

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, December 8, 1998**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Work Session – Planning & Permit Center Work Program.
*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<u>Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director.</u> 1) Presentation – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Group Report. 2) Discussion – Maintenance and Operations Program for On-Site Sewage. 3) Discussion – Revisions to Skagit County Code Section 12.16, Solid Waste Handling and Facilities. 4) Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Update. 5) Discussion – HIV Reporting as a Communicable Disease. 6) Miscellaneous.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Parks Projects Update.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Facilities Projects Update.
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Public Hearing – 1998 Supplemental Budget.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

**BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.**

**1. Presentation – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Group Report.**

Pat Jorgensen, Public Health Nurse, reported on the work of the Skagit County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project. She reported that the percentage of women ages 15-19 engaging in sexual activity is now at 56%. The percentage level for males is 73%. She spoke about the various programs regarding teen parenting, pro-abstinence, Teen Parent Speakers Panel, and parenting education pilot project

**2. Discussion – Maintenance and Operations Program for On-Site Sewage.**

George Ridgway, Environmental Health Specialist, advised that an on-site sewage system owner is responsible for checking the levels in their septic tank. The Health Officer is responsible to monitor what the public is doing regarding this responsibility. He outlined the basic functions and components of a septic system. He noted that the plan presented to the Board last August will help individuals conserve their septic systems.

He commented on the various specific components of the plan.

Ken Willis, Supervisor of Environmental Health, stated that this proposal is the result of a mandate from both State and local codes. He reviewed the essential elements to the plan including a funding mechanism, regulations, a person to carry out and administer the program, and a database manager. As this will involve changes to the Skagit County Code, a public hearing will be set in January.

**3. Discussion – Revisions to Skagit County Code Section 12.16, Solid Waste Handling and Facilities.**

Polly Dubbel, Health Department, reviewed proposed revisions to the Skagit County Solid Waste Code. She stated that Biosolids will be regulated under the State Clean Water Act. In line with that, the State has communicated with counties and requested that counties work at a local level to enforce the State regulations.

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Since Biosolids are no longer defined as solid waste, Ms. Dubbel advised that the County can eliminate the relevant code sections. A section will remain to clearly define the status of permitting facilities to take septage, to make sure of safe land applications. She advised that there are also housekeeping clarifications. Finally, there is also needed a definition of a solid waste violation regarding garbage containment and accumulation.

Commissioner Wolden asked for specifics about clean-up fines for illegal dumping, including a lien on the property in question.

#### 4. Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Update.

Jennifer Sass, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, spoke regarding good nutrition for women, infants and children (WIC), which is Federally funded program available in Skagit County. Skagit County has five different agencies that provide WIC services: Health Department, Community Action, Pre-Natal Care Center at United General, Swinomish and Upper Skagit Tribes. The WIC Program has recently completed an evaluation program. The WIC program is going through a paperless reporting flow change which will cause the clinic to be closed January 25 through February 3, 1999 to implement this program.

Chairman Hart mentioned challenges with reimbursements from the State and the possibility for improvement with the new automated system.

#### 5. Discussion – HIV Reporting as a Communicable Disease.

Peter Browning, Director, spoke to changes in named reporting for HIV that will not be implemented until the Year 2000. At that time, HIV infection will be reported as a communicable disease. Mr. Browning indicated that concern has been raised in reportable cases of AIDS, and that for many years a person could be infected without the ability to communicate with others of the potential dangers and possible early treatment. Mr. Browning noted that it is generally agreed that HIV should be included as a reportable condition.

#### Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Browning stated that the Washington Basic Health Plan, a federally funded plan, is available to individuals for \$10 per month. Information can be obtained by calling Jennifer Sass at 336-9380.
- B. Breast and cervical health exams are available through the Health Department for women over 50 at no cost. Contact SeaMar at 428-4075.

#### PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Department Director, reviewed the following:

- 1. Fair Advisory Board. Mr. Aarstad reviewed Minutes Protocol for the Fair Board and a list of various Fair Board committees. Pursuant to a query from Mr. Aarstad, the Board indicated that the Letter of Understanding with the Fair Board is amendable. Commissioner Wolden spoke to the need for attendance by the Fair Board members at their monthly meetings. Wind damage at the Sheep Barn was briefly discussed.
- 2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Aarstad stated that there was one vacant position on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. He also spoke regarding a Foundation opportunity that may obtain broader status in the community.
- 3. Ann Wolford Park. A discussion ensued regarding the Forest Practices application, and the Board indicated that the application should remain in place until such time as a firm offer has been received on the property.
- 4. Multi-Use Complex re: Northern State. Mr. Aarstad discussed a meeting of citizens interested in developing the facility at the former Northern State Hospital grounds. He stated that the group had focused on areas including an athletic facility, school district site, and a design plan for an additional site

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- to generate revenues. He advised that the Pacific Recreation Group is attempting to come up with a plan and financial backing.
5. Playfields. Mr. Aarstad spoke regarding the need for improved drainage at the Cook Road Playfields.
  6. Presentin Park. Mr. Aarstad indicated that he has completed the status report to the Forest Service, and has requested an extension of the grant which expires on December 31, due to delays in cultural resource evaluation. He explained that this extension will probably be through December 31, 1999 or June 30, 2000.
  7. Swinomish Channel Project. Mr. Aarstad reviewed a meeting with the Padilla Bay staff and a proposed meeting with the Washington State Fish & Wildlife Department regarding this project.

**FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, discussed the following projects:

1. He discussed the waterline at the E911 Center and presented the Board with two documents for their approval. The first is a Bill of Sale for the materials, labor, equipment and engineering for a total amount of \$91,446.87. The second document is a Water Pipeline Easement wherein the County grants such an easement to the Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County for the subject pipeline. Chairman Hart moved to approve the Waterline Easement Agreement with PUD No. 1 of Skagit County and the Bill of Sale for improvements thereon in the total amount of \$91,441.87. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden, and passed with a unanimous vote. **(Bill of Sale - Contract No. 04161, Waterline Easement Agreement - 04162)**
2. Mr. Howard next discussed recent correspondence from ASI regarding the relocation of the waterline at the E911 Center and a subsequent change order. ASI submitted a change order for \$76,000 for this relocation. Mr. Howard stated that he is not quite sure why such a change order was submitted for work completed during the project. He is investigating if there is any merit to this request for additional compensation.
3. Mr. Howard advised that the final inspection report has been received from the City of Mount Vernon on the E911 Center, and that the architect, Tom Theisen, and Mr. Howard can address the items contained in the Final Inspection Report.
4. Mr. Howard advised that the SKAT facility is scheduled for a move-in date of December 19<sup>th</sup>. He spoke to specifics needed with both PUD No. 1 and the City of Burlington to meet this time schedule.
5. Mr. Howard briefly discussed a proposed building lease with Herb Goldston for the offices to house the Juvenile Probation Department (formerly the Skagit County Community Action Agency). Terms of the lease and the proposed tenant improvements were reviewed.
6. The emergency generator project was briefly outlined.
7. The possibility of locating County Mail drop-boxes was discussed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 1998 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.**

Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, explained the request for Supplemental Budget and noted that there are five funds that need to be supplemented including General Fund, Public Health Fund, Substance Abuse Fund, Senior Services Fund, and Interlocal Investigation.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the supplemental budget as outlined by Ms. Huschka. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. (Resolution No. 17241)

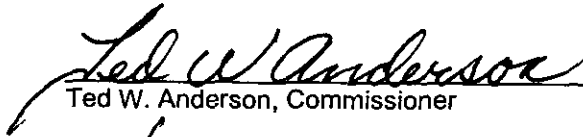
**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Robert Hart, Chairman



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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