

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 30, 1998**

- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Presentation – Public Defender’s Office Quarterly Report.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Public Comment Period.
CONSENT AGENDA.
MISCELLANEOUS.
- *T 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Proclamation – National Records & Information Management Week, April 5-11.
- *T 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Presentation – Juvenile Probation Detention Programs.
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch and Walk-Through Tour at the E-911 Center Construction Site, 2911 E. College Way, Mount Vernon.
1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Emergency Management Council Meeting.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson and Harvey Wolden present.

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE QUARTERLY REPORT.

Rob Jones, Director of the Public Defender’s Office, outlined the events in his office and the general health of the criminal justice system in Skagit County. He reviewed that the Public Defender’s Office was formed in 1986 and Mr. Jones has served as the director of the office since that time. He stated that the goal of the Public Defender’s Office is to provide defense services to indigents. Accordingly, there are responsibilities that span the spectrum of the criminal justice system. He discussed the impacts of the BECCA bill to his office.

Mr. Jones stated that he currently has a staff of 8 attorneys, including himself. There is also one contract attorney. The office has an office supervisor and five support staff. He reviewed the qualifications of the various attorneys in his office and their job functions.

He stated that the Skagit County Public Defender’s Office plays a central role in the criminal justice scenario of Skagit County. Mr. Jones explained that there has been a 7-1/2% increase in caseload compared to last year. Misdemeanor and truancy cases have increased, with truancy cases almost doubling compared to last year.

A brief discussion ensued on the affects of the unfunded mandate of the BECCA Bill and the related problems of juveniles

Mr. Jones discussed the inter-County cooperation with Whatcom County.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

There were no citizens present for the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 30, 1998, as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, March 23, 1998.

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2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, March 24, 1998.
3. Resolution providing a defense to Jeff Brooke in a Lawsuit by Gene Palmer II. **(Resolution No. 16936)**
4. Out-of-State Travel Request for Alicia Huschka to attend the GFOA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California. June 28 through July 1, 1998 for a total cost of \$1,040. **(Approved)**
5. Out-of-State Travel Request for Mike Woodmansee to attend the GFOA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, June 28 through July 1, 1998, for a total cost of \$1,040. **(Approved)**

• **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

6. Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County Fire Fighters Association, District #13, Hope Island Station, to assist with the distribution and/or installation of approximately 600 address signs at the rate of \$1 per sign. **(Resolution No. 16937, Contract No. 03889)**
7. Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with the Town of LaConner for Skagit County Public Works Department to provide materials, equipment rental, and perform work on a reimbursable basis for the Town of LaConner for five calendar years 1998 through 2002. **(Resolution No. 16938, Contract No. 03890)**
8. Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with Drainage District #19 for Skagit County Public Works Department to provide materials, equipment rental, and perform work on a reimbursable basis for Drainage District #19 for five calendar years 1998 through 2002. **(Resolution No. 16939, Contract No. 03891)**
9. Personal Services Agreement with Kelly Hawkins to develop a brochure for the Skagit County Drainage Utility, which will be completed and mailed by February 27, 1998. Total compensation will not exceed \$1,500 and the contract period is February 10, 1998 through March 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03892)**
10. Public Works Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement for Signatory Agencies in the State of Washington, which will allow signatory agencies to support each other during disasters/emergencies to protect life and property when the event is beyond the capabilities of the affected entity. **(Contract No. 03893)**
11. Out-of-State Travel Request for Jill M. Scott to attend the GFOA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, June 27 through July 1, 1998, for a total amount of \$1,040. **(Approved)**

• **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

12. Amendment No. 12 to IAC Project Agreement regarding the Centennial Trail Highway 9 Project. This action allows the County to remove the bridge crossing the Skagit without paying back the IAC. **(Contract No. 00798)**

• **PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**

13. Development Agreement among the City of Mount Vernon, Axthelm-Swett Construction, Axthelm-Swett Wonderbread and Armored Transport Development for a commercial/limited industrial development located within Skagit County and the City's urban growth area. The project is located off Cedardale Road. **(Contract No. 03894)**

• **PERSONNEL:**

14. Employment Agreement with Harry G. Cramer, III, regarding his employment by the Skagit County Emergency Communications Center. This agreement shall continue from year to year commencing with Cramer's first day of continuous employment. Skagit County will recoup the costs of Mr. Cramer's salary and benefits from 911 funds once they become available. **(Contract No. 03895)**

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, March 30, 1998, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 17288 through 17345 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$323,117.63 (Transmittal No. C-19-98);

Warrants numbered 17346 through 17725 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$578,042.04 (Transmittal No. C-20-98);

Payroll warrants numbered 12468 through 13180 in the total dollar amount of \$596,852.21 (Transmittal No. P-14-98); and

Voucher numbers 169072 through 169133 and payroll warrants numbered 92595 through 92665 in the total dollar amount of \$66,155.42 (Transmittal No. P-15-98).

2. Staff presented an Agreement with Skagit Valley Publishing Company for a weekly display ad in the Saturday edition of the Skagit Valley Herald. The total cost to the County is \$7,377.50. Commissioner moved to approve the contract as presented by Staff. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03896)**

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL RECORDS & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT WEEK, April 5-11, 1998.

Commissioner Hart read the Proclamation. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Proclamation as read by Chairman Hart. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cori Russell, Records Management Department Head, briefly detailed the activities of her department and their interaction with the Information Services Department. She briefly explained activities for the week of April 5-11, 1998.

PRESENTATION – JUVENILE PROBATION DETENTION PROGRAMS.

Lyle Poolman, Juvenile Probation Director, stated that the detention facility population has averaged 23 kids in the Juvenile Detention facility. He discussed staffing levels and revenue concerns. He commented on the successful working relationships with adjoining counties. He discussed admission criteria for detention.

John McCardle, Probation Staff, offered a comparison over the last five years to give a perspective to the numbers. There were 1,170 children in 1997 compared to 805 children in 1992. Ten years ago the average length of stay was just a little over 5 days. In 1997 the average length of stay was 9 days. He concurred with Mr. Poolman on the good relationships developed with San Juan and Island Counties, as well as the Swinomish Tribe. Mr. McCardle next discussed the impacts of the BECCA Bill.

Mr. Poolman explained that the counties using our facility do not have their own detention facilities.

Kevin McRae, Detention Staff, reviewed a typical day in the life of those spending time in detention. Mr. McRae explained the "level" distinction made for each child and the incentives attached thereto.

Brian Brown, Detention Staff, stated that he has been teaching in the detention facility of Skagit County for 15 years. He explained that all detentions are required to offer a school program. He discussed the GED Program offered to some of the youngsters. He reviewed the activities for the school program.

Kristin Laughlin reviewed the art classes that she teaches.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Robert Hart, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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