

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, December 9, 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) Inquiries from the Public on Private Water Supply Issues.
2) Hepatitis B Program Update.
3) Breast and Cervical Health Program Update.
4) Childcare Update.
5) Miscellaneous.
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Parks Projects Update.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Inquiries from the Public on Private Water Supply Issues.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health, explained that the Health Department has an obligation to provide information on private water supplies to inquiries from the general public. He stated that most people come to the Health Department for a source of sound, unbiased, free technical information and advice. Mr. Willis advised that these inquiries concern the sources of potable water supply, water treatment consisting of naturally occurring and man-caused sources of contamination of drinking water and special services including follow-up in flooding situations where many wells are contaminated or in jeopardy

Mr. Willis reviewed typical problems among private water suppliers. These include improper well seal or other construction defects that lead to bacteriological contamination, naturally occurring iron or manganese causes staining and taste problems, good well construction but bad bacteriological quality of unknown etiology, and water quantity problems.

Mr. Willis reviewed a listing of bacteriological statistics.

A brief discussion ensued on the inspection involvement of the Department of Ecology.

2. Hepatitis B Program Update.

Amie Tidrington, Immunization Clinic, gave a brief background and overview of the successful Hepatitis B Program. She advised that the clinic is currently in the midst of the second dose of vaccine in the three-dose series to area six-graders. She reviewed the specific statistics for each school district involved. She reviewed a graph showing acute hepatitis B infection by age and gender.

3. Breast and Cervical Health Program Update.

Christine Kohnert, Health Department Staff, reviewed the history of this program beginning in 1990 with the enactment of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act. She reviewed the local participants who provide various services to low-income and uninsured women. She reviewed several breast cancer statistics. The funding for these programs was briefly discussed.

4. Childcare Update.

Alex Von Cube, Health Department Analyst, addressed the Board on childcare assessment in Skagit County. He stressed the need for early intervention as the key for dealing with behavior problems. He stated that Childcare is clearly a public health issue. He reviewed the functions of the Health Department in this regard.

5. Miscellaneous.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island, stated that on Fidalgo Island stated that there is an agreement among water suppliers, and she distributed a copy of the Agreement to the Board and Mr. Browning.

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

1. Kami Manley, Parks Department Staff, reviewed the activities of the Teen Center that are a component of the Juvenile Justice Grant. The goal is to provide activities on Friday and Saturday nights when there are no school activities. She advised that at some sites there are 150 kids in attendance.

Ms. Manley read some letters from some of the children who participate in the program.

Ms. Manley advised that due to the impending move of the center, she is hopeful that this Teen Center could be opened after school to assist with homework and provide tutoring.

She requested the Board's assistance in obtaining additional funding for a new location for this successful project.

A discussion ensued on the utilization of the buildings at the fairgrounds, and the possible partnering with service clubs and other groups within the County to keep the Teen Center operational.

2. Jon Aarstad, Director, discussed the development of the Parks & Recreation Department Comprehensive Plan.
3. Mr. Aarstad briefly discussed the Northern State Recreation Area and the possibility of providing a camping area within the Recreation Area. He advised that this will be a private/public venture, and the private entity will reduce the financial burden to the taxpayers for developing this area.
4. Mr. Aarstad advised that the Dreamfield is nearly complete.
5. Mr. Aarstad clarified some misunderstandings regarding salary levels for Parks Department employees.
6. Mr. Aarstad confirmed County purchasing procedures.
7. Mr. Aarstad briefly discussed the Muddy Creek project.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding supplemental budget. The budgets to be supplemented include Current Expense, Public Health, River Improvements, Elections, Substance Abuse, County Roads, Medic I Services and Public Works Building Fund. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 22, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Staff. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16789)**
2. Staff presented a Resolution calling for Budget Line Item Change. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16790)**

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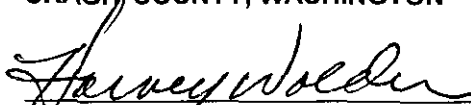
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3. Stephanie Wood, Personnel Director, presented to the Board and Agreement for Wholesale Automated Clearing House Services with SeaFirst Bank for the purpose of employee direct deposit. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Ms. Wood. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No.03735)** In this regard, Ms. Wood presented a License Agreement for the ACH Auditor which enables the County to utilize the necessary software to transmit data by modem to SeaFirst. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Ms. Wood. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed. **(Contract No. 03736)**
4. Ms. Wood presented a Labor Agreement with the AFSCME Union, which she advised was ratified by the Union yesterday. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Labor Agreement as presented by Ms. Wood. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No.03737)**

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



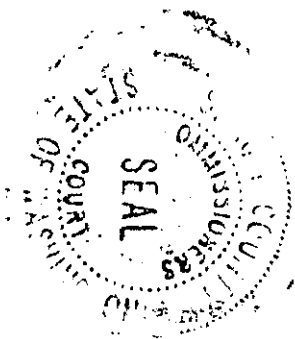
Harvey Wolden, Chairman




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ATTEST:



Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
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