

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 12, 1984

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Update on procedures for resolving complaints pertaining to agricultural practices on dairy farms (discussed previously at the January 9, 1984 meeting).

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Skagit County Smoking Policy.

10:30 a.m. Contracts for Signature - JoAnn Angevine,
Community Services Coordinator:

1. Contract with DSHS - Detoxification Services.
2. Contract with Olympic Treatment Center for Detoxification Services.
3. Contract with Community Alcohol Center for Transportation Services.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:00 a.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition,
Personnel and Labor Negotiations.

1:30 p.m. Parks, Recreation, Senior Services - Jon
Aarstad, Director:

1. Call for Bid - Utility Vehicle.
2. Resolution - Recognizing Senior I.D. Program.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the above noted date. Commissioners Norris, Mansfield, and Rohrer were present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Update on procedures for resolving complaints pertaining to agricultural practices on dairy farms (discussed previously at the January 9, 1984 meeting).

John Thayer, of the Health Department, reported on developments since the Board last met on this matter. He stated that, as previously suggested by the Board, an ad hoc committee was set up to look at the problems and possible solutions. The committee included Department of Ecology (DOE), State Conservation Commission, Agricultural Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service (SCS), Soil Conservation District (SCD), dairy farmers and Skagit County Health Department staff. Meetings were held on February 2 and March 2, 1984. Findings of the committee included the following:

- a. With regard to excessive flies, the committee determined that the present policy of downgrading milk would serve as a severe and costly penalty.
- b. The fine established in 1983 for dead animals not disposed of in 24 hours was a satisfactory provision.
- c. With regard to airborne contaminants, there have been no recent complaints. Asking the farmer to sprinkle manure only during calm weather solved this problem several years ago.
- d. There appears to be adequate legislation for reconciling water quality problems, although the follow-up to insure correction of water quality violations was not provided.

The committee concurred that new legislation was not needed. Follow-up to insure that improvements are made and management plans are followed would be the key.

Linda Arentzen, of the Soil Conservation District, said she is working on a fact sheet for dairy farmers to advise farmers of the necessary steps in resolving a water quality problem.

Another committee recommendation concerned the draft management plans prepared by farmers to solve problems. These draft management plans are to be shared with the local Health Department and DOE to insure that major concerns are addressed.

Chairman Norris asked what assurance we have that we are going to be able to help more than in the past. Mr. Thayer stated that we have assurance from DOE that they now understand our problems. The committee plans to meet once again to determine if these solutions are working to improve the situation.

Chairman Norris stressed that only a couple of complaints regarding dairy farms are involved here. However, we should be intent on solving these few problems.

Discussion followed regarding one problem in particular with a dairy farmer dumping manure on his field and the manure running into the neighbor's yard. Linda Arentzen responded that until it becomes a water quality problem, DOE cannot act. She stated that the farmers must voluntarily work with SCS and SCD, and that DOE has now been made more aware of the problem.

Chairman Norris asked Mr. Thayer to keep the Board informed.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, reported to the Board on the EDB situation upriver. He stated that on March 9, 1984, he received the test results from three private wells along Cockreham Road east of Lyman. They were all positive for EDB. The highest level of EDB found was 100 times the level of the lowest level. He stated that they now plan to select a few additional sites to test. One site to be tested will be upstream as the ground water flows, and the level there is expected to be zero (0). If there is EDB there, then that probably means it is coming from another source.

In response to the question of how to handle the public's request for testing, Mr. Willis stated that the EPA has limited funds for testing, and may develop its own laboratory capability. He said all requests for testing should be directed to him. Their department is trying to develop a method on this current EDB site that can be applied to other probable sites where EDB has been used.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adjourn the Board of Health. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION - SKAGIT COUNTY SMOKING POLICY.

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the Board with a Skagit County Smoking Prohibition Policy for discussion. He stated that Part 1 of the policy amplifies the State law, and prohibits smoking in elevators, hearing rooms, office reception areas, waiting rooms, hallways and waiting rooms of the Health Department, and court rooms of the Courthouse Complex. Part 2 of the policy was composed of specific smoking areas designated by department heads and elected officials for their departments. The Sheriff's office did not designate any specific areas. With the public coming into their office often under stress, they felt it would be difficult to impose a policy.

The Assessor's office had designated the Chief Deputy's work area as a smoking area. Chairman Norris asked how one area of a large room could be considered a smoking area. He asked how large a room would have to be

to allow a portion to be sectioned off as a smoking area. There was no definition for this.

Robert Schofield, Planning Director, said it would be better to prohibit smoking in the entire building except in one specific area. He stated it was difficult to enforce restrictions with many smoking areas. Mr. Taylor stated that most departments have designated a lounge or lunchroom as a smoking area.

The Board gave Mr. Taylor approval to proceed with the Smoking Prohibition Policy. Chairman Norris informed Mr. Schofield that he could restrict smoking in his suite of offices if he wanted.

Chairman Norris asked Mr. Taylor to put the policy in resolution form, and mention the State law to the Assessor's and Sheriff's offices.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the following items:

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund (Petition #844296) for Howard Fayette, 3911 S Avenue, Anacortes, Washington, 98221, in the amount of \$520.84. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, March 5, 1984. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS FOR SIGNATURE - JOANN ANGEVINE, COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR:

1. Contract with DSHS - Detoxification Services.

The Board approved for signature the DSHS Contract for Alcoholism Detoxification Services. JoAnne Angevine, Community Services Coordinator, explained that this contract was for State money to be paid out over the balance of the biennium.

2. Contract with Olympic Treatment Center for Detoxification Services.

The Board approved for signature the Contract between Skagit County and Olympic Center - Bellingham, Inc., for the purpose of providing alcohol detoxification services for the period beginning February 1, 1984, and ending June 30, 1985. JoAnn Angevine explained that this facility has agreed to take anyone at anytime. They are license certified through the State, and are classified as a Specialized Tetox Facility, which means they have a doctor on call and an RN on duty.

3. Contract with Community Alcohol Center for Transportation Services

The Board approved for signature the contract between Skagit County and Skagit County Community Alcohol Center for the purpose of providing transportation to Alcohol Detoxification Service for the period beginning February 1, 1984, and ending December 31, 1985.

JoAnn Angevine presented a memo to the Board regarding Linda Laughlin's interest in accepting a term on the Alcohol Board. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the appointment of Linda Laughlin, 1936 Swan Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, to the Alcohol Board. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Commissioners Norris and Rohrer present. Commissioner Mansfield was absent.

PARKS, RECREATION, SENIOR SERVICES - Jon Aarstad, Director:

1. Call for Bid - Utility Vehicle.

Jon Aarstad, Director, stated that he was still checking into a utility vehicle to haul garbage and hand mowers for the playfields, so he would request a call for bid at a later date.

2. Resolution - Recognizing Senior I.D. Program.

Tim Holloran, of the Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Department, explained the Senior Citizen Identification Card Program. He stated that there are over 12,000 individuals in Skagit County who are over the age of 60. The Skagit Council on Aging sponsored the purchase of the photo machine for making the I.D. cards. The charge for these cards will be \$3.00 for the picture on the card. Mr. Holloran stated that they expect to begin the program in approximately two weeks. The machine could be loaned to the County for a fee for use if the County wished to initiate an I.D. card system.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the resolution recognizing the Skagit Council on Aging's Senior Citizen Identification Program. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9990)

Miscellaneous:

Jon Aarstad presented a map of the Swinomish Channel project to the Board. He explained that the Department of Transportation (DOT) had requested that limits of maintenance responsibility be set between the County and DOT on the access road from the boat launch onto Highway 20. He indicated the limits of maintenance responsibility on the map.

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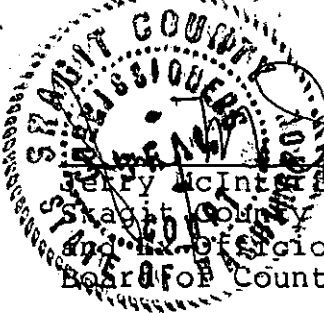
1. The Board approved for signature a resolution denying a variance request by Jim DePree to use a sand filter sewage system for a new tavern in Edison. (Resolution #9989)
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #56113 through #56151 in the amount of \$6,905.00. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (PR/5)

ADJOURNMENT

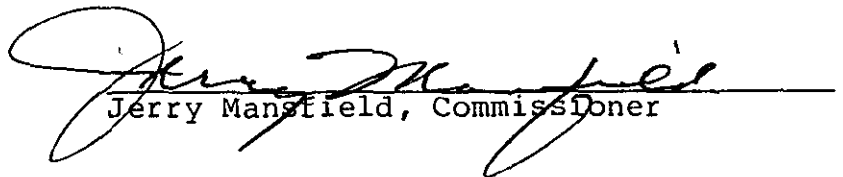
Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:


Jerry McIntire
Skagit County Auditor
and Office Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners


Bud Norris, Chairman


Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner