

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, December 24, 1990

9:00 a.m. Board of Health.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 24, 1990, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer in attendance.

Tom Karsh presented a resolution for the Board's consideration which he proposed be used for approving permission for property owners affected by the November flooding to temporarily install and use an on-site sewage system holding tank.

Mr. Karsh explained that each request would be handled on an individual basis, and must be approved by the State Health Department.

Commissioner Vaux questioned the necessity of obtaining State Health Department approval for these temporary measures.

Commissioner Rohrer felt that the State should not be involved with this decision.

Commissioner Vaux asked if dates will be attached to the approvals, and Mr. Karsh replied that the intent of the Planning Department's proposal is to help those in immediate need of assistance due to the flooding. Commissioner Rohrer felt that the County should have this option in place as a variance procedure to use whenever it is needed.

Commissioner Vaux indicated that a mechanism is needed to make sure the systems is installed within a reasonable period. Mr. Karsh felt that item #5 of the approving resolution, which requires the applicant to submit satisfactory proof that the complete sewage system will be installed once the site is determined to be suitable for system preparation, would answer Commissioner Vaux's concern. Satisfactory proof, as listed in the resolution, may be 1) a contract with a Certified Installer, or 2) Assignment of savings account or escrow account to cover the cost of installation.

Commissioner Vaux requested that the approving resolution also contain a closure date. He felt that the intent of the resolution was good, but that controls should be tightened a bit.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the document subject to the elimination of condition #5, subsection 1) "a contract with a Certified Installer". Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed carried and was so ordered.

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- A. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution amending the Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to grant holiday premium pay to temporary or provisional employees of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. (Resolution #12776)

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH APPROVING THE REQUEST OF _____ REGARDING THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION AND USE OF AN ON SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM HOLDING TANK

Whereas, Wet weather conditions in Skagit County can prevent the complete installation of on-site sewage systems due to saturated soil conditions. And,

Whereas, The fall of 1990 has been unusually wet with flooding of the Skagit and Samish Rivers and their tributaries. And,

Whereas, In 1990 Certified Sewage System Designers and Installers have been unable to meet the demand for installation of new or repair sewage systems during the dry weather. And,

Whereas, Skagit County Code 12.04.050 (4)(g)(ii) allows the use of sewage holding tanks on an interim basis to handle emergency situations or to temporarily correct existing problem systems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT: On-site sewage holding tank(s) may be temporarily used

by _____ on property described

as _____

under the following conditions:

1. There is a valid on-site sewage system permit on record and the Health Officer determines that the soil is too wet to allow proper and safe installation of the proposed drainfield component of that sewage system.
2. A revised sewage system design is submitted, and approved, for a sewage system which clearly shows the details of the holding tank component; including: high water level alarm, provisions for making sure the tank(s) are watertight, and an estimate of frequency of required pumpouts.
3. The design must include a statement, signed by the property owner, which acknowledges that the complete sewage system will be installed, and the holding tank use discontinued, at such time as the Health Officer determines that the site is dry enough to safely install the complete system. An estimate of total pumping and installation costs is included with this statement.
4. The applicant must furnish a copy of a signed contract with a Skagit County Certified Pumper that: a) provides for the holding tank(s) to be pumped out as often as necessary until the remainder of the sewage system can be legally and safely installed and/or put into use, and b) requires the pumper to notify the Health Officer if there are any changes to this agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





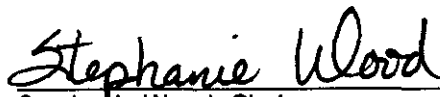
Ruth Wylie, Chairman



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners