

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 22, 1997**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Discussion – BECCA Bill Impact to Juvenile Probation Department.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation & Land Acquisition.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Public Comment Period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Budget Work Sessions:

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Veterans Relief
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Non-Departmental
11:30 a.m. – Noon	911 Communications
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Capital Funds
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Convention Center
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Commissioners' Office
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Civil Service
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Board of Equalization
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Insurance Services
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Administrative Services

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 1997, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present. Commissioner Harvey Wolden's absence was excused.

DISCUSSION – BECCA BILL IMPACT TO JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.

Lyle Poolman, Director of Juvenile Probation, discussed with the Board the impacts of the BECCA Bill to the Juvenile Probation Department. He explained that there are three elements to the BECCA Bill: Truancy, At-Risk Use, and CHINS. Mr. Poolman explained each of these programs. Mr. Poolman stated that once a child has 7 unexcused absences, the school district is required to file a truancy petition. Mr. Poolman advised that last year there were 625 truancy petitions filed within the County. The impact is getting to be quite intense for the Juvenile Probation Department. It computes to court time, paperwork, phone calls with parents, and increased workload on the detention facility. Mr. Poolman advised that this last year the combination has resulted in 325 bed days used in detention. He stated that, roughly, that is \$22,000 in bed time that there is no recourse for reimbursement. Consequently, the costs, therefore, must be absorbed.

The difficulties of collecting from the juveniles' parents were discussed.

Mr. Poolman detailed the successes of several programs within the Juvenile Probation Department. Upon query from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Poolman explained that the school districts review every alternative for truant children, including possible attendance at alternative schools.

Mr. Poolman then discussed the various areas where the Juvenile Probation Department has been successful in obtaining revenues for the County to reimburse County coffers for these increased expenses. He advised that over the last 18 months or so, the Department has taken an aggressive assertive role with parents and insurance companies in terms of accepting more responsibility for the costs of treatment. Minimal amounts are sometimes collected as it is important that parents pay something towards treatment. Mr. Poolman advised that increased efforts at the State level also contribute to revenues. Consequently, the Juvenile Probation Department will collect between \$65,000 to \$80,000 this year.

Mr. Poolman discussed the need to have a third on-call person available in the Juvenile Detention Department during critical times. He stated that his Department simply cannot absorb the extra workload any longer. The excellent relationship with the 7 local school districts has resulted in the school districts committing to jointly pay for one-half of an FTE for this position. Mr. Poolman asked the Board to take \$30,000 to \$40,000 from the generated revenue of \$65,000 to \$80,000 to fund the other half of the FTE required. Mr. Poolman noted that Skagit County is leading the State with our innovative programs and successes.

Commissioner Hart noted that the County has emphasized its commitment to the juvenile program over the last few years, including At-Risk Specialists, Best SELF, Community Network, etc. He stated that this commitment amounts to close to \$2,000,000, and that Skagit County has done a good job at addressing the needs of the community in this regard.

Commissioner Anderson added his comments, stating that work must begin at an early age, and that many children are now successful in alternative programs and schools.

Commissioner Hart confirmed that this position would go into effect immediately and indicated his approval of the request by Mr. Poolman. He clarified that this position would be funded half by the County and half by the school districts.

Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, stated that bed rentals are up significantly and that there have been adequate funds generated to pay for this half time FTE.

Commissioner Anderson further noted his approval, stating that the school districts are partnered and stepping up to the plate to assist the County in this regard.

Mr. Poolman stated that this shows the credence and confidence the school districts have in the County.

Commissioner Hart indicated that this is very acceptable and he concurred that Mr. Poolman should proceed in this direction. He further expressed his appreciation to Mr. Poolman and his Staff for all of the hard work that has been done in this regard.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

There were no citizens present for the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 22, 1997. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, September 15, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, September 16, 1997.
3. Record of the Proceedings of Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

• **PARKS & RECREATION:**

4. Adoption of an Interim Long Range Plan for Parks & Recreation facilities through the Re-Adoption of the 1987 Parks & Recreation Plan and the 1997-2002 Capital Facilities Plan as it relates to Parks & Recreation. (**Ordinance no. 16677**)

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• SENIOR SERVICES:

5. Amendment to Contract with Northwest Regional Council for the Nutrition Project increasing the contract from \$177,887 to \$181,220. **(Contract No. 03337)**

• PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

6. Resolution Accepting New Plat Roads as County Roads. These roads include Feather Lane, Talon Court, Aerie Lane and Woodcrest Drive. The first three roads are part of the Eagle Valley P.U.D. and Woodcrest Drive is in the plat of Parson Creek Acres. **(Resolution No. 16678)**
7. Professional Services Agreement with Hayes Drilling, Inc. for work to be performed at the SKAT Park & Ride lot located off the east end of South March's Point Road. All costs associated with the project will be reimbursed by SKAT. Total amount of the contract is \$2,078.28. The Agreement commences on September 1, 1997 and expires on October 31, 1997. **(Contract No. 03632)**
8. Resolution Awarding the bid for Lake Samish Road Guardrail, et al., to Coral Construction Company for a bid amount of \$108,409.19. **(Resolution No. 16679)**
9. Contract with Coral Construction Company for installation of Lake Samish Road Guardrail, et al., for a total contract amount of \$108,409.19. **(Contract No. 03633)**

• PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:

10. Resolution Denying the Appeal by Stephen L. Green, et al., of Hearing Examiner's Decision Approving Special Use Permit (PL-96-022.SPU). **(Resolution No. 16680)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

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, September 22, 1997, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant numbers 3875 through 4216 from Clearing Fund 696, in the total dollar amount of \$976,221.42 (Transmittal No. C-42-97)

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



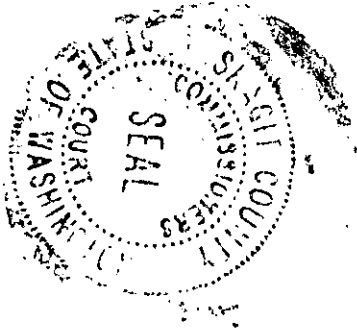
Harvey Wolden, Chairman




Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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