

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 17, 1989

11:00 a.m. Human Services:

- 1) Discussion - Regional Mental Health Network.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 1989, with Commissioners Dave Rohrer, Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present.

HUMAN SERVICES - JOANN ANGEVINE, DIRECTOR:

1. Discussion - Regional Mental Health Network.

JoAnn Angevine reviewed a recently passed Senate Bill 5400, which changes the ways in which mental health services are delivered, and extends through the year 1995. She provided a copy of the bill to the Board and read from the Legislative Intent Statement, which encourages Counties to enter into agreements with other Counties to deliver mental health care. She stated that the 2.5 million renovation to the Northern State Hospital to provide inpatient care to the mentally ill is in the final stages of funding.

She stated that a regional support network is being formulated between Whatcom, San Juan, Island and Snohomish Counties. She recommended that the Board issue a formal statement of intent to participate in that regional support network. She stated that approximately \$500,000 is available for carrying out planning of these regional support networks.

Mayor Donald Walley of Sedro Woolley, Mayor Raymond Reep of Mount Vernon, and Mayor James Rice of Anacortes were present to represent their cities and the Northern State Advocacy Committee. Mayor Walley, President of the Advocacy Committee, encouraged the Board to participate in the regional network as the lead agency, and suggested a resolution from the Board supporting the consortium, and encouraged initiation of a meeting between the Counties. He further pledged support from the Advocacy Committee. Mayors Reep and Rice indicated agreement.

Ms. Angevine thanked Mayor Walley and accepted his offer of help; however, stated that Snohomish County had acted as the lead agency for the past year, having an assigned support staff, and is working to develop an interlocal agreement package. She stated that a meeting has already been scheduled for next month in Island County to further discuss the organization of the network.

Bob Ruby, President of the Skagit Council of Governments, made a statement recommending obtaining of federal funding for a further study of the issue of regional mental health care.

Following discussion, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt a resolution indicating the full support by the Board of the network concept in delivery of

the Board in any means she feels is necessary. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board further agreed to advocate one-to-one representation of the Counties, rather than representation according to population. Both Mayor Walley and Bob Ruby agreed to act as liaisons for their agencies.

Ms. Angevine then requested of the Board permission to apply for funds for a half time position for help in planning the County's role in the network. She indicated that Whatcom County has suggested an individual that they would be willing to share on a part-time basis with Skagit County. She further requested increased work space for her staff, as well as the increase in hours of her present secretary from half-time to full-time. Finally, she asked that Vera Sullivan, a contractor for substance abuse counselling, be given additional hours for treatments.

The Board requested a formal letter from Ms. Angevine outlining the above requests.

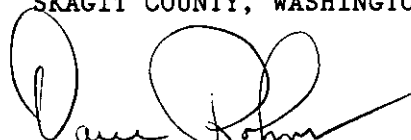
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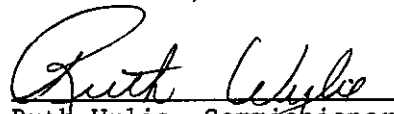
1. The Board approved for signature a contract renewal with Robert L. Becker for provision of consultation, engineering and maintenance services to the existing County-owned computer equipment (6 systems) presently in use, for the sum of \$65.00 per hour.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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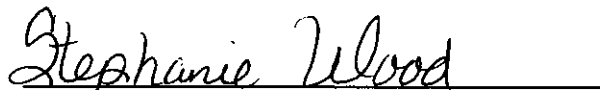
  
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ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners