

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 28, 1998**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Discussion with Assessor's Office regarding Junior Taxing Districts Since Referendum 47.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Work Session – 1998 Work Program, Tasks and Timeline for Addressing Growth Management, Comprehensive Planning and Development Regulations.
*T 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Presentation by Burlington-Edison School District and Community regarding an All-Weather Track.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

DISCUSSION WITH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REGARDING JUNIOR TAXING DISTRICTS SINCE REFERENDUM 47.

Mark Leander, County Assessor, explained that Referendum 47 changed the levying policy for all taxing districts. He further explained the different requirements for populations greater than 10,000 and less than 10,000, and the necessity for the proper filing of resolutions by Junior Taxing Districts when they desire to levy up to 106%. He stated that it is the responsibility of the Assessor's Office to not levy any more taxes than the previous year's levy (other than new construction), without the appropriate resolutions. He commented on one fire district that adopted the proper resolution, but the resolution was never received by the Assessor's Office.

The procedure for receiving these resolutions was briefly outlined. Mr. Leander stated that such procedure and communication with the districts oftentimes can involve not only his office, but the Auditor's Office, Treasurer's Office and the Commissioners' Office. He stressed the need for a collection point or clearing house where all communication could take place so that such difficulties are not encountered.

Chairman Hart clarified that there are two separate issues. First, there is a need to develop a system to make sure that each department receives the proper documentation or notification. Secondly, a solution for the past problem with Fire District 8 needs to be achieved.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the procedures as they are now, and the need for a combined effort in the future. This included the suggestion for a checklist that could be shared among the affected departments and the need to avoid duplication and extra work.

Kelly Briggs, Assessor's Office Manager, reviewed past procedures and the addition of resolutions that need to be copied for the Assessor's Office.

Chairman Hart suggested that the procedures need to be formalized in a resolution from the Board, thereby avoiding any confusion in the future.

A discussion ensued on the development of a checklist and the possibility of this being done electronically.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Staff presented a Resolution calling for a public hearing to hear and possibly adopt findings of fact in support of Interim Ordinance No. 16919 which revised Skagit County Code Chapter 14.04 (Zoning Ordinance) by establishing new requirements for "Personal Wireless Service Facilities." Commissioner Anderson moved to

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approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16976)**

PRESENTATION BY BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY REGARDING AN ALL-WEATHER TRACK.

Paul Chaplik, Burlington-Edison School District Superintendent, stated that he appreciated the Board taking time to listen to a proposal for a partnership project that will enhance the community and area. He gave a brief overview of the project for an all-weather track at the Burlington-Edison High School facility. He stated that the project will not be possible without a partnership with Skagit County.

Dr. Chaplik stated that there is a significant need throughout the County for much better track facilities than what is currently available. Skagit County stands out with its lack of these types of facilities. He stated that many members of the community are committed to the development of this all-weather facility. The costs of constructing such a project have been estimated at \$350,000. He stated that in the numerous projects the School District has been engaged in over the past few years, costs have never exceeded those originally projected.

Dr. Jerry Whitfield discussed the aspects of the partnership with the County. He reviewed some of the history of his association with the school district, and the need to enhance the school facilities and track. He advised that the current track is unusable six months of the year. He detailed the various groups that would be using the proposed track. In addition, public events will be held there consisting of fund-raising events and other activities. He advised that Burlington has limited resources, and the \$350,000 project cost is well beyond the scope of the monies able to be raised.

Dr. Whitfield asked the County to come into this project as a 50% partner, if that is feasible. He advised that the school district can contribute \$80,000. That leaves \$100,000 to be raised from the community and City of Burlington. He stated that his group believes that they can raise \$75,000, and that the City contribution has not been determined at this point in the project.

Dr. Whitfield advised that there is tremendous support in the community for this project. He expressed his appreciation for the open lines of communication with the County and County Administrator Mike Woodmansee.

John Leander, Burlington-Edison School District Facilities Manager, reviewed the scope of the project. This includes upgrading the existing track. He detailed the drainage, irrigation, and the construction plan for the track. He next discussed the various pieces of the construction process. He advised that this will be an approximately 10-week construction project. The project will begin as soon as the major spring sports are completed, approximately the middle of May 1999. The project would be completed in time for the Cancer Walk in August.

A discussion ensued on the specifics of the plan.

Chairman Hart stated that this is a request for a 45%/50% match, and since this is a large consideration, he wondered if other communities in the County might oppose this large contribution.

Dr. Chaplik stated that when the Mount Vernon stadium proposal surfaced, much of the opposition came from the Burlington community. This was because of a lack of good information coming forward. He stated that he is the Chairman of the Skagit County Superintendents and that the group feared that all of the potential resources would be committed to one project with the exclusion of every other proposed project. After reaching an understanding that there are many projects that the County will support to enhance the community, the group withdrew their opposition to the stadium project.

Commissioner Wolden asked if it would be possible to provide funding for this project over two years, rather than such a large amount in one lump sum.

Dr. Chaplik commented on the commitment of the Board to the community and that many projects are the result of the County Commissioners. He stated that they could certainly find a way to make this work if the partnership with the County is over a two-year period of time. He stated that this would be a positive thing for the entire county, most certainly focused on the Burlington-Edison Community.

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Dr. Whitfield expressed his feeling that it would be difficult to maintain the community support and momentum over a 2-year period of time, and that such a plan might be detrimental to fund-raising efforts. He feared that interest will wane.

Chairman Hart clarified that no matter what the Board of County Commissioners does, there is a Real Estate Excise Tax committee consisting of representatives from the real estate community, builders, and others, who will prioritize the projects that are proposed. He stated that with the stadium proposal, understanding were reached wherein there would be a separate scheduling system so that Mount Vernon does not completely control the facility, and that public funds would not be committed until the private funds promised had been raised.

Dr. Whitfield stated that this project will have to be done at one time, so it could not be delayed by a year. Otherwise, the project would have to go into debt. He stated, however, that they would be willing to work with the County in this regard.

Commissioner Anderson stated that every project stands on its own merits. He cautioned that this will take a considerable amount of time to put the pieces together. He stated that if the County did commit to providing funds over a 2-year period of time, fund-raising would not be affected by any great degree. Commissioner Anderson stated that the project has his unqualified support, but it will have to be considered by the Real Estate Excise Tax Committee.

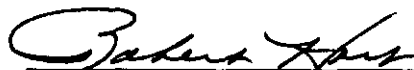
Chairman Hart indicated that this project should go forward and the County should participate.

Commissioner Wolden stated that he is 100% behind the proposal, noting that he would rather contribute to this type of project, rather than more detention facilities.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



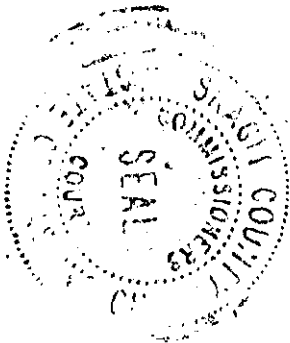
Robert Hart, Chairman



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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

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Monday, May 4, 1998**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Public Comment Period.
	CONSENT AGENDA MISCELLANEOUS
*T 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Proclamation – “Try Transit” Week in Skagit County, May 11 - 15, 1998.
*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing – Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing a 0.04 Percent Sales and Use Tax for Distressed Counties for Public Facilities in Rural Counties as Authorized by RCW 82.14.370
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Presentation – Possible Funding of Playfields at Samish Elementary School.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Gene & Myrtle Landers, 268 Sanders Road, Anacortes, commented on a situation involving their property and the two homes that exist there. Chairman Hart stated that he would check on this situation with the Planning Department.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 4, 1998, and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- **COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE:**
 1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, April 27, 1998.
 2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, April 28, 1998.
 3. Dance Hall License applied for by Sonia Lopez and Rene Carreon for a wedding reception at the Rexville Grange on June 13, 1998. **(Approved)**
- **PARKS & RECREATION:**
 4. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Burlington for construction of a Skateboard Facility. The County will contribute \$20,000 toward this project. **(Contract No. 03939)**
- **PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**
 5. Bid Award for the Demolition/Clearance/Disposal of 11 residences acquired with Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. The bid is awarded to Wedco Construction, Inc. for the total sum of \$58,600. **(Resolution No. 16977)**
 6. Addendum No. 1 to the Consultant Services Agreement with Kinko’s, Inc. to amend the scope of work to include copying 11x 17 color and black and white copies, and amending the costs of tabs from \$.025 to \$.25 per tab. **(Contract No. 03888)**

• PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

7. Revised Summary of Offer for Right-of-Way Acquisition concerning the Reservation Road #4021 Improvement Project to include two additional parcels. This increases the cost of the right-of-way acquisition from \$65,135 to \$70,935. **(Approved)**
8. Resolution awarding the bid for Havecost Road #10910, et al., 1998 Asphalt Overlays, Project No. ESA09081-1 to Lakeside Industries, Inc. for the total amount of \$845,220.20. **(Resolution No. 16978)**
9. Vendor Services Agreement with Pacific Industrial Scale Co., Ltd., to provide software support for the scale program at the Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station for an amount not to exceed \$2,000. The contract will commence April 20, 1998 and continue until December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03940)**
10. Professional Services Agreement with Industrial Mowing and Spraying for the mowing of various ditches and sloughs in Skagit County for total compensation not to exceed \$10,000. The Agreement will commence on May 1, 1998 and will continue through November 30, 1998. **(Contract No. 03941)**
11. Professional Services Agreement with Schols Mowing for the cutting or mowing of vegetation growing on the slopes of the closed Inman Sanitary Landfill as directed by the Public Works Department. Contractor shall provide all labor, material and equipment to perform this work, and will be compensated at the rate of \$48 per hour. The Agreement will commence on May 18, 1998 and shall continued through December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03942)**
12. Professional Services Agreement with Norseman Plastics Earth Machine West to conduct a one-day compost bin sale for Skagit County residents on June 6, 1998. The purpose is to offer compost bins at a reasonable price to County residents. Total compensation will not exceed \$39,000. The Agreement will commence on May 1, 1998 and will be effective through December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03943)**

• HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

13. Contract with the Washington State Migrant Council for provision of Registered Nurse consultant services at Skagit County Migrant Health Centers. The WSMC will reimburse Skagit County \$3,864 for these services. The contract will commence on April 1, 1998 and will terminate on November 30, 1998. **(Contract No. 03944)**
14. Guest Speaker Contract with Tim Blicht to make a presentation entitled "Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS" for total reimbursement of \$25. **(Contract No. 03945)**
15. Guest Speaker Contract with April Bernath to make a presentation entitled "Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS" for total reimbursement of \$25. **(Contract No. 03946)**
16. Guest Speaker Contract with Rick Moreno to make a presentation entitled "Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS" for total reimbursement of \$25. **(Contract No. 03947)**

• EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

17. Letter to CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Program revising the County's proposed allocation of the \$1,329,109 currently available and clarifying a number of other minor points related to the County's application. This is in regards to the County's CDBG application for Disaster Recovery Grant Program funds. **(Approved)**

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, May 4, 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 19553 through 19581 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$111,608.39 (Transmittal No. C-27-98); and

Warrants numbered 19582 through 19989 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$451,600.32 *Transmittal No. C-28-98); and

Payroll warrants numbered 14635 through 14712 in the total dollar amount of \$85,848.37 (Transmittal No. P-20-98); and

Payroll warrants numbered 950001 through 950059 in the total dollar amount of \$63,418.89 (Transmittal No. P-21-98).

2. Staff presented a Resolution awarding the bid for purchase of a patrol boat for the Sheriff's Office to Safe Boats International for a bid price of \$34,426. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Bid Award as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16980)**
3. Staff presented a Resolution for the Re-Appointment of James King to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board. Mr. King's term will be effective April 4, 1998 and shall expire on April 4, 2001. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. **(Resolution No. 16981)**
3. Staff presented a Resolution appointing Ron Wesen as a Commissioner to Skagit County Drainage District #16 to fill a vacancy left by the death of Joel Carlson. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16982)**

PROCLAMATION – "TRY TRANSIT" WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY, MAY 11-15, 1998.

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

Jim Lair, Executive Director of Skagit Transit, reviewed the activities for "Try Transit" week.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 0.04 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR DISTRESSED COUNTIES FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES IN RURAL COUNTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 82.14.370.

Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, presented the Board with a Distressed County Sales Tax Fact Sheet. She reviewed the pertinent results of the legislative action allowing for these funds. She explained that this tax option does not increase the sales tax rate on a local or statewide basis. This tax option does redirect sales tax revenue from the state general fund back to Skagit County. Ms. Huschka reviewed the list of other counties in the State who are also eligible to take advantage of these available funds.

Ms. Huschka read the exact language of the pertinent RCW sections.

Commissioner Anderson asked for clarification of the shift of tax that will not go to the State and confirmed that sales tax collected in the County will not be increased.

Ms. Huschka next reviewed the intent of the legislature to assist such counties with their economic hardships. The funds are to be used to promote economic development and job creation, worker training, community revitalization, and infrastructure assistance. It is well understood that rural distressed areas face serious economic problems.

Ms. Huschka then reviewed the proposed Ordinance for the Board's consideration following public testimony.

Chairman Hart then opened the floor for public testimony.

Randy Good, Sedro Woolley, asked for clarification on the Distressed County Sales Tax Fact Sheet Item No. 10, asking exactly what projects will be undertaken. He noted that the proposed ordinance does not state anything regarding which public facilities would be improved.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, indicated that there is some confusion, but the legislature gave an expanded scope for economic development. He stated that he monies must go to capital facilities, and there is some margin to discuss whether such facility does generate economic development. He explained that this is a budgeted fund that will go through the regular budgetary process.

Ken Slater stated that this is a tax raise because as soon as we use all of the sales tax money for all of these projects, our taxes will be raised. He commented on the question of what exactly a public facility is, asking if a firehall for Cedardale or a sports facility would qualify as such.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved that the public hear be closed. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wolden stated that this represents surplus money for distressed counties who need capital to enhance public works funds and create jobs. Consequently, taxpayers have already paid this money, and it will come back to be spent in Skagit County. He moved to approve the Ordinance as presented by Ms. Huschka.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Ordinance No. 16979)**

PRESENTATION – POSSIBLE FUNDING OF PLAYFIELDS AT SAMISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Mark Collins, Principal at Samish Elementary School in Sedro Woolley, reviewed the history of the purchase of 20.09 acres adjacent to the school through a bond issue. He reviewed the proposal and site plan for the property. He explained the specifics of the plan for development including an area to be left natural, location for restroom facilities, a picnic shelter, soccer fields, baseball playfields, and parking areas.

Mr. Collins then discussed funding. He advised that the total cost of the project including the land is approximately \$300,000. The school district has purchased the land for \$105,000. He explained the specific costs for each part of the proposal. He stated that funding sources include approaching the County for \$60,000. Mr. Collins indicated that an Interagency for Outdoor Recreation grant has been applied for, and that the Little League Association in Sedro Woolley has expressed interest in helping with the purchase of backstops and other baseball equipment.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that Mr. Collins had submitted a written proposal last year for this project.

Mr. Collins stated that it is hoped that this project could be completed by Spring of 1999.

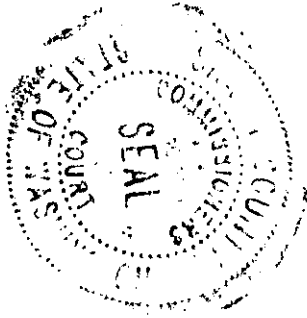
Commissioner Wolden asked if it would be possible to spread the \$60,000 requested over a three year time period. Mr. Collins indicated that such a proposal would be acceptable.

Mr. Collins reviewed a series of photographs of various areas of the project.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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