Chairman Wolden stated that the BRB review would determine the boundaries of the sewer district and make a SEPA determination. Mr. Karsh indicated that there is no cost to the County for submission to the Boundary Review Board.

Commissioner Hart questioned the need for the BRB review. Mr. Karsh replied that the BRB review will determine comments under SEPA and that this is a unique proposal that needs review. It was noted that the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan prohibits the extension of urban services in rural areas. This proposal is unusual. Mr. Karsh reviewed the requirements for invoking the Boundary Review Board by neighboring voters.

A discussion followed regarding the requirements for SEPA review and whether such a review is necessary for this proposal.

Mr. Karsh advised that the Board has 60 days to act on this proposal and about 30 days have passed. Mr. Karsh further advised that he and the Department of Ecology have traded several phone calls on this matter.

The Board indicated the need to have John Moffat review the necessity for SEPA review and for some response from the Department of Ecology.

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Don Clark, Applicant for sewer district formation, stated that the Snohomish County example he submitted did not require SEPA review until the sewer district was approved by their Board of Commissioners. Mr. Clark further stated that SEPA review will happen during the Boundary Review Board involvement. The Board's responsibility is to either approve or deny the formation of the sewer district, and then forward it on to the BRB. Mr. Clark was concerned that there will be duplicative efforts. Upon question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Clark confirmed that SEPA should occur later on in the process. Mr. Clark indicated that the process cannot continue until the Board approves or denies the concept of the proposal.

Doyle McClure, representing the Friends of Skagit County, stated that the legal basis for Board's decision is in RCW 56.02.060 which states that the Board should not approve formation of a sewer district that is not consistent with County Planning Policies or the 1982 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McClure indicated that the County should not promote urban growth in rural areas.

Chairman Wolden indicated there would be no approval of the Resolution presented today until a determination is made on the requirements for SEPA review and that Staff should actively seek a response from the Department of Ecology. After additional research, Staff will bring this item back for approval tomorrow, June 3, during the regular Planning agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Tom Solberg, Alger, briefly discussed the concern he has with potential Native Growth Protection Areas which are a proposed part of an amendment to the County's existing Critical Areas Ordinance. Mr. Solberg urged the Board to use common sense when considering these proposals.

**DISCUSSION – FORMATION OF RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT.**

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, advised that the County has been approached by a group of citizens in unincorporated Skagit County who are interested in forming a rural library district. The citizens had contacted Mr. Woodmansee with concern about the financial ramifications on fire districts or taxing districts. Mr. Woodmansee advised that a letter addressing their concerns was written and a copy circulated to the Board.

Mindy McCormick Coslor, 2046 Prairie Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that she represents Citizens for Skagit County Library Services. Several members introduced themselves to the Board. The group is interested in creating a rural county library district pursuant to State law. Ms. Coslor stated that her group is confident that creation of the library district will not cause the taxing limitation to be exceeded. Ms. Coslor indicated that County residents are ready to support a library district. Ms. Coslor indicated that the population in unincorporated Skagit County has increased 16% and continues to grow. The group will begin distributing petitions today with the hope of placing this item on the ballot in the fall.

Chairman Wolden clarified with Ms. Coslor that the two existing partial library districts would be absorbed by the creation of this new district.

Chairman Wolden stated that there has always been a desire to do this and that traditionally the Fire Districts have opposed the attack on their financing base.

Mr. Woodmansee briefly explained what the law provides and what the taxing implications are to the fire districts. Mr. Woodmansee indicated that there are no levies in unincorporated Skagit County that will be threatened by this proposed library district.

A discussion ensued on the ramifications of the formation of a library district and the effect on other taxing districts.

Mr. Woodmanssee offered to go through any of the materials and the financial information with any interested individual from the fire districts or other entities.

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Ms. Coslor indicated that research was done to alleviate the questions concerning the effects on the fire districts.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that there is great interest in his large rural district upriver for the formation of a rural library district.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, June 2, 1997, Items 1 through 9. Item 10 is pulled from the Consent Agenda pending further clarification. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

• **Commissioners' Office**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, May 27, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Thursday, May 29, 1997.
3. Community Development Block Grant Contract with the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development to fund the remodel of the Chinook Enterprises, Inc. facilities which provides employment opportunities for predominantly low- and moderate-income persons with disabilities. The grant amount is \$589,300. **(Contract No. 003507)**
4. Personal Services Agreement with Eugene Knapp and Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky to provide legal counseling and representation for Skagit County in the appeals of the Hearing Examiner's decisions which were filed by Tom Buggia and Skagit County P.U.D. No. 1 at the rate of \$125 per billable hour. **(Contract No. 003508)**

• **Senior Services**

5. Notice of Call for Bids for catered meals for senior citizens, with bids to be opened on July 1, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.. **(Resolution No. 16560)**

• **Health**

6. Contract for Skagit County Health Department Teen Parent Panel member/peer advisory with Emma Willis to present Parenting as a Teen at the rate of \$25 for 1997. **(Contract No. 003509)**

• **Public Works**

7. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Jim Schols to provide labor and equipment to mow the Inman Landfill for the period June 3, 1997 through December 30, 1997 at the rate of \$48/hour for an estimated 30 hours. **(Contract No. 003510)**
8. Personal Services Agreement with Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc. to perform surveying services on the Reservation Road project for total compensation of \$4,108. **(Contract No. 003511)**

• **Public Defender's Office**

9. Personal Services Agreement with Jon Robert Conte, Ph.D. to provide evaluation(s) for public defender clients at the rate of \$125 per hour. **(Contract No. 003512)**

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**Planning & Permit Center**

10. Personal Services Agreement with Washington State University to produce two training video tapes to augment the water quality training of Skagit County residents. Each video tape will be approximately 10-15 minutes in length. Compensation for this agreement will be \$10,000, and the contract will run from October 9, 1995 through October 31, 1997. **(Not Approved, pending further clarification)**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Staff presented a Resolution for a Call for Bids for Skagit County Parking Lot Construction Project, with a bid opening scheduled for June 30, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Call for Bids as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16561)**
2. Staff presented an Agreement between Owner and Architect with Marc L. Estvold for the Family Resource Center project. The maximum amount of the contract is \$10,000 with reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$2,500. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 003513)**
3. Staff presented an Agreement between Owner and Architect with Marc L. Estvold for the Skagit County Courthouse Remodel. The maximum compensation for all services shall not exceed \$20,500. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 003514)**
4. Staff presented an Agreement between Owner and Architect with Tom Theisen for Building Remodel at 302 South Second Street for total compensation not to exceed \$42,000. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 003515)**
5. 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, June 2, 1997, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Voucher numbers 165952 through 166954 and PW9700001157 through PW9700001455 and payroll warrants numbered 89406 through 90309 in the total of \$1,209,376.32 (Transmittal No. P-10-97)

Voucher numbers P1-110001 through P1-110018, P1-279001 through P1-279042, P1-28001 through P1-28003, P1-28005 through P1-28006, 7007-499, 7007-555 through 7007-560, 7007-562, 7007-564 through 7007-602, 7007-604 through 7007-606, 7007-608 through 7007-615, in the total amount of \$1,553,155.51 (Warrant numbers 175779 through 176097) (Transmittal No. C-22-97)

Voucher numbers P1-279038A through P1-279039A, 7005041, 7007-561, 7007-616, 7007-624 through 7007-625, 7028-08, 7114-646, 7114-681, 7114-688, 7PW-1049 through 7PW-1098 (Warrant Nos. 176098 through 176509. (Transmittal No. A23-97) in the total amount of \$797,461.17.

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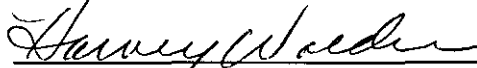
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**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Harvey Wolden, Chairman



Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners