

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, November 14, 1985

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- 1:30 p.m.
1. Public Hearing - Consideration of Amendments to the Skagit County Board of Health Rules and Regulations Governing Food and Drinking Establishments.
 2. Public Hearing - Consideration of Need to Revise the Health Department Schedule of Charges.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 14, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING FOOD AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on October 29, and November 5, 1985.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, reviewed the history of this issue. He explained the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Ma & Pa Grocery Store Committee for inclusion in the Food Code:

1. Section 12.36.010(2): Definition of "convenience store" added.
2. Section 12.36.010(12): Definition of "supermarket" added.
3. Section 12.36.020(1) amended to remove exemption for grocery stores selling only factory pre-packaged food.

Mr. Thayer noted that the Board has reviewed and approved the above amendments.

Tim Woiwod, of Big Lake Grocery Store, explained the review procedure of the Ad Hoc Ma & Pa Grocery Store Committee.

Hazle Lindstrom, 1351 Colony Road, Bow, asked for an example of a grocery store which sells only factory pre-packaged food.

Mr. Thayer stated that this amendment would exempt stores such as Pay Less Drugs and Pay 'n Save, which sell only factory pre-packaged food.

Chairman Vaux read a letter from Leif Burkland, 1582 Dunbar Road, Mount Vernon, in which he expressed his opinion against the increase of Permit Center fees.

Chairman Vaux stated that he received a phone call this day from Pat Woolcock, owner and manager of Chuckanut Manor. Mr. Woolcock had expressed his strong opinion against the proposed fee increases.

As there was no additional public input on this matter, Commissioner Walberg motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the three amendments to the Food Code, as proposed above. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF NEED TO REVISE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF CHARGES.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Argus on October 29, and November 5, 1985.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, reviewed the history of the Health Department's schedule of charges. He noted that the majority of the Health Department's services are free to the public. He explained the purpose of this proposed revision, as well as the major changes being proposed. If adopted, the revised schedule of charges would generate approximately \$62,500 in additional revenue for 1986.

Mr. Thayer noted that one school superintendent had called to protest the increase, while another school called and had no problem with the proposed revision.

Chairman Vaux entered into the record a letter from Tim McDonald, Director of Environmental Health, of the Island County Health Department, expressing opposition to the increase in sanitary survey fees.

Mrs. Lindstrom asked what amount the Health Department has budgeted.

Chairman Vaux stated that the Health Department has approximately \$800,000 in their budget.

Tore Dybfest, owner of the Lighthouse Restaurant, asked if any restaurant owners were asked to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Thayer responded that the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss grocery and convenience stores only.

Mr. Dybfest objected to the proposed increase by over 100 percent for large restaurants.

Commissioner Walberg asked Mr. Dybfest what he would consider a reasonable increase.

Mr. Dybfest stated that an increase of 5 to 10 percent per year would be reasonable.

Charles Blair, of the Elks Lodge in Mount Vernon, stated that their facility contains a large number of seats, but they don't use them all. He stated that the Elks Lodge is not generating enough extra money to pay the increase.

Chairman Vaux explained that the Board of Health is trying to make the Health Department more self-sufficient instead of using so much money out of the general fund.

Thomas Pollino, Superintendent of Mount Vernon Schools, questioned the practice of one institutional body assessing charges against another institutional body.

Dr. Holt, Superintendent of Concrete Schools, concurred with Mr. Pollino.

Nat Moore, Superintendent of Burlington-Edison Schools, also agreed.

Greg Peterka, of P.U.D. #1 of Skagit County, requested a less costly increase with regard to raw water and bacteriological testing.

Roger Cary, of the Cranberry Tree Restaurant, asked about solid waste disposal rates and also the restaurant sizes.

Mr. Thayer explained that the increases were based on costs incurred for restaurants according to size.

Dick Best, of the Galley 5 and Trumpeter's Restaurants, explained that the restaurants aren't able to raise their fees to recover such increases.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he received a call from a Burlington man stating that he will have to sell his restaurant.

Mr. Best stated that a 10 percent increase would be more acceptable.

Eric Weydert, of What's Your Beef, stated that the increase was too large.

Charles Blair stated that they would appreciate additional review and consideration of the matter. He stated that the Elks Lodge is a non-profit organization.

Hazle Lindstrom presented the Board with a letter protesting an increase in Permit Center fees.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to continue this public hearing until 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 18, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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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, November 14, 1985, the Board, by a unanimous vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows: Manual Warrants #7979 through #7980 in the total amount of \$25,143.41. (C-55)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux, Chairman



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Jerry McInturff, Skagit County
Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Board of Commissioners