

Jones replaces Anderson as municipality's lobbyist

by Beth Barrett
Times Writer

Mayor Tony Knowles has hired assistant port director Tyler Jones to replace Patrick Anderson as the city's lobbyist in Juneau this year. Anderson has been shifted to

municipal policy adviser and will stay in Anchorage during the session.

"I will do more on municipal issues, work on Prop. 24 (a voter approved tax cap) policy and do some work with minority communities," Anderson said Thurs-

day.

Jones, a former aide to U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel and an executive assistant for former Mayor George Sullivan, said he lobbied for the port last session.

"I see this as an expansion of what I was doing," Jones said. Jones said he will continue to do some work at the port, and that no one will be hired to replace him.

The switch appears to represent a shift in the city's legislative lobbying strategy. That change started last year, several Anchorage Assembly members have said, when Knowles asked school district lobbyist Bill Miles to help in the city's lobbying effort.

"We were looking to get someone with more experience in the lobbying field, at least that is the way I read it," Assemblyman Paul Baer said. "I had hoped, however, we would have hired someone in conjunction with the school district this year such as Bill Miles."

Assembly Chairman Rick Myster said Anderson had indicated he was not interested in becoming a career lobbyist.

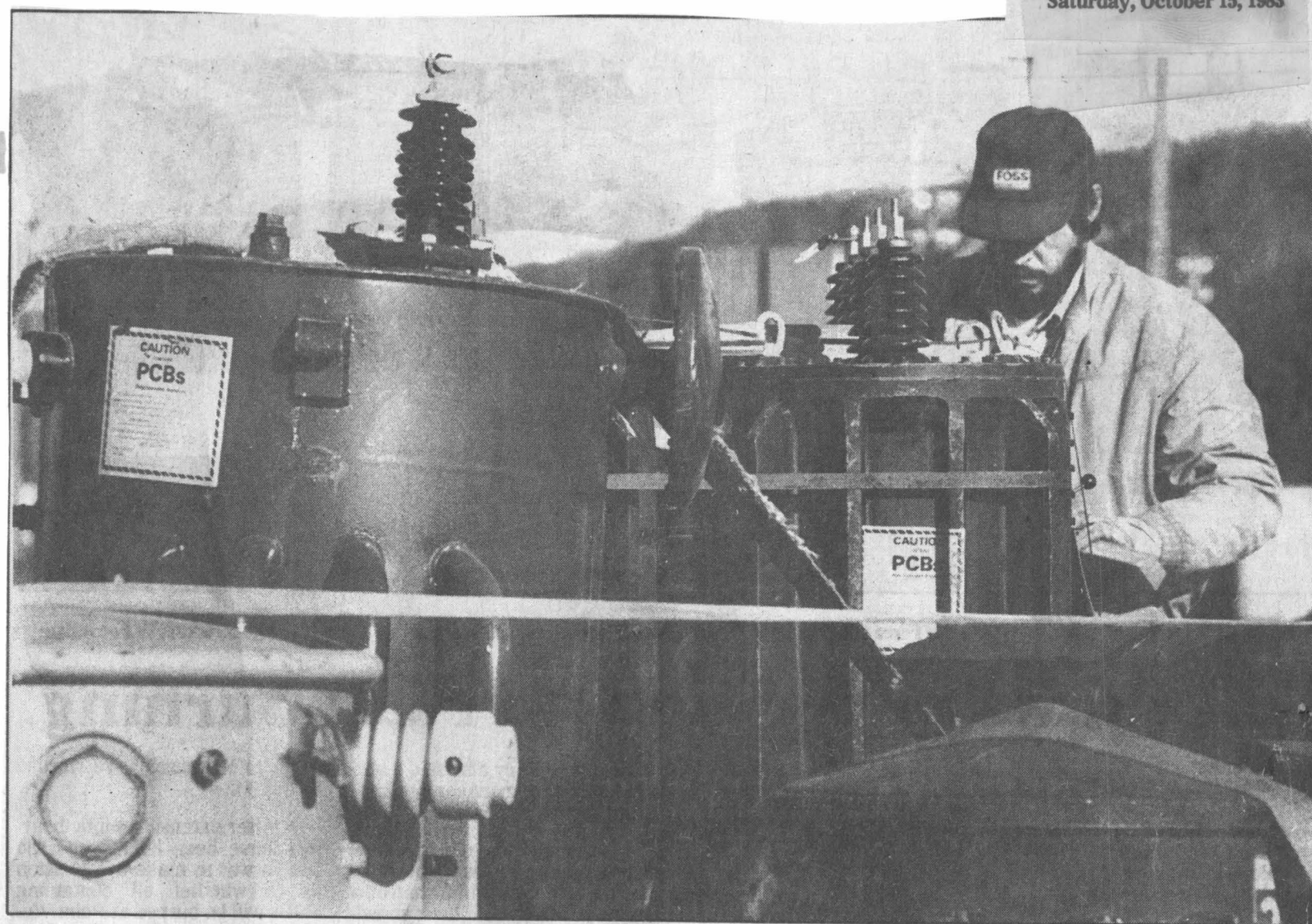
"The assembly was looking for someone to have the whole concept of being a lobbyist," he said.

Anderson and Jones, however, predicted little change in the city's lobbying strategy.

Jones said he will provide information to legislators and try to persuade them to back the city's priorities.

Knowles hired Anderson shortly after taking office in 1982. At that time he got rid of Sullivan's two lobbyists, firing Don Berry and allowing the contract for Mitch Gravo to run out.

Anderson's \$48,600 salary will stay the same in his new post.



A Gold Streak Freight Lines Inc., employee straps transformers laden with toxic materials onto a truck to be transported to Elmendorf Air Force Base

Toxic wastes unloaded at port

by E.W. Piper
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More than 4,000 gallons of materials contaminated by toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) were unloaded Friday from a barge at the Port of Anchorage, then transported on flat-bed trucks to a storage site at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

The materials came from Air Force installations in western Alaska. They included contaminated soil, clean-up material and transformer oils from Shemya, Nikoski and other sites, said Master Sgt. Bill Bruu, an Air Force spokesman. Contamination ranged from 50 parts per million (ppm), the lowest level designated by federal officials, to more than 500 ppm, the most toxic concentration.

There were no reports of spills or leaks, although workers, along

with state and federal officials, were sensitive about the handling of the chemicals. PCBs have been linked to ailments as simple as skin irritations and as deadly as cancer.

According to Bruu, the full cargo included:

- From Shemya — Twelve 55-gallon drums of solid contaminants; 27 drums of soil; 5 drums of oils.

- From Nikoski — 1,600 gallons of PCB liquids.

Six hundred gallons of uncontaminated oil from other sites and 43 empty transformers, 10 of which had been filled with PCB lubricating oils, were also on board.

One longshoreman working for North Star Terminal and Stevedore Co. walked off the job rather than unload the barge, according to Pat Boettger, presi-

dent of the Anchorage Independent Longshore Union. Eight men worked in the hold where the materials were stored, and they got protective gloves and coveralls when Boettger asked the company to provide them, as union work rules stipulate.

Boettger also collected a small jar full of the bilge water from the barge and said he would have it tested for traces of PCBs.

"I'm not alarmed, just cautious. That's why I'm throwing these away when I get home," he said, holding up the pair of tennis shoes he had worn while on board the barge.

Although each of the barrels and the transformers that had contained PCB-laced oils bore yellow warning stickers about four inches square, the trucks carrying the contaminated material were not marked as such.

Federal regulations say a truck must be marked on the sides and rear as carrying PCBs, according to the Environmental Protection Agency office in Juneau.

Donna Coor, one of the owners of Gold Streak Freight Lines, said she did not put placards on the trucks because she called the state Department of Environmental Conservation and was told there was no regulation calling for any special markings.

The episode illustrated the confusion over regulation of hazardous waste in Alaska. Although the state is developing regulations, it currently has none in effect; federal regulations come from several different agencies.

A DEC inspector came to the site in mid-morning after a phone call from a group of truck driv-

ers involved in an unrelated labor grievance against Crowley Maritime Corp., which owns the barge company transporting the materials.

The inspector, Bruce Erickson, discovered four 55-gallon drums that had been dented, but none were leaking. Erickson requested that the dented drums be placed inside larger containment drums.

PCB-laced liquids are required, by federal regulations, to be transported in double barrels; solids may travel in the standard 55-gallon drums.

A federal Environmental Protection Agency investigator, prompted by a call from a reporter to look into the matter, said later in the day that everything at the port site appeared to have been handled according to federal regulations.

The materials were packed by the Air Force at the western Alaska sites, transferred to the Crowley barge operated by a subsidiary, Alaska Puget United Transport Co., and shipped to Anchorage. They will be stored at Elmendorf until they can be sent to a federally approved disposal site outside the state.

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Knowles asks state for \$182 million

By JOHN LINDBACK
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JUNEAU — Mayor Tony Knowles and Anchorage Assembly members received a lukewarm reception Monday when they presented the legislature with a list of \$182 million worth of projects they want the state to fund.

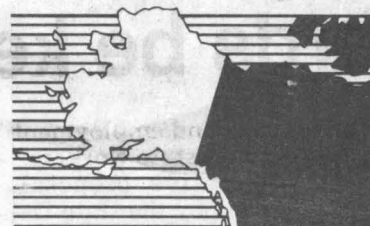
The legislative package for 1984 asks for funds to finance \$48 million in road improvements and \$51 million to continue a huge project that will pipe water to Anchorage from Eklutna lake.

Knowles calls the package a back-to-the-basics program that emphasizes road and utility improvements.

But legislators during a noon meeting of the newly formed Anchorage caucus showed more concern about projects that are not on the lengthy municipal list.

Anchorage lawmakers told Knowles he should expect them to try to fund small projects in their districts that may not be listed in the municipality's package. And some voiced thinly veiled accusations that the mayor encouraged Gov. Bill Sheffield last year to veto some of the small projects they included in the state capital construction budget for their districts.

Rep. Mitch Abood, R-Anchorage, said that everybody in the room wants to "dance



together" this year on gaining funds for Anchorage. But some legislators are afraid "another deal's going to be cut" between the mayor and governor to veto Anchorage projects that are not part of the municipal package, Abood said.

Knowles wouldn't comment on Abood's accusation during the meeting. But the mayor and Pete Spivey, the

governor's press secretary, later denied that Knowles asked Sheffield to veto Anchorage projects.

"The purpose of this is unity," Knowles said of the newly formed caucus and the presentation by municipal officials. "And Mitch Abood better get on board. Nothing he said is either true or leads to getting some unity."

Assembly members Jane Angvik, Gerry O'Connor and Dana Brockway and a number of municipal executives answered questions during the meeting. Other assembly members planned to attend the session but snowy weather kept some planes from landing Monday in Juneau.

Here are the projects mayor asks state to fund

Our Juneau bureau

JUNEAU — Mayor Tony Knowles asked legislators Monday to fund \$182.2 million in capital construction projects.

The mayor's list of proposed projects includes \$48 million in improvements to Anchorage roads. The individual road projects are:

- Arctic Boulevard, Raspberry Road to Divisor Boulevard, \$600,000.
- Bragaw Street, Tudor Road to 48th Avenue, \$1 million.
- C Street, Minnesota Drive to Klatt Road, \$2 million.
- Lake Otis Boulevard, Abbott Road to O'Malley Road, \$1.5 million.
- Lake Otis Boulevard, Tudor Road to Abbott Road, \$2.5 million.
- 100th Avenue, \$3.2 million.
- Raspberry Road, Jewel Lake Road to Minnesota Drive, \$5 million.
- Spenard Road, McRae Street to International Airport Road, \$4 million.
- Third Avenue, Post Road to Reeve Boulevard, \$1.9 million.
- 36th Avenue, Arctic Boulevard to Spenard Road, \$3.1 million.
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- Tudor Road and Muldoon Road safety improvements, \$500,000.
- West Northern Lights Boulevard, Forest Park Drive to Earthquake Park, \$7 million.
- Benson Boulevard beautification, \$500,000.
- Central business district Street improvements, \$858,000.

- Eagle River, Chugiak and Birchwood Road improvements, \$2.4 million.
- Goldenview Drive, 164th Avenue to Roman Road, \$900,000.
- Road maintenance equipment, \$1.3 million.
- South Anchorage collector roads, \$2 million.
- Street improvements for various road improvement districts, \$3 million.
- Utility relocations, \$500,000.
- Northern Lights Boulevard beautification, \$500,000.
- Sand storage domes, \$600,000.
- 76th Avenue, Old Seward Highway to King Street, \$1.75 million.
- Stuckagain Heights-Chugach State Park Access Road study, \$50,000.
- University Drive, Providence Drive to Northern Lights Boulevard, \$100,000.
- The mayor and assembly included \$9.5 million of requests for safety improvements to Anchorage's transportation system. Included are:
- Birch Road pedestrian crossings, \$500,000.
- East High School overpass trail development and connection to Russian Jack Springs Park, \$100,000.
- O'Malley Road Trails Development, Birch Road to New Seward Highway, \$200,000.
- Pedestrian safety improvements, \$3.2 million.
- Seward Highway bike trail development from Brandon Street to DeArmon Road, \$300,000.
- Signal system improvements, \$600,000.
- New signals, \$900,000.
- Street lighting, \$1.2 million.
- Traffic circulation improvements, \$2.2 million.

- Wisconsin Street pedestrian safety improvements, \$250,000.
- The municipal list includes \$4.5 million in drainage projects. They are:
- Eagle River drainage study, \$195,000.
- Little Rabbit Creek, Potter Creek drainage study, \$130,000.
- Little Tree storm drain extension, \$545,000.
- Old Seward trunk, \$1.4 million.
- 17th-20th Avenue, Chester Creek upgrade, \$440,000.
- South Glenn Highway, Oklahoma to Boniface storm drain, phase II, \$810,000.
- West Diamond trunk, \$1 million.
- The largest component in the municipality's funding request was \$77.3 million in utility improvements. They include:
- Eklutna water project, \$51 million.
- Design and construction of sewer system additions, \$3.3 million.
- Design and construction of water system expansion, \$3.5 million.
- New landfill site, \$5.2 million.
- Burial of overhead electric lines along Bluff Drive, \$342,000.
- Construction of new storage area at the Port of Anchorage, \$6.7 million.
- Merrill Field aviation terminal, \$3.3 million.
- Point Woronzof sewage treatment plant expansion, \$3.9 million.
- The municipal funding package also includes \$10.9 million in public safety improvements. They include:
- Animal control shelter, \$3.8 million.
- Fire truck, \$75,000.
- Computer system for police dispatch, \$535,000.
- Dive team support van and equipment, \$50,000.
- Emergency communications program,

- \$166,000.
- Emergency generators, \$860,000.
- Merrill Field clear zone land acquisition, \$1.58 million.
- Mobile digital computers, \$100,000.
- Police headquarters, \$3.5 million.
- Medic units, \$60,000.
- Rescue truck, \$30,000.
- Replacement pumper truck, \$143,000.
- The municipality listed \$32.1 million in neighborhood improvements in its legislative package. They are:
- Community meeting room in the new headquarters library, \$1.1 million.
- Neighborhood water projects, \$8.2 million.
- Neighborhood sewer projects, \$7.7 million.
- 50-meter swimming pool for Bartlett High School, \$3.5 million.
- Library books and other materials, \$1 million.
- Point Campbell hazardous waste removal and demolition, \$1 million.
- Land acquisitions for preserving wetlands, \$2.8 million.
- Street and sidewalk replacement, \$1.5 million.
- Chester Creek greenbelt acquisition, \$1.4 million.
- Chester Creek greenbelt development from Goose Lake to Westchester Lagoon, \$765,000.
- Coastal trail, \$1 million.
- Far North Bicentennial park development, \$300,000.
- Old Glenn Park development, \$800,000.
- Rabbit Creek greenbelt acquisition, east of Buffalo Street, \$960,000.
- Taku Lake Park development, Campbell Creek greenbelt, \$50,000.