

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, January 5, 1999**

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.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Adoption of an Ordinance Implementing the City of Mount Vernon Development Standards within their Urban Growth Area.
*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<u>Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Discussion – Skagit County Health Department/Affiliated Health Services Anti-Smoking Program.</li><li>2) Postponement of Public Hearing regarding Septic System Maintenance and Operations Program.</li><li>3) Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony concerning changes to Skagit County Code Section 12.16, Solid Waste Handling and Facilities.</li><li>4) Discussion and Possible Call for Public Hearing for Changes in the Health Department Fee Schedule.</li><li>5) Report on Tuberculosis Program.</li><li>6) Report on Welcome Baby Program.</li><li>7) Miscellaneous.</li></ol>
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Parks Projects Update.
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Facilities Projects Update.

The Skagit Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER TESTIMONY REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS WITHIN THEIR URBAN GROWTH AREA.**

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, indicated that the County has an interlocal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon wherein the County has agreed to adopt the development standards of the City within their urban growth area. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance and voted to recommend the Ordinance as drafted with the addition of a condition. The Board previously decided to hold the public hearing today, in order to make findings on whether the condition should in fact be added to the proposed Ordinance.

After this brief introduction, Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Yvonne Page, Associate Planner for City of Mount Vernon, stressed that the City does not want to change the Interlocal Agreement, and asked that the Board adopt the Ordinance as drafted without the additional condition, as the City has done a good job of planning for the urban growth area.

Shirley Viscalla, 202 So Mount Vernon, representing Citizens for Mount Vernon, expressed concerns about the City utilizing their development standards. She stressed the need to make sure that Mount Vernon's development standards are consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. She asked several specific questions about the development process with the urban growth area, and explained that her main concern was the public participation process.

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Sandra Sabin, 13912 Trumpeter Lane, Mount Vernon, discussed the lack of voice by citizens in the urban growth areas when annexation occurs. She spoke to city-initiated rezoning requests, and the need for development standards that are consistent with the County's development standards. She noted concern for the lack of a public participation program at the City level, and the difficulty in getting input and information into the City's comprehensive plan.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing, and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

Chairman Anderson clarified that joint planning with the cities and County is required by the Growth Management Act. He queried staff about the process for annexation and whether or not property owners vote on annexation.

Commissioner Wolden clarified that the urban growth areas were adopted in the County's Comprehensive Plan, which is a 20-year plan, and that the underlying landowners must petition for annexation.

The process for annexation was discussed.

Tom Karsh, Planning Department Director, clarified that any aggrieved property owner involved in annexation can invoke the Boundary Review Board.

Ms. Sabin commented in the lack of planning in the areas where annexation is occurring, including areas where the City annexes with a Public Utility District overlay.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding zoning within urban growth areas, R96 zoning, and adherence to the County Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Anderson stated that the whole intent of Growth Management is to put growth into the urban growth areas. He commented on minimum densities. He stated that once the City annexes property, it is basically out of the County's hands as far as potential rezones or densities. He urged those with concerns to speak to their city councilmen.

Commissioner Wolden stated that this proposed Ordinance would allow the County to have joint planning in the un-annexed property located in the urban growth areas.

Ms. Smith spoke to the need for City standards in these areas so that there is consistency at the time of annexation, including the need for curbs, gutters and sidewalks. She discussed the procedures in this regard when applying for a building permit in these areas.

Commissioner Hart stated that the Planning Commission Recorded Motion is before the Board, with the addition of language in the last paragraph adding an alternative process. He spoke to the need to adhere to the direction given by the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in this regard. Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the Planning Commission Recorded motion, deleting the last sentence of the condition following 17.03.020, which is alternative policy 2.2.2 of the Urban Growth Element of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion.

Commissioners Wolden and Hart vote for the motion; Commissioner Anderson voted nay. The motion passed. **(Staff to provide the appropriate Ordinance at a later date).**

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

1. Discussion – Skagit County Health Department/Affiliated Health Services Anti-Smoking Program.

This item was postponed due to illness of the presenter.

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2. Postponement of Public Hearing regarding Septic System Maintenance and Operations Program.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Supervisor, asked for a postponement to the changes in the Skagit County Code relating to on-site sewage systems maintenance and operations programs. He advised that several stakeholder groups have been contacted, and the Department would like additional time to continue discussions with these groups, and to bring this to the attention of the general public.

Commissioner Hart moved to postpone the public hearing until the next meeting of the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden.

After a brief discussion, the question was called for and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The public hearing will be re-advertised.

3. Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony Concerning Changes to Skagit County Code Section 12.16, Solid Waste Handling and Facilities.

Polly Dubbel, Environmental Health Specialist, reviewed proposed changes to the Skagit County Code Section 12.16, which involved repealing sections dealing with biosolids, which are now regulated by the State. She stated that there are some modifications to dumping offenses that would be harmful to the environment or public health. Also included are added definitions for garbage accumulation and recovery of clean-up costs for solid waste violations.

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

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the changes to Skagit County Code Section 12.16, Solid Waste Handling and Facilities. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Ordinance No. 17274)**

Commissioner Wolden was absent for a portion of the proceedings beginning at this point in the agenda.

4. Discussion and Possible Call for Public Hearing for Changes in the Health Department Fee Schedule.

Peter Browning, Director, reviewed the need to make changes to the Health Department Fee Schedule. Particulars of the changes were reviewed. He advised that most fees that are being increased are being increased by an average of 3%, to adhere to the general salary increase approved by the Board for 1999.

Commissioner Hart stated that he does not want to see the fee schedule indexed, although adjustments are needed because of technological advancements, or significant additional work by Staff.

Chairman Anderson concurred with Commissioner Hart's comments.

Commissioner Hart moved to call for public hearing for February 2, 1999 to consider fee changes in the Health Department. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a later date)**

5. Report on Tuberculosis Program.

Debbie Kelly, Health Department Nurse, discussed the tuberculosis outreach project for the Skagit County Russian Population. She revealed the goals of the outreach program, and the need to encourage increased educational activities. This includes increased education to the medical community for additional skin tests.

She reviewed several graphs regarding Russian Refugee Placement Referral for 1995-1998, Negative Skin Tests Male/Female Ratio, Age Group Breakdown, Percentage and Status of Patients in the TB Program.

Sandy Pacciotti, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, stated that there are no active cases of TB in the County, so the main focus of the program is prevention.

6. Report on Welcome Baby Program.

Meredith Baker, Public Health Nurse, reviewed the Welcome Baby Program. She stated that this is the second year of the program. Ms. Baker reported on the need for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and any child at risk because of physical or mental problems. She stated that the Department now has over 1,000 babies in the database. She spoke regarding the funding for this worthwhile program.

Commissioners Hart and Anderson commented on the good work of this program.

7. Miscellaneous.

Peter Browning, Director, advised that the Childcare press conference would be held on Monday, January 11, at the Family Resource Center.

**PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.**

Mr. Aarstad reviewed a Project Status Report dated January 5, 1999, which included a review of the following.

1. He first discussed the Swinomish Channel Project, and the progress of the request for qualifications regarding engineering services. He also discussed the permitting process. Mr. Aarstad stated that June 15 is the target date for completion of the construction drawings, obtaining of the permits and selecting qualified bidders. Construction would begin in June and would be completed by November. He stated that the grant package would be wrapped up and completed by January 2000. He discussed the easement that would be necessary for the septic system, and the need to hire a surveying company. Commissioner Hart asked about possible closure of the boat launch. Mr. Aarstad replied that this would not greatly affect the use of the boat launch for any dramatic period of time.
2. Mr. Aarstad next reviewed the Skagit Valley Dreamfield project and the Phase II construction of a backstop. He reported that wind damage to the fence was minimal. He stated that a \$30,000 scoreboard had been donated by Walton Beverage for both the soccer field and baseball field. Mr. Aarstad further advised that bids would be prepared for selection of a contractor for one section of bleachers. He notified the Board that the fields should be playable by the first part of March.
3. Mr. Aarstad commented on the permitting process regarding Presentin Park.
4. Mr. Aarstad discussed the construction of restrooms at the Fairgrounds, and the need to create drawings and bid documents by the end of March. This would allow construction to be completed prior to the Fair in August.
5. Mr. Aarstad next discussed the Northern State Recreation Area and a recent letter from CTED, which questioned whether the Area should be within the urban growth area of Sedro Woolley. The letter indicated that the County may not have to have this Area included in the UGA to receive urban services.
6. Mr. Aarstad spoke to the recent closure of the Padilla Bay Trail due to a rodent hole in the dike. He commented briefly on the work that had been done to correct this situation.
7. Commissioner Hart asked about the survey on the shooting range. The corner description survey was briefly discussed, together with the need to work out a management plan with DNR so they can access areas they are concerned about.

Commissioner Wolden returned for the remainder of the proceedings.

**FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, discussed the following:

- 1) The Underground Storage Tank Upgrades.
- 2) The SKAT move in to their new facility.
- 3) He reported that the lease had been signed for the Juvenile Probation offices.
- 4) Work on the Second Floor of the Administration Building for the relocation of the Assessor's Office.
- 5) Emergency Generator placement and installation.
- 6) 911 Facility inspection report from the City of Mount Vernon.
- 7) Courthouse foundation.

**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, January 5, 1999, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

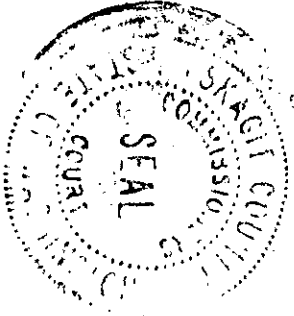
Warrants numbered 36441 through 36442 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$152,000 (Transmittal No. C-01-99).

2. Staff presented a Resolution regarding the Transfer of Surplus Computer Equipment to the Burlington-Edison High School. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17275)**
3. Staff presented an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Skagit Community Network for the County to provide accounting services for the calendar year 1998. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04199).**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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