

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 11, 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.
*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<u>Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director.</u> 1) Discussion – Changes in Foodworker Card Legislation. 2) Dental Van Update. 3) Discussion of General Health Matters with Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health for Washington State. 4) Miscellaneous.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Facilities Projects Update.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Harvey Wolden's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Discussion – Changes in Foodworker Card legislation.

Corinne Story, Food Activities Coordinator, gave a brief history of the issuance of foodworker cards. She explained that Washington State is one of only two states in the nation that requires a minimum level of testing for food workers. To address the training discrepancy between Counties, the legislature mandated a change to the food workers card code to ensure more consistent levels of testing across counties. These changes are:

- A. A minimum of 30 minutes of instruction, including audio and visual presentations.
- B. Renewal cards that are good for 3 years, rather than the current 5 years, beginning July 1, 1999.
- C. A five-year card is available for those who take additional food safety training that is at least four hours in length and meets criteria set in the new code.

Ms. Story stated that the most significant impact to Skagit County Health Department would be the 30-minute training requirement. Though not yet finalized, the Department anticipates running a video at set times throughout the day for food workers to watch prior to taking the exam.

2. Dental Van Update.

Kim VanEpps, Dental Van Coordinator, stated that the last few months have been very busy on the Van. She indicated that people are starting to learn about the services provided, and appointments are booked through the end of July. She stated that the biggest problem is to find dentists to volunteer for service on the van. She stated that the van generally sees 10-12 people per day.

Ms. Van Epps noted that the van is no longer available in Concrete, but is available in Sedro Woolley twice a week.

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Chairman Anderson asked about the location of the majority of the patients. Ms. VanEpps indicated that the patients come from throughout the County, and not from any particular localized area.

3. Discussion of General Health Matters with Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health for Washington State.

Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health, introduced herself to the Board and stated that she has spent 24 years in local government service. She discussed the experience that she has with county health issues, indicating that the economy of the area has much to do with the health of the area. When people prosper, health prospers. Ms. Selecky indicated that she brings values to the State level that are very close to those of areas like Concrete, Marblemount, and other small towns. She spoke to the concern for small communities and the need for the State to recognize the unique concerns of such rural areas. She stated that she is charged with learning more about urban issues. Issues of importance include tobacco usage, communicable diseases, clean water, health care facilities and health care providers.

Ms. Selecky reviewed the Public Health Improvement Plan and some of the most frequently asked questions posed by legislators. She further reviewed a listing entitled "Public Health in Action."

She spoke regarding the Tobacco in Health pamphlet. A discussion ensued regarding the tobacco cessation programs within Skagit County, and the impact of smoking to the community.

Ms. Selecky discussed the Governor's Agenda in Action and the recent tobacco settlement of \$165 million. She spoke to the need for people to be able to access health plans and insurance coverage, and the need for some of the settlement funds to be directed to solve these problems. She stated that the settlement will come through in approximately April of 2000.

Ms. Selecky next discussed the promotion of rural economies and rural community health care. Many hospitals are in financial trouble throughout the State. Technical assistance will be available from the federal level for reimbursement to small rural hospitals. She stated that she plans to partner with the Washington State Hospital Association to also assist in this regard.

Commissioner Hart stated that we have seen a metamorphosis of public health in the treatment of people, and the changing face of health insurance. Ms. Selecky stated that one challenge to the Secretary of Health is to look broadly at what is needed in the future, thinking in terms of community, health systems and partnerships.

4. Miscellaneous.

A brief review of Public Health Week was presented to the Board.

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, reviewed a proposed map for posting near the doors to the various County buildings.

Mr. Howard presented Change Order No. 4 with ASI for the construction of the E911 Center. The change order increases the contract by \$7,292.40, for a total new contract sum of \$1,424,395.40. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Change Order as explained by Mr. Howard. Chairman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03622)**

Mr. Howard presented for the Board's approval a Pole Attachment Agreement with Puget Sound Energy allowing for the attachment of fiber optics to serve the MacGregor Building and the new facilities for the Youth & Family Services Department. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as explained

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by Mr. Howard. Chairman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.
(Contract No. 04408)

Mr. Howard advised that the Youth & Family Services Department would be moving this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Howard advised that the design for the Clerk's Office new quarters been delayed as the Clerk has looked at other Clerk's offices to get further input. The Clerk should have a final plan to Mr. Howard by the end of May.

A discussion ensued on a problem with striping of Old Highway 99 after the completion of the SKAT facility. Evidently, the City of Burlington blackened the striping placed by the County after receiving several complaints from truck drivers who could not make the turn within the striping provided. The City is now asking the County to re-stripe this area, at the County's expense. Mr. Howard explained that the County designed this area as the City requested, and the County is now being asked to pay for the City's error. The Board indicated that they were not willing to pay for the restriping of this area.

Mr. Howard advised that the Fueling Facility upgrade is coming to a close.

Mr. Howard discussed the proposed landscaping for the front of the Courthouse after meeting with the City of Mount Vernon for the roadway realignment.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented three out-of-state travel requests for members of the Planning & Permit Center to attend a conference in Newport, Oregon May 18 through May 21, 1999. The meeting is of the Society of Wetland Scientists and will provide wetlands training seminars and site visits. The employees to attend are Daniel Downs, Alison Mohns, and Dan Cox, for a cost of around \$300 each. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the out-of-state travel requests as presented. Chairman Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

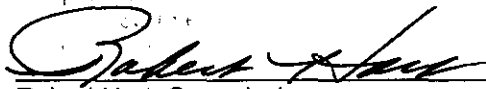
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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