

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, March 30, 1999**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.                      Presentation – Neighbors in Need

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.                  Commendation to Jon Aarstad for 21+ Years of Service with the Skagit County  
Parks and Recreation Department

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 30, 1999 with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

**PRESENTATION – NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Elvin Haley, Chairman of the Board for Neighbors in Need, reported that the Food Bank is in the process of looking for a new space. They are currently renting a building on Milwaukee Street, but it has been purchased by Northwest Medical. He asked about the old Atkins Tire Building and wondered if it might be a potential space for the Food Bank after Search and Rescue moves out.

Mr. Haley then provided some background about the Food Bank and the community it serves. In 1998 they served 16,286 people who actually came through the door. On an average day, the Food Bank serves 335 people, which equates to approximately 1600 families. The Food Bank does have an impact on the community and the work of all the volunteers who keep it running is very much appreciated. He noted that a number of volunteers were present.

Commissioner Anderson said he felt that food banks are one of the most wonderful volunteer organizations. He said he was amazed at the line of people at the Food Bank when he was delivering turkeys.

Mr. Hailey pointed out that at the present location there is no where for people to stand in line out of the weather.

There was some discussion about the Atkins Tire Building and any plans the County may have for it. Commissioner Wolden asked Mr. Hailey if they have looked at any other properties?

Mr. Hailey replied that they have looked at other properties including the fairgrounds, which did not appear to be feasible.

Commissioner Anderson suggested that Commissioner Wolden talk to the Mayor about the possibility of other alternatives. He asked Mr. Hailey about timelines.

Mr. Hailey replied that they have no timelines, but wanted to advise the County Commissioners of their interest in the Atkins Tire Building. They are looking for something that is permanent to set up the way they want to.

Commissioner Wolden asked about the Food Bank's rental costs?

Mr. Hailey estimated that their costs are around \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year.

Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Hailey for the address of Neighbors in Need if people want to send in a donation.

Mr. Hailey advsed that the post office box is 394, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Commissioner Anderson thanked Mr. Hailey and the other Neighbors in Need volunteers for being present and stated that, hopefully, a solution can be reached.

**COMMENDATION TO JON AARSTAD FOR 21+ YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE SKAGIT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Anderson explained that the meeting on this date is being held to honor Jon Aarstad for 21+ years of service with the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department. He pointed out that Jon was the original director.

Peter Mayer of the Parks, Recreation and Fair Department was present to honor Jon for his 22 years of service. He asked that audience members have an opportunity to say a few words of recognition.

Larry Otos, Mount Vernon Parks Director, talked about Jon and the asset he is to the profession. He has been an inspiration. He said he looks forward to continuing to work with Jon in Jon's new role as City Manager for the City of Burlington. It will be a real asset to the City of Burlington and the other nearby counties and cities because of Jon's understanding of the importance of parks and recreation.

Bill Vaux, former County Commissioner for District No. 1, commented on Jon's work with Skagit County. He said he hates to see Jon leave the County as he has done such a wonderful job. Without Jon, the Presentin Park project would not have happened. Also, the playfields at the college were done because of Jon. He wished Jon the very best in his new job.

Marshall Pederson of the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department, talked about some of his experiences with Jon as the second longest employed employee with the department.

Dennis Lind of the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department said that he has worked 23 years with the County and 22 years with Jon. They have been enjoyable and memorable years. Many of the things that were done during that period were built from ground zero. He thanked Jon and wished him good luck in his new position.

Kami Manley of the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department talked about her experiences with Jon as a friend and a mentor.

Peter Mayer shared some of his thoughts about Jon and some of his treasured memories of working with Jon. He talked about Jon's caring way of interacting with people and his staff.

After further comments, Commissioner Wolden expressed his appreciation to Jon and talked about Jon's patience and his successes with the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department. There have been many great accomplishments.

Commissioner Hart said that it is not the desire of the Commissioners to see Jon leave. The Commissioners are sad to see him go, although they wish him well in his new venture. He said he will miss Jon and his counsel and determination in accomplishing goals. Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department is a department to be really be proud of. He thanked Jon for his hard work with Skagit County.

Commissioner Anderson stated that although he and Jon have not always agreed, Jon has always been objective and especially good at facilitating public forums. The Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department is the best in the state and Jon started it. There is a lot to be proud of. He said it is his hope that one of the Parks facilities will bear Jon's name.

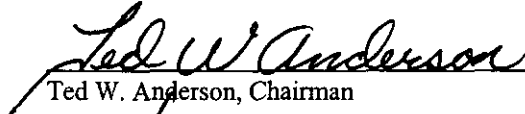
Peter Mayer talked about the time Jon has worked for the County, and reviewed a list of the parks that were acquired through grant funding because of Jon Aarstad's efforts and his ability to write and obtain grants. He reviewed a Certificate of Commendation, which the Board of County Commissioners then presented to Jon. An Award of Commendation was also presented to Jon.

Mr. Aarstad introduced some special friends, his wife, Susan, and his mom and dad. He also thanked the great staff that were present for their support during his years with the County and credited the Parks, Recreation and Fair Advisory Boards for their help. He stated that it is sad for him to leave, but it will be good for everyone. He thanked everyone present.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

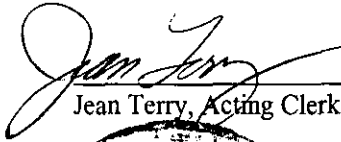
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
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Robert Hart, Commissioner

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Jean Terry, Acting Clerk



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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL FOR BIDS FOR COUNTY LEGAL PRINTING  
FOR 1999 - 2000**

**WHEREAS**, the current contract with the County legal newspaper, The Skagit Valley Herald, terminates on June 30, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is required, pursuant to R.C.W. 36.72.075, to call for bids for County legal printing for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, awarding the bid at the first regular session of the Board in the month of April; and

**WHEREAS**, Monday, March 23, 1999, at the hour of 1:30 p.m, has been set for the bid opening;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the Board issue a Notice of Call for Bids for County Legal Printing, as described in the attached specifications thereto, to be received and opened on March 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF OUR OFFICE** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of MARCH, 1999.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board