

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 10, 1997**

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Board of Health – Peter, Browning, Director.
1. Discussion – Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Monitoring Program.
2. Discussion – Proposed Child Youth Survey.
3. Discussion – Proposed New Nursing Organizational Structure.
4. Signature – Call for Public Hearing for Consideration of Fee Changes for the Travel Clinic, On-Site Sewage for Seasonal Establishments, and Birth and Death Certificates.
5. Miscellaneous.
- *T 10:00a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Facilities Projects Update.
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Parks & Recreation Department - Jon Aarstad, Director.
1. Public Hearing – Adoption of Proposed Skagit County Parks and Recreation Codes.
2. Miscellaneous.
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening – Two or More New 1997 Tractors with Interchangeable Mower/Brush Cutter Attachments.
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bid Opening – Gear Bridge CBP #40110-1.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Bid Opening – Lyman Hamilton Road, CRP #9402-3E.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR.

1. Discussion – Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Monitoring Program.

Peter Browning, Director, introduced Wade Bessett, Environmental Health Specialist, who gave a brief overview of the Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Monitoring Program. Mr. Bessett advised that this presentation is timely due to the summer months and the increased harvesting of shellfish. Mr. Bessett explained the effects of PSP on individuals and the ongoing monitoring program by the Health Department and volunteers. Mr. Bessett indicated that there has been a recent closure for Butter Clam harvesting at East Padilla Bay from the southern tip of Samish Island south to Bay View State Park. Mr. Bessett indicated that the Health Department is only involved with recreational shellfish harvesting, and is not regulating commercial oyster harvesters. The Board thanked Mr. Bessett for his informative update.

2. Discussion – Proposed Child Youth Survey.

Alex Von Cube, Health Analyst, gave some background information concerning the importance of assessing child-youth health issues and the demography of children. He indicated that educational achievement leads to good health. Mr. Von Cube stated that surveys as an assessment tool are extremely important because they provide a basis for policy, and provide a foundation for issues in health that need to be addressed. He reviewed the successes of various task forces throughout the County. Public health is primarily about prevention rather than intervention, which is more expensive. In order to meet the challenge of child health, the focus must be on children's chances for a healthy birth and life thereafter. A child youth survey is especially relevant for welfare reform. Children and youth represent approximately 25% of the total population in the County. Mr. Von Cube outlined the challenges of preparing a child-youth survey, together with the plan to collaborate with various agencies and groups throughout the County. Specific approaches to preparing and designing the survey were

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reviewed by Mr. Von Cube. Mr. Von Cube provided the Board with a list of topics and potential funding sources. Marketing approaches were briefly reviewed, together with the proposed timelines for the survey.

Chairman Wolden queried Mr. Browning, Health Department Director, about the involvement of the State in these types of surveys. Mr. Browning explained that youth issues have not been addressed. Commissioner Wolden indicated the need to direct the Northwest Regional Council epidemiologist to combine the information from three counties. Commissioner Anderson stated that these are localized issues that need localized input from our County. Chairman Wolden clarified with Mr. Browning that this is a County commitment to localized issues. Mr. Browning indicated that there is no good data on early prevention and intervention with pre-adolescents and that currently we deal with children with existing problems, and that prevention methods need to be explored.

Mr. Browning indicated that the bulk of the funding for this survey will come from outside agencies, not the County.

Mr. Von Cube will come back with more information in two months to provide the Board with further information on this subject.

3. Discussion – Proposed New Nursing Organizational Structure.

Mr. Browning reviewed with the Board a new Nursing Organizational Structure as presented in their packet. With Nursing Supervisor Barb Meier retiring in 15 months, Mr. Browning indicated the need to glean as much information and leadership from Ms. Meier prior to her departure. This transition plan will allow Skagit County to avail themselves of the years of experience Barb Meier has to offer. It is proposed that two people will be responsible for the two separate and distinct segments of Personal Health. When the transition is complete, and Barb Meier retires, the two lead nurses will move into supervisory roles, and report to the Director. The Board indicated their approval of this transition plan.

4. Signature – Call for Public Hearing for Consideration of Fee Changes for the Travel Clinic, On-Site Sewage for Seasonal Establishments, and Birth and Death Certificates.

Mr. Browning briefly discussed proposed fee changes, and presented the Board with a Call for Public Hearing for Consideration of Fee Changes for the Travel Clinic, On-Site Sewage for Seasonal Establishments, and Birth and Death Certificates. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16566)**

5. Miscellaneous.

There were not miscellaneous items for discussion.

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

1. Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, presented a Call for Bids for the Construction of the E911 Center. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16567)**
2. Mr. Howard discussed the status of County-owned underground fuel tanks. The State Department of Ecology requires that owners of tanks either upgrade the tanks or close them permanently. There were in 1992 twenty-four (24) underground storage tanks owned by the County. All but 7 have been removed. The locations of the 7 remaining tanks were reviewed. Mr. Howard asked the Board for their opinion on whether the County should remain in the fueling business or contract this service. The process of lining tanks was reviewed with the Board. A discussion ensued on the cost increases that might be incurred if an outside service was provided. Commissioner Anderson indicated that convenience to the road crews must also be considered.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the County would be paying each driver for the non-productive time to fuel their vehicles, rather than fueling the vehicles on-site at the County Shop.

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Specifics of the rough figures prepared by Mr. Howard and the options pertinent thereto were reviewed.

The subject of developing a fueling schedule with SKAT was discussed.

The Board indicated their feeling that the updating of the existing fuel tanks appears to be more cost-effective than having employees go to an off-site location for fueling of County vehicles. The best time to update these tanks would be in the Spring of next year according to Mr. Howard. Commissioner Anderson expressed his appreciation for Mr. Howard bringing this information forward for review and consideration prior to budget time.

Mr. Howard indicated that he has received a proposal from a consultant used previously in this regard to review the existing tanks and advise of the cost to upgrade the tanks. The Board indicated their approval of this.

3. Mr. Howard stated that bids will be opened on June 30 for the Blade Parking Lot.
4. Mr. Howard indicated that he would like to call for bids for the re-roofing of the Moen and Public Safety Building, with the bid opening scheduled in July and construction to begin in August. Mr. Howard advised that he will bring the plans to the Board for their review prior to calling for bids.
5. A brief discussion ensued on the addition of a storage lean-to on the south end of the new Burlington Shop.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT – JON AARSTAD, DIRECTOR.

1. Public Hearing – Adoption of Proposed Skagit County Parks and Recreation Codes.

Chairman Wolden opened the Public Hearing.

Jon Aarstad, Director, reviewed with the Board the history of the development of Parks and Recreation Codes that would provide for enforcement of such regulations in the various parks within the Parks' Department jurisdiction. There currently are no regulations in the Skagit County Code regarding County Parks. Examples from other counties were used as a guideline for developing these codes. Specifics of the proposed codes were reviewed.

Key points of the proposed Code, including a leash law and length of residency in County parks, were discussed.

Ralph Clemons, 101 Crawford Drive, Lyman, stated that he has two major concerns. Mr. Clemons stated that his first concern is that a great deal of discretion and legislative authority is being delegated to the Department Head. Mr. Clemons had further concern that the Camping Facility Regulations as proposed give too much discretion to the Park Rangers and/or Parks Department Staff. Mr. Clemons pointed out several areas where a more descriptive explanation of the intent of the Code should be made. Mr. Clemons further commented on the Trails Policies noting that there have been no trail policies except for the ordinance on nonmotorized vehicles previously adopted. Mr. Clemons stated that to his belief, not one person has been cited for riding a motorized vehicle on the trail. He also indicated that specific proscriptions against weapons on the trail need to be included under the Trails Policies section. Mr. Clemons further commented on the Boating Launch Policies stating that Mr. Aarstad as Parks Department Director should not be the final authority to decide if a commercial enterprise is able to launch at a County boat launch.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island, indicated that she had found some typographical errors in the proposed Code, and submitted pages of her written notes to Mr. Aarstad and the Board. Ms. Ehlers reviewed these specific corrections and other suggested changes.

Randy Good, 2346 Minkler Road, Sedro Woolley stated that these codes need to be revised and that the Board cannot allow the Parks Director to set legal regulations without Board approval.

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There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board indicated the need to revise and incorporate some of the issues brought forth in the Public Hearing. They indicated that some of the recommendations for added wording would seem to be appropriate. Commissioner Anderson indicated he would make some additional notes and submit them to Mr. Aarstad. Commissioner Hart noted that there needs to be the ability for on-site Staff to make administrative decisions as they see fit.

Mr. Aarstad commented on the issue of the number of vehicles allowed at each campsite and the reasoning for the limitation of an RV or trailer and one additional vehicle.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that the parks belong to the public, and that there have been some valid points made today during the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson stated that when the codes are put in place, they need to be fairly specific. Further, he stated that enforcement will not be easy, especially on the Cascade Trail.

The Board indicated that they would submit comments to Mr. Aarstad on the proposed Parks & Recreation Codes.

2. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Aarstad asked the Board to execute a Resolution for the Authorization to Apply for Development Grant for Presentin Park from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. Commissioner Anderson moved for adoption of the Resolution as presented by Mr. Aarstad. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and passed unanimously. (**Resolution No.16568**) A brief discussion on the formation of Presentin Park ensued.
- B. Mr. Aarstad presented a Quit Claim Deed with Gregory A. Peck and Michele A. Peck, husband and wife for \$504 regarding the Centennial Trail. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed, and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (**Deed #00445**).
- C. Mr. Aarstad presented a Quit Claim Deed with Lloyd J. Brown and Wendy B. Brown, husband and wife, for \$2,951 regarding the Centennial Trail. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed, and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (**Deed #00446**).
- D. Fair Advisory Board openings were discussed.
- E. Peter Mayer, Parks & Recreation Staff, briefed the Board on the possibility of providing surplus Sheriff's Deputy automobiles to the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program at Skagit Valley College.
- F. The training of summer interns hired by the Parks & Recreation Department was discussed.
- G. Mr. Mayer announced that the Clear Lake beach opens on Saturday at noon.
- H. Mr. Mayer briefly discussed the problem of inconsistent usages at the Campbell Lake boat launch.

BID OPENING – TWO OR MORE NEW 1997 TRACTORS WITH INTERCHANGEABLE MOWER/BRUSH CUTTER ATTACHMENTS.

Charlie Sisson, Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Coordinator, opened the following bids for the above referenced:

Valley Repair
37119 - 92nd Avenue NW
Stanwood, WA 98242
\$69,951.30 (1 unit)
No bid bond attached.

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Western Power & Equipment
9137 South Central
Kent, WA 98032
\$114,242.96 (2 units)
Bid Bond attached.

Clydewest, Inc.
9615 West Marginal Way South
Seattle, WA 98108
\$122,980.81 (2 units)
Bid bond attached.

Burlington Ford New Holland
1955 South Burlington Blvd.
Burlington, WA 98233
\$68,614.70 (1 unit) \$137,229.40 (2 units)
Cashier's Check attached for bid deposit.

Coastline Ford Tractor
3512 Smith Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
\$126,711 (2 units)
Bid Bond attached.

Machinery Components Co.
1200 South Dearborn Street
Seattle, WA
\$140,402.42 (2 units)
Bid Bond attached.

Mr. Sisson advised that the bids would be reviewed in detail and that Staff will come back to the Board with a bid award recommendation.

Commissioner Anderson was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

BID OPENING – GEAR BRIDGE CBP #40110-1.

Ed Hawes, Road Engineer, opened the following bids for the above-referenced project:

Strider Construction
Mount Vernon, WA
Bid Bond is attached.
\$204,280
Addendum is acknowledged.

Tek Construction
Ferndale, WA
Bid Bond is attached.
\$212,129.80
Addendum is acknowledged.

R Excavating
Everett, WA
Bid Bond is attached.
\$223,516
Addendum is acknowledged.

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RDS Construction
Bothell, WA
Bid Bond is attached.
\$181,236
Addendum is acknowledged.

Sheldrup Construction
Mount Vernon, WA
Bid Bond is attached
\$183,774
Addendum is acknowledged.

One Way Construction
Sedro Woolley, WA
Bid Bond is attached
\$194,160
Addendum is acknowledged.

The Engineer's estimate was \$170,457. Staff stated that they return with a bid award recommendation in approximately two weeks.

BID OPENING – LYMAN HAMILTON ROAD, CRP #9402-3E.

Ed Hawes, Road Engineer, opened the following bids for the above-referenced project:

Van Der Zam
Blaine, WA
\$196,001
Bid Bond attached.

Tek Construction
Ferndale, WA
\$261,431.44
Bid Bond attached.

Strider Construction
Bellingham, WA
\$198,614.40
Bid Bond attached.

R Excavating, Inc.
Everett, WA
\$279,680.45
Bid Bond attached.

Friberg Construction
Ferndale, WA
\$224,386.15
Bid Bond attached.

One Way Construction
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
\$226,249.20
Bid Bond attached.

The Engineer's estimate was \$185,646.50.

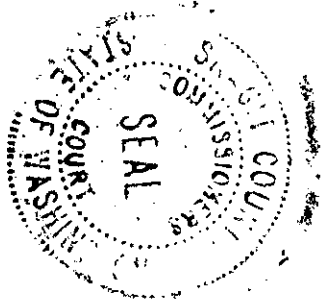
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Staff indicated they would come back to the Board with an award recommendation in approximately two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson

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ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers

Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners