

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 13, 1997

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Commissioner's Staff Meeting.
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director.
1) Introductions.
2) Update - John Hadman Award.
3) Update - Community Collaborative Project regarding Head Lice.
4) Discussion - Seasonal Fee for Licensee with On-Site Sewage System.
5) Update – Environmental Health.
6) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Parks Projects Update.
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Facilities Projects Update.
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Commissioner's Brown Bag Lunch Hour with Employees (Commissioner's Hearing Room).
- *T 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Presentation of "Larry Russell Commemorative Award."
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Work Session – Comprehensive Plan.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Introductions.

Peter Browning, Director, introduced Linda Thomas, as the new Office Supervisor and also Wade Bessett, the new Environmental Health Specialist.

2. Update – John Hadman Award.

Vincent Sherman, Environmental Health Specialist, reported on the Jack Hatlan Inspirational Award, a statewide Environmental Health award, that was presented this year to John Hadman of the Health Department. Mr. Sherman reviewed Mr. Hadman's expansive experience and credentials and his uncommon valor at dealing with his recent medical problems. Mr. Sherman commented on the inspiration Mr. Hadman provides throughout the department and his leadership qualities in environmental health on the state level. Mr. Hadman displayed the award and discussed the importance of having a career that brings enjoyment and fulfillment and attributed much of his job fulfillment to the organization and support of the County. The Board congratulated Mr. Hadman on receiving this award and thanked him for his dedication to the Health Department.

3. Update – Community Collaborative Project regarding Head Lice.

Sandi Paciotti, Public Health Nurse, discussed the head lice infestation issue in the County, reporting that the problem is almost at epidemic levels in schools. Ms. Paciotti mentioned that this is not a life threatening condition, however, it is a nuisance and is difficult to control. Ms. Paciotti discussed the need to develop a task force to assist in developing a recommended prevention and early identification protocol in an effort to address the issues related to head lice infestation. Ms. Paciotti emphasized that correct treatment is the key and that one of the goals is to have a parent group at the school to offer assistance to the families, such as treating the entire household, assisting with washing linens and such. Ms. Paciotti reported that this is human louse, not transmittable by animals and also mentioned that schools now have a no nit policy and the spreading problem has caused increased school absences. Ms. Paciotti anticipates that the task force will be able to assist in the control of the problem and reported that they will be meeting this week.

4. Discussion – Seasonal Fee of Licensee with On-Site Sewage System.

Corinne Story, Food and Living Environment Coordinator, discussed the issue of license fees as referenced above. Ms. Story mentioned that there are situations where citizens are paying the same fee whether they are operating all year long or on a seasonal basis. Ms. Story stated that currently the fee is set at \$70 for over 100 gallons per day, and the proposal would be to change this to \$35 if they are operating less than six months per year. Ms. Story stated that there has been one meeting held with the advisory group and that they are working with licensees on this issue. Two more meetings are scheduled with the advisory committee as they are attempting to develop a good definition of "seasonal." Ms. Story stated that a final document to be presented to the Board is anticipated in July to request a public hearing for the change in the fee schedule. The Board concurred to proceed.

5. Update – Environmental Health.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Supervisor, discussed a few changes they would like to propose in the Environmental Health Section, stating that they would like to verify with the Commissioners that their goals are along the same lines. Mr. Willis discussed the Regulatory functions, which is one of the main mandates in environmental health. Mr. Willis stated that in order to carry out the laws to protect public health the department sometimes has to be quite extensive and intrusive, but that the department priority is to try to make what the people want to do fit the regulation. Mr. Willis also discussed a proposed effort to promote productivity, utilizing their resources. Mr. Willis mentioned some of the anticipated procedure changes to best address customer service such as cross-training and discussed the utilization of tools such as such as E-Mail, Voice Mail, and such to better assist the public. Mr. Willis also mentioned that in order to protect public health better, they will need to get more information out to the public on various issues and to educate the public better. The Board concurred that cross training is a great idea in developing efficiency and asked that a report be brought back to the Board as they will be interested to hear the results of the proposed procedures. The Board also asked the department to utilize the option of televising videos as a way to get information out to the public.

3. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion today.

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Jon Aarstad, Director, discussed the Dreamfield project and in that regard Mr. Aarstad presented a Resolution for Notice of Call for Bids for the project to construct drainlines, irrigation systems, top course materials, sod and plant and seed on the prescribed surfaces of the Skagit Valley Dreamfield Facility. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16546).**

In regard to softball umpires, Mr. Aarstad presented a Professional Service Contract for the 1997 Season with the Skagit Valley Softball Umpires Association to officiate men's, coed, women's, and youth divisions softball league and tournament games as requested by the County for the 1997 season. The County shall compensate the association at \$17.50 per game for all league and tournament games, \$8.00 per game travel expenses for games played in Stanwood and Anacortes, and \$10.00 per game for games in Concrete. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03493).**

Mr. Aarstad discussed the Resource Management study on four sites and in this regard, presented an addendum to Personal Services Agreement with John Gold and Company to provide a land appraisal in the Resource Management Plan and Feasibility Study for specific park properties and to provide a predevelopment timber appraisal and wetlands reconnaissance. Compensation will be in the amount of \$3,500 in addition to the original contracted sum for the Resources Management Plan. Chairman Wolden made a motion to approve the addendum, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03401).**

Mr. Aarstad discussed the purchase of property known as Pilchuck Tree Farm and presented a Real Estate and Purchase Agreement in this regard with Pacific Denkmann Company, for the purchase and sale of real property in the amount of \$80,000. Chairman Wolden made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03491 & Deed No. 00442).**

Mr. Aarstad presented Real Estate and Purchase Agreement with Pacific Denkmann Company for the purchase and sale of real property in the amount of \$10,060 involving the rail bed corridor. Chairman Wolden made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03492).**

Mr. Aarstad discussed the Pressintin Park project, stating that a report by Graham-Bunting is nearly complete and that favorable information is included in regard to the facility, mentioning that there are limited wetlands as anticipated.

Mr. Aarstad briefly discussed the meeting scheduled with the Parks Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners next week, mentioning that this will be a good time for the Board to ask any questions or discuss any concerns.

Mr. Aarstad also discussed the meeting scheduled with the Parks Advisory Board, the Swinomish Boat Launch project, the comp plan issue, a recent meeting for youth service providers, and the Northern State Recreation area.

The Board asked for a time to be scheduled in July for a tour of the Northern State Recreation property in regard to the proposed development, including the other groups that have an interest in the development.

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, introduced Ron Kitchner, the new Facilities employee.

Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, presented a floor plan of the McGregor Building, discussing the issues involved in the office layout and the ADA requirements. Mr. Fleming stated that the target date will need to be adjusted on this remodel. Mr. Howard mentioned that a contract is being developed with Tom Thiesen to provide the drawings on this and several other buildings projects.

Mr. Howard discussed Blade Parking Lot project, and presented a Parking Lot Lease Agreement in this regard for a parking lot lease. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the parking lot lease at a rate of per month. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03494).**

Mr. Howard discussed the development of contracts with Mark Estavold, Architect, in regard to various remodel projects.

Mr. Howard also mentioned a call he received from a property owner requesting an extension of an easement to his land in the Bay View area. Mr. Howard stated it takes a correction of the deed in the form of a quit claim deed. The Board concurred with this request and in this regard Mr. Howard will provide a document for signature by the Board next week.

Mr. Howard discussed the Burlington Shop project, mentioning that the project is progressing well and discussed some anticipated plans for the building.

Mr. Howard stated that he is meeting today with Chinook Enterprises in regard to the development of a contract.

Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Howard to look at the curbing problem at the Concrete Senior Center.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tom Karsh, Planning, presented a Resolution relating to the proposed Development Agreement between the County and Clark's Skagit River Cabins and Recreational Vehicle Park. This Resolution directs staff to be in the process of developing an agreement and the hearing examiner to conduct a public hearing in this regard. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented, subject to legal counsel review. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16547).**

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PRESENTATION OF "LARRY RUSSELL COMMEMORATIVE AWARD."

The Board presented Larry's mom Gladys Buhrow, with a special replica of the J. Larry Russell Commemorative Award.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, stated that the J. Larry Russell award is a celebration of the impact Larry Russell made during his life before passing away at age 40. Mr. Holloran mentioned that Larry had become the official spokesperson for the Special Olympics and discussed Larry's excellence at basketball and the many other special abilities he had. Mr. Holloran mentioned on how Larry lived life through strong values and beliefs, a person who treasured all of his friendships and loved people. Mr. Holloran spoke of Larry's genuine and honest nature. Mr. Holloran commended the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of the county for establishing this award truly honoring the achievements of a very Special Olympian. Mr. Holloran presented the J. Larry Russell Commemorative Award to the Board of Commissioners, announcing that the award will be hung in the hallways of the Courthouse. Commissioner Anderson spoke of his friendship with Larry mentioning that Larry took the abilities he had and got the most out of them, achieving phenomenal success in his life. In this regard, Commissioner Anderson presented a replica of the Commemorative Award to Ben and Elsie Borens as honored recipients for their outstanding volunteer support of the Special Olympics, enabling the local program to grow and develop.

Commissioner Hart thanked the capacity crowd for attending today's dedication of the J. Larry Russell Commemorative Award and invited them all back to be a part of the presentation of this annual award.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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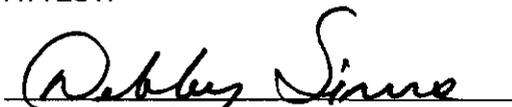

Harvey Wolden, Chairman


Robert Hart, Commissioner


Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST.


Debby Sims, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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