

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, May 26, 1998**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Public Comment Period.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MISCELLANEOUS**

- \*T 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Deliberation and Possible Action - Interim Ordinance No. 16919, which revised Skagit County Code Chapter 14.04 (Zoning Ordinance) by establishing new requirements for "Personal Wireless Service Facilities."
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Possible Formation of a Horticultural Pest and Disease Board.
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Discussion – Veterans Advisory Council.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Leland Fox, Kelleher Road, discussed a plugged County culvert under the Green Road. He stated that he had contacted Dave Brookings and had only received promises to make the necessary repairs. Chal Martin, Public Works Director, who was in attendance, indicated that he would investigate this situation.

Stanley Donough, 1415 Cove Court, Fidalgo Island, stated that he came in to thank the Board for the drainage the County put in to take care of the drainage along Rosario and Biz Point Roads. He stated that the job done was well beyond the call of duty. He complimented Dave Brookings and Dan Tolliver on the way they represented the County. He further stated that the second reason for coming was to thank the Board for the way they are handling the Growth Management Act, which is some of the toughest legislation to deal with.

Louie Requa, Skagit Surveyors, 806 Metcalf, Sedro Woolley, distributed materials related to the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan to be held on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. He discussed alternatives for those citizens living in urban growth areas who would like to short plat their property. Mr. Requa stated that the interim ordinance currently in place restricts what individuals can do with their property. He detailed two areas of the Comprehensive Plan that could be changed to allow for these alternatives. He advised that these were carefully thought out during the citizen advisory process in 1992. A discussion ensued.

Don Bockelman, Day Creek, spoke on instances of cloud seeding in the County, and asked if the Board had made inquiries about this procedure. Commissioner Wolden indicated that he had made inquiries and had received no substantiation that cloud seeding had been done in Skagit County. Mr. Bockelman mentioned that Commissioner Anderson had stated that he would make inquiries, and he wondered if that had been done. Chairman Hart stated that he did not know what Commissioner Anderson had done in this regard. Chal Martin, Public Works Director, stated that he could check with his staff.

Mr. Bockelman further stated that the County's roadside management policy should be changed. He mentioned that herbicides are sprayed along ditches and even over a bridge and that such practices are not environmentally friendly to fish. He asked that such policies be changed.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, May 26, 1998. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, May 18, 1998.
2. Memorandum of Agreement with the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce for tourism promotion through the Visitor Information Center for the total dollar amount of \$5,000. **(Contract No. 03959)**

• **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

3. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Composite Squadron, 46046, Civil Air Patrol, for the installation of uniform address signs using labor provided by the Contractor at an installation rate of \$1 per sign, for a maximum contract amount of \$2,800. **(Contract No. 03960)**
4. Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement WR-03 between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and Skagit County for maintenance snow removal, increasing the contract from \$1,100 to \$1,870. **(Contract No. 03720)**
5. Resolution regarding the sale of excess property to the Town of Concrete (Tractor and Mower Attachment) for a total purchase price of \$2,000. **(Resolution No. 16996)**
6. Letter of Approval for the merger of Regional Disposal Company with Allied Waste Industries, Inc. The current contract with Regional Disposal requires Skagit County to approve any transfer of our contract to other companies. **(Approved)**

• **JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT:**

7. Interlocal Agreement with the Anacortes, Burlington-Edison, Concrete, LaConner, and Mount Vernon school districts for the joint funding of a Truancy Intervention Specialist to serve the school districts and the County Juvenile Court in implementing the truancy portion of the "Becca Bill." The specialist will be funded 50% from the school districts and 50% from the County, with such funding including salary, benefits and collateral needs as agreed upon. **(Contract No. 03961)**

• **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:**

8. Change Order No. 6 to contract with Eldred & Essex Construction, Inc. for the Chinook Enterprises remodel project for the installation of a new gas-fired, sealed-combustion space heater in the wood shop. The contract will be increased by \$5,227 for a total contract price of \$630,330.89. **(Contract No. 03675)**
9. Change Order No. 2 to contract with Anda Construction for the Skagit County Family Resource Center to include parapet flashing replacement for a total increase of \$3,800. The new contract amount is \$453,391.50. **(Contract No. 03904)**

• **HUMAN SERVICES:**

10. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services to provide \$30,000 in federal funds from DSHS/DASA (Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse)/HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Community Coalition Support Initiative. The funds will help support the North 26<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Outreach Project in the City of Mount Vernon. **(Contract No. 03962)**

SENIOR SERVICES:

11. Rental Agreement with the Saturday Community Market Association for utilization of the Concrete Senior Center perimeter and restrooms each Saturday from May 23, 1998 through September 5, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The rental amount is \$240. **(Contract No. 03963)**
- CONSERVATION FUTURES (FARMLAND LEGACY PROGRAM):
12. Vendor Services Agreement with CMI for database preparation, labeling, tabbing, folding and postage for mailing of approximately 2,200 Farmland Legacy brochures for the Conservation Futures Program for a total amount of \$500. The contract will begin May 14, 1998 and will continued until terminated by either part in writing. **(Contract No. 03964)**
- INFORMATION SERVICES:
13. Vendor Services Agreement with Electric West for the relocation of six existing tomb stone service outlets to new locations and plug the six exiting holes. The contract amount is \$375, and work will commence on May 20, 1998. **(Contract No. 03965)**
- TREASURER:
14. Resolution Canceling Warrants that are over one year old, subject to cancellation as provided by R.C.W. 36.22.100 Section 4097 of Remington Revised Statutes, Laws of Washington. These warrants total \$\$47,089.43. **(Resolution No. 16997)**
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT:
15. Amendment No. 2 to the Consolidated Contract deducting the amount of \$90 to the Perinatal Hepatitis B program federal revenue code 333.92.68 for the January-December 1998 time period. **(Contract No. 03714)**
- PARKS & RECREATION:
16. Agreement with the Washington State Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for improvements to the Swinomish Boat Launch. Skagit County has been awarded Boating Facilities Program funding for renovation and improvement work of \$200,238. **(Contract No. 03966)**

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 26, 1998, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll warrants numbered 15372 through 16086 in the total dollar amount of \$608,843.10 (Transmittal No. P-24-98); and

Warrants numbered 20887 through 21314 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$755,883.20 (Transmittal No. C-31-98).

2. Staff presented a Resolution authorizing the application for Development Grant for Presentin Park from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 16998)**

**DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – INTERIM ORDINANCE NO.1 6919, WHICH REVISED SKAGIT COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14.04 (ZONING ORDINANCE) BY ESTABLISHING NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR “PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES.”**

Tom Karsh, Co-Director, advised that on May 11 a public hearing had been held to adopt findings to support Ordinance No. 16919. Written comments were collected until 4:30 p.m. on May 13, 1998. These written comments were given to the Board for their review prior to this deliberation session. Mr. Karsh advised that the interim ordinance is still in effect and that there is no hurry to adopt a new ordinance.

Mr. Karsh reviewed the proposed changes to the interim ordinance in detail as distributed to the Board.

On Page 6, item 4 (which will be changed to 5) a lengthy discussion ensued on site selection criteria and the need to include the verbiage “or mount an antenna on an existing structure.” Mr. Karsh explained that co-location is covered in a different section of the document.

Setbacks were discussed, as well as co-location, design criteria, antenna criteria, and detectable noise at adjacent property lines.

The proposal to increase fencing to 10’ in height was discussed, and the Board indicated that they would prefer it to be left at 6’.

The Board indicated that they would like the inspection requirements in Section 10 to remain the same as originally stated.

Plantings to screen the towers were discussed, and Chairman Hart indicated that 10’ trees would be adequate. The Board indicated that this section should also remain as originally stated.

Mr. Karsh stated that changes would be made to the document as discussed, and brought back to the Board during next week’s Planning & Permit Center agenda. The Board stated that they would like to have copies of the proposed ordinance prior to this session.

**PUBLIC HEARING – POSSIBLE FORMATION OF A HORTICULTURAL PEST AND DISEASE BOARD.**

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, advised that there are two actions to take. The first item is to determine whether to form the Pest Control Board. Then there is the need to create a work program for the summer and fall. The main concern is to form an implementation plan and budget that are real, with everyone knowing what is expected so there are no unpleasant surprises as the work program proceeds. Mr. Woodmansee advised that the Board had directed him to work to reallocate \$10,000 from the weed control effort to this program, and that has been accomplished. The County will contribute \$10,000 to this effort. It is understood that the growers will self-assess \$30-\$35 per acre and that collection is underway. Mr. Woodmansee indicated that certainly there are some details to work out regarding equipment and office space that can cost more than what is planned. Mr. Woodmansee stated that in regards to the Coordinator to be hired, if the position is not going to be regular full-time or part-time, hiring can occur instantly.

Dyvon Haven, Cooperative Extension, stated that there are many parts of the budget that need to be worked out. Chairman Hart stated that once the Board is established, members of the Horticultural Pest & Disease Board will determine the actions to be taken, as long as they follow the policy of the county.

Commissioner Wolden stated that the Work Plan will come from the Pest Control Board.

Chairman Hart commented on the necessity for urgency in getting the Pest Control Board in place, and stated that the issue at hand today is to form such an entity. He opened the public hearing for comments.

Dyvon Haven, Extension Agent with WSU Cooperative Extension, stated that she is in favor of forming the Pest Control Board for the control of apple maggots in Skagit County. She briefly reviewed the history of infestation on

the West Coast, and the instances of maggots being discovered in South Mount Vernon and Sedro Woolley. She stated that the Pest Control Board would have the ability to contain the pest through trapping and education of the public, keeping the pest away from commercial orchards.

Don Williamson, apple grower, discussed the effects of a quarantine and the extreme hardship on the apple growers in Skagit County that would result.

Larry Johnson, commercial apple grower, supported forming the Pest Board..

Wendell Carlson, apple grower, stated that apples are a viable crop for the County, and needs to be preserved. He briefly outlined the ramifications of discovering maggots in a commercial orchard, including the refusal of packers to process the fruit.

Jim Perkins, apple grower in Sedro Woolley, stated that he is in support of the formation of the Pest Control Board.

Don Bockelman, Day Creek, stated that he supports the idea of creating strategies to control pests. He indicated that he would not want to have any policy in place that requires spraying apples on his personal property in order to maintain market viability. He stated that it is important for commercial apple growers to have strategies, but they must provide alternatives to spraying.

Dyvon Haven, WSU Cooperative Extension, indicated that homeowners will be provided with organic methods of controlling pests, rather than spraying.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the formation of a Horticultural Pest and Disease Board for Skagit County. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. (**Resolution No. 16999**)

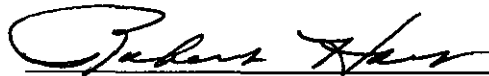
**DISCUSSION – VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

This agenda item was cancelled.

**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*

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