

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, July 15, 1996**

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8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment Period.

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

Board of Health - Pat Pearce, Director.

- 1) Introduction of New Staff Members.
- 2) Update on Teen Pregnancy.
- 3) Preliminary Policy for Managing On-Site Sewage System for Health Department Licensees.
- 4) Skagit County Adolescent Hepatitis B Project 1996.
- 5) Proposed revision to Solid Waste Code (SCC 12.16) to allow County Facilitated Abatement of Public Health Emergencies.
- 6) Director's Report.
  - a) Skagit Community Public Health and Safety Plan.
  - b) Behavior (Life Style) as Major Killer.
- 7) Miscellaneous.

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

Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.

- 1) Public Hearing: 1997 - 2002 Transportation Improvement Program.
- 2) Divisional Projects/Programs Updates:
  - a) Surface Water Management Division.
  - b) Engineering Division.
  - c) Solid Waste Division.
  - d) County Road Funds Budget.
  - e) Equipment, Rental & Revolving Funds Budget.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Discussion - Management Structure of Cooperative Extension.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 1996, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Dave Parker, Sedro Woolley, spoke to the Board requesting the overturning the Mutual Aid Agreement in regard to Tribal jurisdiction. The Board stated that they would look into this further and then advise Mr. Parker.

Randy Good, Sedro Woolley, stated his appreciation of the public comment period.

**BOARD OF HEALTH - Pat Pearce, Director.**

1. **Introduction of New Staff Members.**

Pat Pearce introduced Lulu Chou, Field Trainee.

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2. **Update on Teen Pregnancy.**

Pat Jorgenson, Public Health Nurse, presented an update on the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program. Ms. Jorgenson reviewed the success of the Anacortes Teen Clinic. Also discussed were the Teen Parent Speakers Panel and Ms. Jorgenson introduced one of the members of the panel. Ms. Jorgenson stated that this program is very successful. She also discussed the Teen Futures Media Network, which looks as ways youth can generate their own media messages on teen pregnancy and other preventions of risk behavior. Ms. Jorgenson continued to review some of the other work planned such as the youth health welfare summit, negative-pregnancy test clients,

male involvement in the teen pregnancy equation and the "Best Self" connection.

3. Preliminary Policy for Managing On-Site Sewage System for Health Department Licensees.

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Specialist III discussed the difficulty when an existing Health Department licensee wishes to expand or change the use of their establishment as they are then required to upgrade the on-site sewage system to meet current standards.

Ms. Story stated she would like to set a policy which would produce some guidelines for these licensees. Ms. Story asked the Board for some direction in this regard. Commissioner Wolden commented that through the cooperation of County departments permit applications could be more streamlined. Commissioner Hart stated that the question should be on the application for permit which would trigger the need for them to go to the Health Department for further permits.

A discussion ensued in regard to preventing failing systems.

George Ridgeway, Health Staff, stated that he is working on a grant regarding how to take care of their septic systems and announced that free seminars will be held in the Fall in this regard.

4. Skagit County Adolescent Hepatitis B Project 1996.

Maryl Skjei, R. N. reported that Hepatitis B is caused by a virus that enters the bloodstream and of those infected, 5-10% will be chronic carriers of the virus. Ms. Skjei stated that the most common result of the virus is cirrhosis and that there can be very serious public health ramifications. Ms. Skjei reported on the goal of providing a gift of better health to all eighth grade students in Skagit County by lowering the risk of hepatitis disease in our youth through immunization and providing prevention education. Ms. Skjei stated that funds were received from service groups, the medical bureau and some physicians and staffing was provided by volunteers. Ms. Skjei stated that 77% of the students were immunized and announced that the State has provided funding now for 11 and 12 year olds which will be involved in the next program.

Linda Speck, Immunization Nurse in Health Department, expressed her appreciation of the individuals who assisted to make this program successful. Ms. Speck stated that funding has been awarded for continuing this program.

5. Proposed Revision to Solid Waste Code (SCC 12.16) to allow County Facilitated Abatement of Public Health Emergencies.

Vin Sherman, Environmental Health Specialist, discussed the solid waste issue and the action that sometimes is necessary if individuals do not clean up garbage, which creates a health hazard, especially rat infestation. Mr. Sherman reported on the process of notifying the owners about such a hazard. Mr. Sherman stated that codes from other counties have been researched and it has been determined that Skagit County is missing an "abatement" paragraph in the County code. This paragraph would provide the Health Department to order action and provide for retrieving costs from the owner. Mr. Sherman recommended that the code be amended in this regard. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve a Resolution Calling for Public Hearing in this regard. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff will provide a Resolution in this regard at a later date.

6. Director's Report.

a) Skagit Community Public Health and Safety Plan.

Pat Pearce, Director, discussed the Public Health and Safety Plan and discussed the success of the Network Plan. The Board commended the success of this plan.

b) Behavior (Life Style) as Major Killer.

Ms. Pearce reviewed an article from the National Health Journal stating that behavior kills more in the United States than anything else and listed tobacco, diet and inactivity patterns, microbial agents, use of alcohol, certain infections, sexual behavior, motor vehicles and drug use as behavioral killers. Ms. Pearce challenged individuals to take care of themselves in this regard and to changed the statistics.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.**

1. **Public Hearing: 1997 - 2002 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Dave Baltz, Public Works Staff, reviewed some of the comments that were heard at the Public Meetings held recently in regard to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program . Mr. Baltz stated that three projects were also approved at the County Road Administration meeting on Friday.

Commissioner Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Chuck Wiley, Cascade River Park, which is served by Cascade River Road, expressed concerns with the present plan for the Cascade River Road, citing safety issues as the main concern. Mr. Wiley stated that the road should be raised, so that residents can get to their property during flood seasons. Ms. Keiser stated that they will go to the residents prior to preliminary design for input on the roadwork to be completed.

Charles Bennett, Bennett Road, asked about the Bennett Road project. Mr. Baltz stated that this project has been deleted.

Dick Webb, Cascade River Park, President of the Marblemount Community Club, stated his concern of the lower portion of the Cascade River Road. Mr. Webb stated that paving more than 3/4 mile is a waste of money as the road is not able to be kept open during the winter months and that there are no residents above that point. Ms. Keiser discussed that there are various issues to address and that these issues will be reconciled with the residents before proceeding.

Commissioner Hart expressed his concern of the Farm-To-Market Road and asked that we get concurrence from the State for a wider road in certain areas. Commissioner Hart also stated that the West Bow Hill Road project needs to be brought to the community to gather input as to making a decision of how to move traffic through that area. Commissioner Wolden continued with this discussion.

There being no further public testimony, Commissioner Wolden made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 1997 - 2002. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. 16222**).

2. **Divisional Projects/Programs Updates:**

a. **Surface Water Management Division.**

Ryan LaPosa, Public Works Staff, provided an update on the Surface Water Management projects.

b. **Engineering Division.**

Dave Sheridan, Public Works, reviewed the following projects; Cascade River Road, Lyman Hamilton-Muddy Creek, Bow Hill Road - Worline to SR 11, Bow Hill Road - Darrk Lane to Old 99, Asphalt Overlay Project, Francis Road, Cook Road, Gear Bridge and Reservation Road.

c. **Solid Waste Division.**

Robin LaRue, Division Manager, discussed several anticipated solid waste projects. Mr. LaRue also reviewed the recent solid waste statistics. Mr. LaRue also notified that Board of the numerous comments received from the public which commend the staff at several sites.

A discussion ensued in regard to the current condition of the Inman Landfill and Commissioner Wolden asked about the possibility of using this as a grazing area. The possibilities were discussed.

d. County Road Funds Budget.

Marcia Jaeger, Public Works Staff, updated the Board on the County Road Funds Budget, reviewing the original 1996 budget and the forecasted 1996 budget. Ms. Jaeger also reviewed the road funds history of the revenue and total expenditures and transfers. Ms. Jaeger also reviewed the road funds fund balance and excess/(deficit).

A brief discussion took place in regard to the Road Funds Budget.

e. Equipment, Rental & Revolving Funds Budget.

Charlie Sisson, E R & R Coordinator, reviewed what E R & R provides for the County. Mr. Sisson discussed the course of tracking costs of these provisions. Mr. Sisson stated that he would like to adjust the maintenance products price list to include shipping and handling. Commissioner Wolden commended Mr. Sisson on keeping a record of the costs in anticipation of streamlining this budget.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with the exception of Item #9, which was committed. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

\* Commissioner's Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings of July 8, 1996.
2. Record of the Proceedings of July 9, 1996.
3. Record of the Proceedings of July 10, 1996.
4. Work Plan/Financial Plan for calendar year 1997 with U.S. Department of Agriculture in regard to the bird control program. Cost estimate for services is in the total amount of \$15,697. (Contract No. 03045).
5. Resolution Authorizing Date Extension on Repayment of Interfund Loan, extending the repayment date of a previous loan from the Current Expense Fund to the Veteran's relief Fund. This would allow additional time for the collection of 1996 tax revenues. (Resolution No. 16223).
6. Resolution Authorizing Date Extension on Repayment of Interfund Loan, extending the repayment period until August 1, 1996, for a previous loan from the Current Expenses Fund to the Emergency Communications Fund due to the implementation of the E-911 emergency dialing system. (Resolution No. 16224).
7. Resolution Authorizing date Extension on Repayment of Interfund Loan, extending the repayment date until September 1, 1996, of a previous loan from the Current Expense Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund due to the payment of the Juvenile Detention Facility remodel. (Resolution No. 16225).
8. Resolution Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative approving Prioritization of Projects for Skagit County to the Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT). (Resolution No. 16226).

\* Public Works Department items:

9. Bid Award Resolution for South Skagit Highway, County Road Project #0700-4. (Omitted).
10. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Dave Brookings to attend the 1996 Annual Meeting & Workshops of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies on October 23-26 in San Diego, California. The total amount of the meeting and workshop is \$1,260. (Approved).

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11. **Contract Amendment with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Skagit System Cooperative in regard to the Coal Creek Fish Passage Project. This amendment will allow the County to be reimbursed for the expenditures associated with our resources and allow the project to be completed expediently, which will reduce the road closure period. (Contract No. 02932).**

\* **Sheriff's Office:**

12. **Out-Of-State Travel Request for Kristen Miller to attend a Spillman Data users Conference in Park City, Utah, from August 19, through August 21, 1996, for the total amount of \$523. (Approved).**

\* **Human Services:**

13. **Personal Services Agreement with Sharon Robinson for the period of July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997. Compensation will be in the amount of \$7,350 for program monitoring services. (Contract No. 03046).**
14. **Personal Services Agreement with Arborware, Inc. for the term of July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. Compensation will be in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and allows for continuation of Kathy Isbrandtsens clerical support services in order for the County to meet contractual requirements regarding the Mental Health Resource management information System. (Contract No. 03047).**

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15. **Interlocal Cooperative Agreement - Anacortes Early Intervention Child & Family Treatment Program with the Anacortes School District #103 and the Skagit Community Mental Health Center for the period of July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. The total projected annual expense and salary, benefits and support for the Mental Health Specialist is estimated at \$44,880, with the County paying \$15,876 of that amount. (Contract No. 03048).**
13. **Personal Services Agreement with Kids Ride who will provide "door to door" transportation services for up to 6 students referred through Mount Vernon School District ARIS referral process. The term of this agreement will be January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" in the contract. (Contract No. 03049).**

\* **Parks:**

14. **Personal Services Agreement with C & H Timber Cutters for the period of June 20, 1996 until terminated. This contract is for the removal of all trees over 30 feet in height between Grassmere Road and Superior Avenue, within 50 feet of the centerline of the Cascade trail, including the area between Grassmere Road and the Cascade Trail where they are parallel and approximately 100 feet apart. Compensation shall consist of the value of the trees to be removed. (Contract No. 03050).**
15. **Amendment to Agreement with Cascade Tree Service regarding dangerous and nuisance tree removal, extending the term from June 11, 1996 to December 31, 1996. (Contract No. 02991).**

\* **Juvenile Probation:**

16. **Personal Services Agreement with Behavioral Sciences Institute for the term of July 15, 1996, until terminated for specialized juvenile offender evaluations, treatment (group and/or individual), consultations and monitoring for juveniles and/or their families, referred by the County and accepted for treatment by the Contractor. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 02991).**
17. **Personal Services Agreement with the Follman Agency for the term of July 15, 1996, until terminated to provide specialized juvenile offender evaluations, treatment (group and/or individual), consultations and monitoring for juveniles and/or their families, referred by the County and accepted for treatment by the Contractor. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 03051).**

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18. Personal Services Agreement with Greg Merrill, M.S.W. for the term of July 15, 1996 until terminated to provide specialized juvenile offender evaluations, treatment (group and/or individual), consultations and monitoring for juveniles and/or their families, referred by the County and accepted for treatment by the Contractor. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 03053).
19. Personal Services Agreement with Chuck Britt for the term of July 15, 1996, until terminated to provide specialized juvenile offender evaluations, treatment (group and/or individual), consultations and monitoring for juveniles and/or their families, referred by the County and accepted for treatment by the Contractor. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 03054).

**Health:**

20. Standard Work Order with Department of Social and Health Services for the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program through September 30, 1997. (Contract No. 03055).

**Planning:**

21. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Al Jongsma to travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 8 - 14, 1996, to attend an annual Business Meeting & Code Development conference. The total cost is \$805 and the purpose is to give comments and to vote on proposed code changes. Approved.
22. Resolution Establishing Procedural Criteria for Skagit County Code (SCC) Chapter 14.40 accepting Grants of Real Property Involving Existing County Roads. (Resolution No. 16227).

**Facilities:**

23. Call for Bids for Courthouse Foundation System Upgrade. (Resolution No. 16230).
24. Agreement with Tom Theisen, AIA, for the new vehicle maintenance shop at the Skagit County Public Works Facilities at Burlington. Compensation will be as identified as outlined in Article 11 of the contract. (Contract No. 03044).

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. 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, July 15, 1996, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers include in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #6007-253 through #6007-257, #6007-259 through #6007-264, #6007-266, #6007-268 through #6007-270, #6007-272 through #6007-276, #6007-279 through #6007-283, #6010-361, #6010-405, #6010-421, #6010-427 through #6010-431 in the total of \$961,041.06. Warrants #156048 through #156756. (Transmittal No. C33-96).

2. Resolution Authorizing Call for Public Hearing on Supplemental Budget to consider a resolution to amend the 1996 Budget for the Public Health Fund #101 - \$78,775. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16228).
3. Resolution regarding Funding of Revolving Fund for Skagit County Fair establishing sum of \$35,000 to be authorized as Revolving Fund for months of August and September, 1996. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16229).
4. Out of State Travel request for Jon Aarstad to attend the National Recreation and Parks Association Revenue Sources and Marketing School in San Diego on September 8 - 12, 1996, for a total of \$380. (Approved).

**DISCUSSION - MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.**

Woody Bernard, Interim Director of Cooperative Extension, stated that he was before the Board to ask for some direction as to how to proceed with a director of the cooperative extension.

Commissioner Hart commented on the validity of having a full time department head within Skagit County. Commissioner Hart inquired as to the possibility of having a joint Chair with Snohomish County. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, asked Mr. Bernard how long he could keep this position and Mr. Bernard stated that he is anticipating retirement, but was somewhat flexible. A discussion ensued in this regard and continued with a discussion regarding a facility site.

Mr. Bernard discussed the current staffing conditions.

Mr. Woodmansee and the Board concurred that sharing the Chair with another County seemed to be the most feasible. Commissioner Hart discussed the possibility of moving a modular building to the extension site on the Westside of Mount Vernon to accommodate staff.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

  
Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST.

  
Debby Sims, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners