

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

Monday, October 11, 1993

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director:

- 1) Proposed Revision to the Schedule of Charges.
- 2) Affiliated Health Services Grant Proposal for a Consortium to Plan Health Reform for Skagit County.
- 3) Discussion - October 4, 1993, Stipulation Regarding On-Site Sewage Designers.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Proclamation - "No Waste" Recycle Week October 16-24, 1993.
- 2) Contract - Seismic Retrofit Design - North Fork Bridge - HDR Engineering, Incorporated.
- 3) Resolution - Road Closure - Fruitdale Road (October 19 and 20).
- 4) Interlocal Agreement - Dike District Number 9.
- 5) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 1993, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, and Robby Robinson present. Commissioners Robert Hart's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH - PAT PEARCE, DIRECTOR.

- 1) Proposed Revision to the Schedule of Charges.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Director, reported. Pat Anderson, Supervisor, Skagit County Health Department Laboratory was also present. Mr. Thayer discussed some of the reasons for the proposed revision to the Health Department's Schedule of Charges. A few of those reasons are that the State Board of Health requires that the Schedule of Charges be kept current, that some of the Medicaid reimbursable charges have increased, that there has been a recent proliferation of espresso machines in convenience stores, and that methods for assessing for Group B water system plan review has changed.

Commissioner Robinson asked about the proposed increase of Group B water system plan review costs since there is an increase to a fixed fee of \$200.00. It was increased to \$35.00 per hour a couple of years ago.

Mr. Thayer explained that \$35.00 an hour has been in effect for a long time and they are proposing that the fixed fee be paid in advance.

Commissioner Robinson asked if a fixed fee would cover the costs. Mr. Thayer replied that these things are usually a matter of a site inspection and a number of consultations. He said that he and other staff members believe that \$200.00 will cover this.

Commissioner Robinson asked about the Well Child program and if the money was being received from DSHS. Mr. Thayer said, yes, that it was.

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After further discussion, Commissioner Robinson motioned to hold a public hearing on November 8 to receive public input relative to updating the Skagit County Health Department Schedule of charges applicable to the Laboratory, Environmental Health, Nursing, Clinic Laboratory and Vital Records. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried.

The Board approved the call for Public Hearing. (Resolution #15053)

2) Affiliated Health Services Grant Proposal for a Consortium to Plan Health Reform for Skagit County.

John Thayer reported. Mr. Thayer referred to a memo to the Board of Health from Pat Pearce, Director, Skagit County Health Department, relative to the Washington State Hospital Association Rural Initiative Grant.

Mr. Thayer explained that the memo details the purpose of the grant, which is to form a consortium of health agencies to share information, resources and plan services; to avoid duplication of services; to determine which service under health care reform would best meet health needs; and to avoid competition. This is an effort to forge a consensus on exactly what health care reform should look like in Skagit County and deal with the assurance that critical care will be available. Ms. Pearce advises that this will not cost the County, but would only ensure that the County would be part of the process.

Commissioner Robinson stated that Concerned Citizens for United General Hospital had called him about a lawsuit they have filed against Affiliated Health Services due to the consolidation of the two hospitals in Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon, and the closure of United General Hospital. He stated that he has some concerns about this. After further discussion, both Commissioner Wolden and Commissioner Robinson felt that the main purpose for being in the consortium would be for Skagit County to be aware of what is going on in the area of health care reform and to be able to provide input relative to the process.

Commissioner Robinson advised that if Ms. Pearce does send a letter of support for the grant from WSHA there should be something addressed in there as to the lawsuit.

A citizen from Burlington was present and advised that he is with the concerned citizen's committee who filed the lawsuit. He said they have reservations about this matter. He said that Affiliated Health Services has wasted money and they feel that if they receive any more money they would waste that. He advised the Board to be extremely cautious. The Attorney General has 16 questions she is concerned about as far as the legality of what they have done. If they misspent public money it could be a problem.

Commissioner Wolden suggested that they see what kind of letter Ms. Pearce will come up with as far as addressing this situation. He added that they need that information as a county in order to know if they are duplicating services.

The citizen said he felt that Skagit County needs a health plan desperately, but Affiliated is not the one to provide it.

Commissioner Robinson said that is why they are interested in taking a better look at it.

3) Discussion - October 4, 1993, Stipulation Regarding On-Site Sewage Designers.

George Ridgeway, Environmental Health Specialist, Skagit County Permit Center, provided a background to the Board. He reviewed that a professional association of professional engineers filed suit against Washington State Counties, alleging that the counties should not be allowed to license laypersons to

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perform septic system design and installation at the level of the professional engineer. The two parties have agreed to a stipulation favoring the position of the engineers, and both the engineers' attorney and the counties' attorney have drafted suggested stipulations.

Mr. Ridgeway advised that the parties are agreeing that any system of less than 3,500 gallons in sewage and less than 9 connections for water can be handled by non-professional engineers; however, any system of 3,500 gallons or greater of sewage flows or 10 connections or more for water must be designed by a professional engineer.

Mr. Ridgeway said there were two reasons why he has brought this before the Board of County Commissioners: 1) an informal information sharing and 2) the Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor requires some direction on which stipulation the Board favors. Mr. Ridgeway stated that staff prefers the stipulation drafted by the attorney representing the counties.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that the Permit Center procedures will basically remain the same.

Commissioner Wolden asked if Dr. Leibrand was in agreement with this. Mr. Thayer replied that Dr. Leibrand viewed this in a favorable light.

4) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Ridgeway asked the Board about the State Revolving Fund application to develop Skagit County's own local loan fund to provide money to people who want to repair their drain field systems, especially in the Edison area, where recently septic system failures have been noted by the State Department of Health. He advised the Board that there are 110 days left in which apply for funds. He requested the Boards' direction on whether or not he should complete the contract to obtain the loan fund.

Commissioner Robinson noted that the program provides low interest loans. Commissioner Wolden asked Mr. Ridgeway what he feels is going to be the loan duration for most of these people and how much per person will be loaned.

Mr. Ridgeway said he thought that the cost for each person would be about \$10,000. This will make a fairly substantial payment necessary, which he is not sure people would be able to do. It depends on how much they borrow.

Commissioner Robinson said it was his belief that they should proceed with the State Revolving Fund application. Commissioner Wolden agreed, stating that it was his belief that the County needs to keep going in the direction of getting the Edison area cleaned up.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR.

1) Proclamation - "No-Waste" Recycle Week October 16-24, 1993.

Rich Medved, Director, Public Works Department; Ric Boge, Solid Waste/Recycling Specialist; and Frances Ambrose, Recycling/Waste Reduction Educator, were present.

Mr. Boge reported that October 16-24 is Waste Recycle Week. He advised that this is an annual event throughout the state and is a state wide recognition of efforts to reduce waste and recycle. He advised the Board that Skagit County would like to participate by asking the Board to sign a proclamation.

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Specific activities for Waste Recycle Week are primarily school related. The County's primary contribution is the opening of a household hazardous waste facility. Last week was the first week this facility was open. A total of 315 vehicles came to the facility. He advised that only 62 vehicles came to the facility on the weekend, although the County was prepared to handle a great deal more. A lot of material to be recycled was received including 600 gallons of waste oil.

Commissioner Wolden stated that he received a very favorable report regarding this event and that everything was handled efficiently and that excellent service was provided.

Mr. Medved asked that Mr. Boge inform Jeff Hegedus and Lee Adams, the coordinators of this event, of the feedback that was received.

Mr. Boge stated that the Recycling Center will not be open again until the first Monday in November. Staff is considering cutting back to just one weekend day, which would reduce some of the overtime that would be paid. Most people tend to work on household projects on Saturdays and, therefore, it would be expected that there would be more traffic on that day.

Commissioner Wolden asked if the facility could be open Tuesday through Saturday, as hours from Monday through Saturday would create an overtime problem. Mr. Medved said they are considering that. He said he was surprised there wasn't a crowd on Saturday and Sunday.

Commissioner Wolden stated that however the event is scheduled it should be well advertised.

Mr. Medved asked Mr. Boge if there would be enough time to package up the materials that were received and move them out? Mr. Boge said there should be plenty of time to do that and to get ready for the next event.

Mr. Boge concluded that the recycling event was very successful and requested that the Board sign the Proclamation declaring No-Waste Recycle Week.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a Proclamation declaring No-Waste Recycle Week October 16-24, 1993. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried.

2) Contract - Seismic Retrofit Design - North Fork Bridge - HDR Engineering, Incorporated.

Doug Barnett, Skagit County Engineer, reported. He advised that, as the Board is aware, the Skagit County Public Works Department began a process this year of evaluating the County's bridges. The original intent of this study was to permit the County to upgrade one bridge per year. The North Fork Bridge No. 40037 is the first bridge to be upgraded. After the County had advertised for firms to perform the study and three were selected for interview out of fourteen respondents, HDR Engineering, Inc., was determined to be the most qualified.

Mr. Barnett further explained that the project has been split into two phases: Phase I, seismic analysis and preliminary design; and Phase II, preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E). The project was split because the requirements for PS&E will not be known until the preliminary design is complete.

After further discussion Commissioner Robinson motioned to sign a contract for Seismic Retrofit Design between Skagit County and HDR Engineering, Inc. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried. (Contract #001797)

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Mr. Barnett added that one of the other things this contract will provide is for the consultant to fiscally inspect each bridge to determine which one should be done next. He stated that the Rainbow Bridge has been identified for next year's annual program if the annual program is approved.

3) Resolution - Road Closure - Fruitdale Road (October 19 and 20).

Dave Brookings, Flood Control Engineer, reported. He presented a resolution for the Board's approval requesting a Road Closure on Fruitdale Road at milepost 6.07. The road would be closed from 7:30 a.m., October 19, 1993, until 4:00 p.m., October 20, 1993. The purpose of the closure is to replace a cross culvert. He advised that this closure would be publicized in the newspaper and it will also be posted.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to close Fruitdale Road #9111 to through traffic, including emergency vehicles from 7:30 a.m., October 19, 1993, until 4:00 p.m., October 20, 1993. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #15041)

4) Interlocal Agreement - Dike District Number 9.

Rich Medved reported. He presented an Interlocal Agreement with Dike District #9 so that work can be done on Landing Road.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve for signature an Interlocal Agreement with Dike District #9 so that work can be done on the Landing Road. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried. (Contract #001798)(Resolution #15042)

4) Miscellaneous.

A) Commissioner Wolden advised that he received a telephone call relative to a flooded culvert on Miller Road. Apparently the water is draining on the neighboring property because the culvert is not working. Mr. Medved advised that he would send someone from Public Works out to look at the property and assess the problem.

B) Roger Howard reported that he and Bob Taylor had interviewed five architectural firms on Thursday for projects that had been advertised. He advised that it is his and Mr. Taylor's recommendation that the County retain the Henry Klein Partnership for the project on the Administration Building as well as for some work on the Courthouse. Mr. Howard advised that the timeline is somewhat critical and it will be of benefit to the County to retain the Henry Klein organization because of their experience with these buildings.

Mr. Howard recommended that the services of Tom Theisen, Architect, be retained for some miscellaneous projects. These projects are part of ADA improvements for which Mr. Theisen has prior experience with Skagit County.

The Board gave their approval for Mr. Howard to proceed with the above recommendations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda of October 11, 1993, as submitted.

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* Public Works:

1. Signature - Resolution calling for Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 1, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the establishment of Lincoln Avenue in the Concrete area as a County road. (Resolution #15043)
2. Signature - Resolution calling for Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 1, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit over the entire length of Concrete Road, from the Concrete Sauk Valley Road to State Route 20. (Resolution #15044)
3. Signature - Resolution calling for Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 1, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., to designate Concrete Road between its intersection with Lincoln Street and State Route 20 as one-way. (Resolution #15045)

* Planning and Community Development:

4. Ordinance - Amending Section 14.04.150 unclassified special uses and Section 14.04.030 definitions of the Skagit County Code #ORD 93-003 - allowing gun clubs in rural zoning districts by special use permit. (Resolution #15054)
5. Signature - Resolution approving the shoreline variance permit #SHL 93-009 of Harold and Barbara Foss of 3263A South Shore Drive in Mount Vernon. (Resolution #15046)
6. Signature - Resolution approving the shoreline variance permit #SHL 93-030 of Jerry and Donna Fish of 3247A South Shore Drive, Lake Cavanaugh. (Resolution #15047)

* Parks, Recreation and Fair:

7. Signature - Resolution for renewal of Pasture Land Lease for cattle grazing at the Northern State Recreation area. The contract with Mr. James Posey expired on September 30, 1993. At the time of the original lease, the option to renew for an additional one to two years at the end of the initial leasing period was offered. This renewal would be for a one year contract ending September 30, 1994, and retaining Jim Posey as the lessee. (Resolution #15048)
8. Out-of-State Travel Requests for Steve Colby and Jon Aarstad to travel to San Jose from October 20 through 24th to attend the Playground Safety Institute. The additional costs requested would be for meals and lodging in Eugene, Oregon. This stopover in Eugene would enable both Steve and Jon to review other facilities and obtain further information for ADA.
9. Signature - Resolution for Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 26, 1993, at 1:30 p.m., to increase storage fees from \$1.25 per foot to \$1.50 per foot at the Skagit County Fairgrounds, effective November 1, 1993. Storage is for vehicles, R.V.'s, boats and personal property at the Fairgrounds. (Resolution #15049)

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10. Signature - Resolution calling for Public Hearing to be held on Monday, October 25, 1993, at 1:30 p.m., to consider public testimony on the application of Skagit Community Action Agency for a Community Development Block Grant for Public Services. (Resolution #15050)
11. Signature - Resolution appointing Michael Doran to the Substance Abuse Advisory Board effective immediately and shall be effective through October 5, 1996. (Resolution #15051)
12. Record of the Proceedings from October 4, 1993.
13. Record of the Proceedings from October 5, 1993.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- A. 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, October 11, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- 1) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature warrants 102772 through 103196 in the amount of \$740,961.03. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (C50-93)
- 2) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve warrants 97364 through 97506 in the total amount of \$327,663.83. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (R22-93)
- 3) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve payroll warrants 39909 through 39909 in the amount of \$1,573.86. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (R22-93)
- 4) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve payroll warrants 39892 through 39892 in the amount of \$1,674.72. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (P21-93)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Robert Hart, Chairman

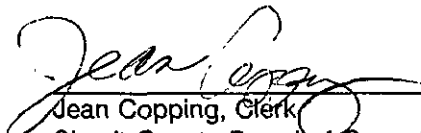


Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jean Copping, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners