

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 8, 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discussion – Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning and the 1999 Shellfish Plan.2) Update on the Hepatitis B Program in the Schools.3) Discussion – National Nurses Day.4) Discussion – 1999 Rabies Program.5) Discussion – NCAST – What is it?6) Miscellaneous.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Parks Projects Update.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Facilities Projects Update.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Work Session – Critical Area Ordinance.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Discussion- Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning and the 1999 Shellfish Plan.

John Hadman, Recreational Shellfish Program Coordinator for the County, reviewed the sampling activities on the local shellfish beaches in Skagit County. He stated that each year this program expands to cover a little more area and more beaches. He reviewed the particular test sites and beach locations. He stated that there are currently 12 registered volunteers through the Skagit Watershed Masters Program who assist with the shellfish testing.

2. Update on the Hepatitis B Program in the Schools.

Amy Tidrington, Public Health Nurse, reported on the successful completion of the Hepatitis B Program in the local schools. Ms. Tidrington stated that 62% of Skagit County sixth-graders have been immunized. She thanked school nurses, administration, and teachers for helping to keep the program running smoothly. She further noted that MacDonalds gives coupons to all of the students who participate. She gave Special thanks to Val Jensen who volunteers her time to go to each school and assist during the 6 weeks of the year when the immunizations are given.

3. Discussion – National Nurses Day.

Jennifer Sass, Public Nurse, discussed National Nurses Day and, in that regard, reviewed nursing images, levels of nursing practice, the duties of public health nurses, public health nursing skills, services focus, major problems targeted for prevention and other aspects of the profession. She reviewed a list of services provided by Skagit County Health Department including prenatal home visits, home visits to high risk infants and children, parenting education, nutrition intervention, and home visits to families referred by Child Protective Services.

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Ms. Sass reviewed the particular experience and years of service of the nurses on the staff.

4. Discussion – 1999 Rabies Program.

Andy Ross, Environmental Health Specialist, spoke regarding rabies concerns in Skagit County. He stated that once symptoms of rabies occur, it is almost always fatal. These occurrences are rare in the United States and, in the Northwest, bats are the primary cause of rabies. Mr. Ross explained the dog bite follow-up procedures for the Health Department and the procedures of quarantine.

5. Discussion – NCAST – What is it?

Linda Albert asked to delay the discussion of this item to the next Board of Health meeting.

6. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Browning spoke regarding the Health Summit recently held at the Cottontree Inn, noting the great opportunity it was to point out what Public Health does, and the benefits of prevention.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Tom Karsh, Director of the Planning & Permit Center, asked the Board to consider passing an emergency ordinance regarding Commercial and Industrial uses outside of Rural Villages and Urban Growth Areas. He explained that the proposed ordinance would restrict commercial/industrial uses for the next 60 days to give staff time to develop an ordinance that would be brought back before the Board for public review to address commercial industrial uses in rural areas. He stated that this has been discussed at length and this restriction would be to everyone's advantage. Mr. Karsh indicated that Staff and Legal Counsel are both urging the Board to approve this emergency ordinance.

Commissioner Wolden clarified that this would not restrict anyone who has a vested project already applied for. Mr. Karsh confirmed that this ordinance would not affect anything already in the works.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that a public hearing on this matter would be held within 60 days, no later than August 8, 1999.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approval an Emergency Ordinance regarding Commercial and Industrial uses Outside of Rural Villages and Urban Growth Areas, with the Ordinance expiring on or before August 8, 1999. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden and passed with a unanimous vote. **(Ordinance No. 17463)**

2. 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, June 8, 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 46311 through 46312 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$35,508.79 (Transmittal No. C-41-99).

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3. Staff presented a Resolution to provide a defense to former Superior Court Judge Stanley K. Bruhn regarding a judicial conduct complaint. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17464)**
4. Staff presented a Call for Public Hearing to amend an ordinance to impose an additional sales and use tax to be credited against the state tax for purposes of financing public facilities. Said public hearing will be held on Monday, June 21, 1999, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17465)**

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Dennis Lind, Acting Co-Director, reviewed the Dream Field Project and the cement work being done for the bleacher pads. He stated that the dugout interiors have been nearly completed, and that the outfield fencing will be the next project to be scheduled. He advised that July 31st would be the dedication date for the facility, with opening ceremonies and other appropriate activities. Mr. Lind spoke regarding the renovation of Custer Field in to a softball facility, and explained that \$50,000 had been set aside for the creation of two fields at this location. He discussed mowing concerns at the Dreamfield and the possibility that the County may perform these tasks in the future in an agreement with Skagit Valley College.

Mr. Lind next discussed the scheduled opening of the Clear Lake Swim Beach on June 19, 1999. He stated that the bottom screen at Clear Lake Beach has deteriorated and will most likely need to be considered for replacement during the 2000 budget cycle.

Mr. Lind advised that the college summer hires have come on board to assist the Department.

Mr. Lind gave a brief review of the Spring leagues. He reviewed the summer guide to camps and events.

Peter Mayer, Co-Director, talked regarding the proposed new restrooms for the Fairgrounds, and the need to delay such construction until 2000. He stated that he is working with Roger Howard, Facilities Director, on cost estimates for such construction. He commented on the potential of moving the Fairgrounds office for access outside of the Fairgrounds operation, and stated that discussions regarding the purchase of the Sherman Anderson ballfield are continuing. He further discussed the presentation scheduled before the Fair Advisory Board regarding a potential indoor soccer facility. Mr. Mayer noted that there are positions on the Fair Advisory Board that need to be appointed, and that the Department will be back with recommendations to the Board.

Commissioner Hart clarified that the existing restrooms at the Fairgrounds would be updated, even though the new restrooms would not be constructed.

Mr. Mayer next reported on the Swinomish Channel Boat Launch, noting that the necessary permits have been applied for. He discussed some of the particulars of the project.

Mr. Mayer stated that work is continuing on the Cascade Trail, with surface work being performed just outside of Lyman utilizing Public Works Department crews. In this regard, Chal Martin, Public Works Department Director, stated that Chairman Anderson had asked the Department to pull their crews off of the work. Mr. Martin stated that Chairman Anderson felt that work on the trail should be equally divided among all three road districts since this is a County-wide project. Mr. Martin stated that due to the weather, crews from the other road districts have worked on the trail, noting that such work has been a safety valve in keeping all of the crews busy. He stated that it was not the intent to keep the District Three road crew working on the trail to the exclusion of other work.

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Chairman Anderson stated that there are service requests that need to be answered, and he felt that these were not being handled as expeditiously as possible. He noted that the Parks Department has had very little involvement, and that this is a parity and fairness issue as there should be an equal division of labor on the trail between road crews. He stated that one road district should not be impacted by the other two road districts.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the Board had previously told Mr. Martin and Cliff Butler, Road District Supervisor, to manage the staff to get things done, and noted the need to not delay service requests.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he is not trying to micromanage the Public Works Department road crews, but felt that his road crew had been pulled off of their work to only work on the trail. He complained that the service requests in his district were not being handled.

Commissioner Wolden directed Mr. Martin to work on the best balance possible.

Mr. Martin indicated that there are about 2-1/2 more weeks worth of work left on the Cascade Trail, and that all of the work should be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Mayer next spoke to the Highway 9 bid package for bridge pier cleaning. He also discussed the need to set up property maintenance with Skagit Valley College for the Dreamfield and entire complex. He next discussed briefly issues of the Northern State Recreation Area.

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, presented a final change order with ASI, Inc. on the E-911 Center due to the relocation of the waterline. He stated that he has been able to reach an agreement to resolve the issue and put the entire project to rest. The language in the amendment states that no other claims can be considered. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Change Order as presented by Mr. Howard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, and passed with a unanimous vote.

(Contract no. 03622)

Mr. Howard next discussed the status of County department moves. He indicated that he would be meeting with the Clerk later in the day to finalize the design of new office space on the first floor of the courthouse. He stated that he had reviewed several design features at the Whatcom County Clerk's Office that will be incorporated in the design. He advised that the Civil Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office will move in to the current Clerk's Office, and Mapping will move to the Public Safety Building. The Treasurer's Office design plan is now under contract and construction will begin shortly. He reviewed the specific plan for the Treasurer's Office. He reviewed the plan and layout for the third Courtroom.

Mr. Howard then discussed the Fueling Facility Upgrade, advising that the construction of the project had now been completed. He stated that he is now resolving issues surrounding extras, credits, and liquidated damages, which will be negotiated with the Contractor.

Mr. Howard spoke regarding improvements to Old Highway 99, and noted that he is working with the contractor regarding liquidated damages and additional engineering fees, together with an easement for an adjacent property owner.

Mr. Howard explained to the Board the need for a fence between the County Shop and SKAT Maintenance Facility to provide security for inventory as directed by the State Auditor.

Mr. Howard next discussed with the Board the concept for a Parking Facility in downtown Mount Vernon. The Board indicated the need to have this project a partnership with the City and private enterprise.

The Board indicated their approval for the Historical Society to use a portion of the Bayview Shop for storage.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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