

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, October 20, 1997**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Discussion – Oasis Skagit County Teen Homeless Shelter Funding.
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Presentation – Flood Awareness Incident Command System.
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Public Comment Period.
	<b>CONSENT AGENDA. MISCELLANEOUS.</b>
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
*T 11:00 a.m. – Noon	Presentation – Regional Athletic Field.
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Budget Work Session.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

**DISCUSSION – OASIS SKAGIT COUNTY TEEN HOMELESS SHELTER FUNDING.**

Brian Paxton, Board of the Skagit County Teen Homeless Shelter, introduced Mary Mabbott-Hufferd, Executive Director of the Teen Homeless Shelter.

Ms. Hufferd gave a brief history of the problems with homeless youth in Skagit County, together with successes of the existing shelter.

Mr. Paxton stated that there are approximately 200 teens on the streets in Skagit County every night. Mr. Paxton reviewed statistics concerning teenagers who utilize the services of the homeless shelter. He explained that teen shelters are regulated by DSHS and are very expensive to operate. Further, there is no state funding provided, and private donations are the only funding source. Mr. Paxton stated that the shelter is mainly staffed by volunteers.

Mr. Paxton explained that United Way, SeaFirst and Boeing Employee's Credit Union have been major contributors to the start-up efforts of the shelter. Mr. Paxton asked the County to contribute \$3,500 per month in 1998 for a total of \$42,000, to provide a permanent funding base for the shelter.

**PRESENTATION – FLOOD AWARENESS INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM.**

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Director, had the members of the audience introduce themselves to the Board. Mr. Sheahan reviewed a map of flood fight sectors.

John Pauls, Burlington Fire Chief, explained the incident command system that consists of procedures for controlling personnel, equipment, facilities and communications, and allows different agencies to work together toward a common goal. He reviewed specific aspects of the Incident Command System.

Mr. Sheahan reviewed a flood fight incident command chart.

Ed Goodman, Skagit County Sheriff, discussed the importance of multi-jurisdictional cooperation during emergency situations.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Surface Water Management Division Manager, praised John Pauls and Dike District 12 for their efforts in being organized and communicating during these flood events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Eugene and Myrtle Landers detailed their unhappiness with their land designation on property on Sharpe Road. They explained that their neighbors have 2-1/2 acre designations, and their adjoining land has been designated as 10 acres.

Louie Requa, 310 West Bennett, Sedro Woolley, stated that he represents Sedro Woolley Rotary and is Chairman of a liaison committee working on a plan of action for the Northern State property. He indicated that his group would come back to the Board in the near future to make a formal presentation

Mr. Requa made additional comments on the need to quickly develop the CARD ordinance for constituents who cannot move forward with property divisions.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 20, 1997, as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, October 13, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, October 14, 1997.
3. Resolution Providing a Defense to Dan Slattery in a Lawsuit by Eric L. Mikota. **(Resolution NO. 16719)**
- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**
  4. Resolution Establishing Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Kirkland in order to purchase from Skagit County's bid award for two or more 1997 Ford 7740 SLE tractors with mower/brushcutter attachment. **(Resolution No. 16720, Contract No. 03661)**
  5. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement with David Evans & Associates, Inc. to provide necessary structural review of the proposed cast-in-place concrete outfall structure for the Burrows Bay Storm Sewer Project. This supplement increases the contract by \$900 for a total of \$38,966. **(Contract No. 03085)**
  6. Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations with the Department of Interior Geological Survey for Sauk River above Whitechuck River, Skagit River near Rockport, and Skagit River near Concrete. This Agreement allows the parties to participate in a cooperative water resources investigation program. **(Contract No. 03662)**
  7. Approval of Construction drawings for the Burlington-Sedro Woolley Connection Trail. The trail being constructed is from Peter Anderson Road to District Line Road between SR20 and Burlington Northern/Sante Fe Railroad. **(Approved)**
  8. Final Cost Record for Bow Hill Road Project. Final costs totaled \$529,068.07, well below the total dollars authorized for the project of \$627,809. **(Approved)**
  9. Final Record Notes for the Bow Hill Road project. **(Approved)**
  10. Standard Consultant Agreement for the Cook Road/Sr-20 Corridor Origin/Destination Study. The maximum amount to be paid to ATD Northwest is \$8,961. Most of the cost for the consultant will come from a federal STP grant for Cook Road. **(Contract No. 03663)**

• PUBLIC DEFENDER:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Robert I. Fink M.D. to provide professional services to include telephone consultation, record review, consultations and court appearances. The contract commences on August 28, 1997 and will continue until terminated for a maximum compensation amount of \$2,500. **(Contract No. 03664)**

• ARIS:

12. Personal Services Agreement with Keith Anderson, Ed.D. of Fidalgo Island Counseling to provide individual therapy and couple and family therapy at a rate of \$80 per 50 minute session. The term of the contract is January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. **(Contract No. 03665)**

• INFORMATION SERVICES:

13. Addendum No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement with CMI to increase the maximum consideration from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year, increasing the scope of work to include picking up and mailing items as required by the County and providing consulting services relating to County mailings. This is in conjunction with the addressing notices being mailed to Skagit County residents. **(Contract No. 03230)**

• HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

14. Interagency Agreement between Skagit County Public Hospital District #1/#304 dba: Affiliated Health Services and Skagit County in conjunction with a grant received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing services to decrease the risk of cardiovascular disease in Washington State through community-based projects. The total contract amount is \$4,000 and the Agreement will run from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. **(Contract No. 03666)**

**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, October 20, 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 5941 through 6381 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$706,778.72 (Transmittal No. C-50-97);

Warrant numbers 6382 through 7023 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$24,447.00 (Transmittal No. C-51-97); and

Payroll warrants numbered 5222 through 5243 in the total dollar amount of \$12,485.36 (Transmittal No. P-27-97).

2. Staff presented a Resolution establishing a \$400 change fund for the Parks & Recreation Department's Haunted Cave Event scheduled for October 27-31, 1997. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16721)**

**PRESENTATION – REGIONAL ATHLETIC FIELD.**

Eric Monson, Athletic Coordinator, Mount Vernon School District, reviewed the proposal for an all-weather stadium facility to be located in South Mount Vernon near Blackburn Road. He stressed the need for members of the community to work together to assist in the development of this proposed facility. He briefly discussed the

financing options available for construction of such a facility. He further reviewed the operation and components of the proposed facility, advising that it is planned that the facility would be utilized 18 hours per day.

Mr. Monson outlined the goal of raising \$10,000,000 to fund the regional athletic field from various partners throughout the County. The funds would come from various entities and not from one funding source. Mr. Monson indicated that his committee is requesting the County to contribute \$1.5 million over a ten-year period, which such funds to be generated from real estate excise tax. Others contributing would be the various school districts, city of Mount Vernon, private funds, State government, and the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Monson stressed that this would not be strictly a Mount Vernon facility, but would draw users from throughout the County.

Mr. Monson stressed that the only way for the regional athletic field to become a reality is for all of the different entities to work together.

Darlene Pearson spoke about the inadequate facilities at the Mount Vernon High School for competitive sports and physical education classes. She indicated that the State does not provide matching monies for stadium facilities, so local money is needed. Ms. Pearson stated that the committee does not want property taxes to increase for this project, and that the group is committed to making this a success.

Marty Lehr, Manager at Island Title, indicated that he is speaking for 20 community members on the committee, formed to look at meeting the need to replace inadequate facilities in Mount Vernon. He detailed the condition of the athletic field at Mount Vernon High School. He stated that the original vision for a new athletic field has expanded to a county-wide multi-use facility and thus have a whole stadium complex with an all-weather track, stadium seating, tennis courts, and a home for a Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Lehr indicated that soccer fields and baseball fields may be available adjacent to the site, if the right piece of property is purchased.

Mr. Lehr reviewed some of the funding sources that may be accessed, including the Paul Allen bond issue.

Mr. Lehr indicated that the Mount Vernon School District would acquire the land and contribute about \$2,000,000. The County would provide \$1,500,000 or \$150,000 for ten years. He further stated that the City of Mount Vernon would provide monies in the \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 range, and that additional monies would be acquired from other outside private sources. In addition, the Boys & Girls Club would contribute \$1,500,000.

Mac Armstrong, Superintendent of Schools from Mount Vernon, stated that during challenging and demanding times we are charged with coming up with innovative solutions. He stated that the community can have early intervention to keep the community's youth active. He stated that nothing is insurmountable with cooperation and collaboration. He stated that the Mount Vernon School District is dedicated to that collaboration and looks forward to the opportunity to participate.

Jack Gubrud, Boys & Girls Club, is very interested in seeing the youth of Skagit County benefit by this proposed facility.

Mike Janicki thanked the Board for the Cook Road Facilities that the County has helped fund. He reviewed the usage at the Cook Road facilities and the need for an all-weather facility.

Cheryl Thompson, Senior at Mount Vernon High School, reviewed her first-hand experience at using the current facilities at Mount Vernon High School. She explained that there have been many injuries to athletes from the poor track that exists.

Barbara Hendrickson stressed the need to keep youth busy and out of trouble. She stated that this is the kind of project that will benefit everyone on Skagit County, and urged the Board to give the project their careful consideration.

Michael Baker, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club, stated that this organization is the largest youth serving organization in the country. He stated that kids are seeking a place to go for activities. He indicated that this regional athletic field is the type of facility that will provide a positive place for kids to go.

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Mike Crawford, Concrete Nor<sup>W</sup>est, stated that this project has merit and we need more collective efforts to make the strides to make it become a reality. He noted the need to fully address the fairness issue and make certain that the facility services the entire County, and not just one particular area or group. He urged the Board to consider moving the County Fair to the former Northern State property to avoid traffic congestion in the area.

Leo Roozen, Washington Bulb Company, stressed that there is a tremendous shortage in athletic facilities in Skagit County. He further indicated that this all-weather facility would allow existing fields some relief during bad weather. He stated that there are many businesses and individuals committed to this project, and that there is a serious commitment from many citizens in the community to make this happen.

Louie Requa, 310 W. Bennett, Sedro Woolley, stated that the effort that is being put forth is very warranted and encouraged the Board to proceed. He stated that there is a definite need for this type of facility.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the Board has spent the entire real estate excise tax on projects for youth, and that this request would equal approximately half of that fund. He indicated that there is a fairness and benefit issue. He further stated that if the County is going to expend funds and participate in a new athletic complex, that accessibility to all of the kids of Skagit county is the key. He stated his need to have some assurance of the benefit to all citizens, not just Mount Vernon's athletic events. He expressed the need for inertia to come from the community similar to the Skagit Valley Dreamfield. He noted that the request is for 50% of the real estate excise tax fund, and that the Board has not been able to fulfill all of the requests that have been received in the past. Commissioner Anderson stated that it has long been a disappointment for him that the Northern State complex has not been developed. He indicated that this valuable piece of property also needs development.

In response to Commissioner Anderson's comments, Mr. Monson indicated that the commitment of the group is not just to Mount Vernon kids, but to Sedro Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, and Concrete also.

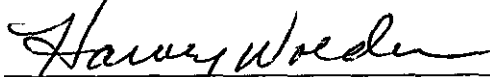
Chairman Wolden stated that a little bit of something is better than a whole lot of nothing. He indicated that the Board has invested a lot of money into youth facilities and activities throughout the County, and that he would rather see money spent on activities than a larger juvenile facility.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, stated that no group has been more involved in interlocal cooperative efforts than the current Board. He cited the dedication to and success of the Best SELF program. Mr. Woodmansee stated that it is refreshing to have a partner that comes to the party with \$2,000,000 already in hand. He stated the need to have Interlocal agreements in place with the county, city, and school districts; such interlocal agreements will contain policies on how other school districts and potential users join in this venture. He indicated that this would be a significant commitment on behalf of the County. Mr. Woodmansee noted that the County is in the budget process at this time, and that an existing real estate excise tax committee would review this request.

**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


  
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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

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Robert Hart, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board  
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