

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

Tuesday, September 14, 1993

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Dave Hough, Director:

- 1) Call for Public Hearing - Interim Urban Growth Areas.
- 2) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of Health:

- 1) Request for Concurrence from the Skagit County Board of Health on Skagit County Health Officer's Findings - Revocation of Installers Certificate for Terry Tidrington.
- 2) Public Health Improvement Plan Urgent Needs Tasks - Implementation Strategy.
- 3) Briefing on Child Health Tracking Feasibility Study.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Report on National Security Exercise - Emergency Management Department.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget.

- 1) Resolution - River Improvement Fund.
- 2) Resolution - Public Health Fund.
- 3) Resolution - Alcohol Services Fund.
- 4) Resolution - Human Services Fund.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Robby Robinson's absence was excused.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DAVE HOUGH, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Call for Public Hearing - Interim Urban Growth Areas.

Mr. Hough presented a resolution which would call for a public hearing on Wednesday, September 29, 1993, at 5:00 p.m., in Hearing Rooms B and C of the County Administration Building, to receive testimony regarding interim urban growth boundary adoption. Mr. Hough stated that the comment period on the County's Declaration of Non-Significance for this project expires on September 24. He stated that County planners met with the City planners last Friday to discuss adoption of interim urban growth boundaries.

Answering questions from Chairman Hart, Mr. Hough stated that the City planners have agreed to request that the Mount Vernon City Planner ask Mount Vernon Mayor Ray Reep to withdraw the Mount Vernon City Council's request to convene the County-Wide Planning Policies Committee, instead permitting the City and County planners to meet next Wednesday to reconcile the Cities' concerns about accepting 80% of the growth in Skagit County for the next 20 years.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on interim urban growth boundaries on Wednesday, September 29, 1993, at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #15012)

Mr. Hough directed the Board's attention to a copy of the Declaration of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Interim Urban Growth Boundaries proposals. He stated that no urban growth proposals were received from

the Towns of Lyman, Concrete or Hamilton, so were not included in the DNS. The County has, however, included as a special study area the proposal by the Town of Hamilton for annexation of the Lawson addition. No proposals for Concrete and Lyman were included in the DNS.

The Board briefly discussed the City of Anacortes' interim urban growth boundary proposal with Mr. Hough. Commissioner Wolden also pointed out that the City of Sedro Woolley has proposed to claim a portion of the flood plain area near District Line Road and Highway 20 in their interim urban growth boundary, while the City of Burlington has stopped their boundary at Gardner Road, just west of Sedro Woolley's proposed boundary.

2) Miscellaneous.

- A. Jim Cahill, Associate Planner, updated the Board on the transportation advisory committee establishment. He stated that some potential members who had applied to serve on the committee have since decided to serve on the Economic Development advisory committee.

The Board briefly discussed the make up of the committee with Mr. Cahill and Dave Baltz, County Transportation Planner. The Board agreed to make appointments to the committee by next week.

- B. Gary Christiansen, Associate Planner, presented the Board with a copy of the packet of the previous night's Planning Commission meeting, and the results of two items. Those items were: 1) approval of the Friedrichs Rezone and 2) approval of an amendment to the Skagit County Code allowing gun clubs by special use permit in Rural zoning districts. The Board directed that the two items be scheduled for consideration at a later date. The Board discussed the zoning violation which led to the consideration of the gun club issue.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) Request for Concurrence from the Skagit County Board of Health on Skagit County Health Officer's Findings - Revocation of Installers Certificate for Terry Tidrington.

Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Health Officer, referred to his memorandum, which was previously provided to the Board, which requests the Board's concurrence with Dr. Leibrand's recommendation to permanently revoke the sewage system installer's certificate for Terry Tidrington, as allowed under Skagit County Code.

Dr. Leibrand reviewed the history of Mr. Tidrington's offenses. Dr. Leibrand stated that Mr. Tidrington repeatedly performed on-site sewage work without being certified in the 1980's. Although a 1988 permanent injunction against his work was granted, he continued on-site sewage work. A contempt of court action was brought against him in 1990 because of these violations. Mr. Tidrington worked under his brother's certificate until 1992, when Mr. Tidrington obtained his own installer's certificate.

A list of instances when Mr. Tidrington accepted fees for work he did not perform and the ensuing legal remedies were provided by Dr. Leibrand. In light of Mr. Tidrington's history, Dr. Leibrand made the following recommendations:

1. Permanent revocation of Mr. Tidrington's sewage system installer's certificate.
2. A fine of \$100 for each subsequent violation, as provided in Skagit County Code.
3. Public notices to be posted in the courthouse and local newspapers, notifying the public of the revocation.
4. The County should further pursue prosecution for contempt of court offenses by Mr. Tidrington.

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Dan Jacobsen, an employee of Mr. Tidrington's, submitted a written brief on Mr. Tidrington's behalf. John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, stated that submittal of additional information is not appropriate at this time. Mr. Moffat stated that Mr. Tidrington was provided a public hearing in front of the Health Officer, and Mr. Tidrington did attend and was represented by legal council. The Board therefore rejected the item submitted by Mr. Jacobsen.

Chairman Hart indicated that a proposed resolution adopting Dr. Leibrand's recommendation had been submitted to the Board, and that it includes the first three recommendations, but omits the fourth, with the understanding that the fourth recommendation can be implemented without the act of a formal resolution, but rather, with a direction to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to proceed with prosecution.

Chairman Hart stated that he felt that the evidence clearly indicated a need for revocation of Mr. Tidrington's certificate.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution revoking the sewage system installer's certificate for Terry Tidrington, including the recommendations of the Health Officer which were contained in the resolution. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #15013)

2) Public Health Improvement Plan Urgent Needs Tasks - Implementation Strategy.

Pat Pearce stated that the 1993 Health Reform Act included provisions and funding for a Public Health Improvement Plan. Forums held in Skagit County and attended by the Board on public health needs in conjunction with this planning included:

- Preventing youth access to tobacco products
- Injury prevention
- Food safety

An implementation schedule provided by Ms. Pearce included steps and completion dates for implementing programs to answer the three health care needs areas identified in the health forums. Ms. Pearce stated that since these three tasks will require extensive coordination with a number of community and local groups, additional staff will be required. Three grant-funded positions are anticipated; a public health nurse, an environmental health specialist and an office assistant II. Ms. Pearce asked for the Board's concurrence to implement these steps, which include the hiring of the additional personnel.

Commissioner Wolden motioned the Board's concurrence with the implementation schedule provided by Ms. Pearce. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3) Briefing on Child Health Tracking Feasibility Study.

Gary Gollither, Assessment Analyst, reported on the Child Health Tracking Feasibility Study and implementation of a Child Health Tracking System. He stated that current interest in reforming the State's health care system has generated increased support for preventive services and health planning, especially for children. One recommendation of a task force created to study this issue was to create an electronic tracking system to collect, maintain, analyze and distribute information about the Health Status of children in Washington State. Currently, the Department of Health is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of implementing this recommendation.

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Beginning in February of 1993, Mr. Golliger stated, Skagit County began studying the feasibility of a Child Health Tracking System in Skagit County. He briefed the Board on his contacts to date. Mr. Golliger stated that while some concerns were stated, there is general support for the need for this technology. Mr. Golliger requested the Board's concurrence in proceeding with implementation of the first stage of obtaining Child Health Tracking System involvement for Skagit County, which would be a planning phase. A lengthy discussion of the proposed system was then given by Mr. Golliger.

The Board asked how Skagit County will pay for this program. Mr. Golliger stated that at this time, funding from three programs within the State Health Department is supporting the program. At some later date, if the program is supported at the State level, local funds will be required to support the program at some unknown amount.

The Board indicated support of continued investigation of the system, but also indicated that Mr. Golliger should discuss the County's contribution of local funding to the project with the County's Budget/Finance Director, as the Board was concerned about the County's responsibility for funding this project.

REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY EXERCISE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Director, reported that the County received excellent participation by city, state and utilities officials in the recently held National Security Exercise. He stated that the County is now better prepared for a disabled telephone or power utility outage following the exercise.

A number of difficulties were identified through the exercise, and those difficulties will now be addressed. One of those difficulties was with emergency shelters within the four major cities. Many shelters do not have emergency generators, which would be absolutely necessary in case of emergency, although power generation for heating and cooking will need to be addressed separately.

Another difficulty identified was the obtaining of fuel for emergency vehicles during a power outage. Again, emergency generators would be needed.

Better definition of roles during an emergency was also identified as a need, as was revision of a form used to transmit orders and messages by the command center. The Red Cross impressed the importance of Radio Amateurs Civil Emergency Services network in an emergency. Identification of non-critical government functions which would be closed in emergency was also identified as requiring additional review. Mr. Sheahan stated that he will be working with Commissioners' Office staff to review this item. Finally, the inadequacy of the Courthouse facility as a command post was discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director and Alicia Huschka of the Finance Department, presented the following resolutions for the review and approval of the Board.

- 1) Resolution - River Improvement Fund.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Mike Woodmansee reported that the County received grant funds in excess of 1993 estimates and that in order to properly account for the expenditures, this supplemental funding needs to be included in and accounted for in the 1993 budget. Mr. Woodmansee noted the distribution of costs.

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Commissioner Hart motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded motion, which was passed.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve a supplemental budget for the River Improvement Fund #110 in the amount of \$238,000. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15014)

2) Public Health Fund.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Mr. Woodmansee presented a budget line item change in the amount of \$1,665,346 in order to account for expenditures on-line at the desired detail level. He also presented a resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$164,335, in order to properly account for expenditures from grants and other revenues in excess of 1993 estimates.

Commissioner Hart motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was passed.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to authorize a budget line item change in order to account for expenditures on-line at the desired detail level, in Public Health Fund #101 in the amount of \$1,665,346. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15018)

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve authorization of a supplemental budget for Public Health Fund #101 in the amount of \$164,335, since the Public Health Fund will receive grants and other revenues in excess of 1993 estimates and in order to properly account for the expenditures. This supplemental funding needs to be included in and accounted for in the 1993 budget. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15017)

Mr. Woodmansee noted that Ms. Huschka worked with the Auditor's Office to put these line item changes into the same order the Auditor's Office uses in order to create a more efficient accounting system.

3) Resolution - Alcohol Services Fund.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Mr. Woodmansee presented the above resolution for the review and approval of the board. This resolution relates to the fact that the Alcohol Services Fund will receive grant revenues in excess of 1993 estimates. These revenues are part of a grant to provide services to the mentally ill and chemically addicted.

Commissioner Hart motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was passed.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the resolution authorizing a supplemental budget in order to account for grant revenues in excess of 1993 for the Alcohol Services Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15019)

4) Human Services Fund.

Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution authorizing a Call for Public Hearing relative to a supplemental budget for the Human Services Fund #116. He explained that this is due to the fact that the Human

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Services Fund will receive revenues in excess of 1993 estimates from developmentally disabled community access services grant adjustments.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to authorize a resolution to request a Notice of Public Hearing be published for the purpose of determining whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing supplemental budgets in the approximate amounts and for the Human Services Fund #116 in the amount of \$50,000. The hearing is to be held September 27, 1993 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15016)

5) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Woodmansee presented a budget line item change in the amount of \$1,900 to move the appropriation for the livestock coordinator from Professional Services to Part-time Salaries within the Cooperative Extension budget.

Commissioner Hart motioned to approve a budget line item change for the Cooperative Extension budget within the Current Expense Fund #001 in the amount of \$1,900 for the livestock coordinator from Professional Services to Part-time Salaries. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was passed. (Resolution #15015)

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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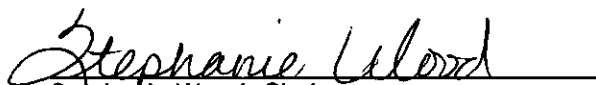
Robert Hart, Chairman

Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners