

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 7, 2000**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
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) Hepatitis Program at Pioneer Center North. 2) 2000-2001 Flu Vaccine Availability Update. 3) Signature – Call for Public Hearing to Adopt Revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges. 4) Miscellaneous.
*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Parks Projects Update.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Facilities Projects Update.
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Work Session – County Flood Response/Review of Flood Awareness Week.
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Discussion and Possible Action – Status Report of Deferred 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Ted W. Anderson, and Robert Hart present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Hepatitis Program at Pioneer Center North.

Peter Browning, Director, introduced Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Health Officer, who discussed Pioneer Center North, a court-ordered drug and alcohol treatment center located on the old Northern State Hospital site. The center serves those individuals with a minimum court-ordered 60-day stay for treatment, with the average stay being 77 days in 1999. Patients range in age from 20 to 73 years old. He reviewed that drug usage includes alcohol, alcohol and non-needle drugs, and needle use. He discussed the particulars of Hepatitis A, which is vaccine preventable. He next reviewed the particulars of Hepatitis B, noting that 103 patients had had Hepatitis B. Hepatitis C is the most common blood-borne disease in the United States, and most are chronically infected and unaware but still contagious and at risk for on-going liver disease. Hepatitis C was transmitted by blood transfusions prior to 1992, and is now transmitted mostly by needle sharing. There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C.

Dr. Leibrand reviewed recommendations for prevention and control of the disease. He reviewed the pertinent vaccines and the costs associated therewith. Problems include shot records, short stays, sobriety, and cost. Recommendations from federal agencies helped convince the need for testing and vaccination.

Commissioner Anderson confirmed that the general population should get vaccinated for Hepatitis A and B.

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2. 2000-2001 Flu Vaccine Availability Update.

Sandy Paciotti, Communicable Disease Supervisor, spoke regarding the availability of flu vaccine. The flu vaccine does not protect against all strains of flu, so the general public can still become ill with another strain. The best time to receive flu vaccine is mid-October to Mid-November. It takes up to two weeks to build immunity after receiving the flu shot. She detailed the other ways to avoid getting the flu until the vaccine arrives. These include frequent hand-washing, keeping your hands away from your face, covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, eating healthy foods and getting plenty of rest. She also advised that individuals should stay home at the first signs of the flu, which generally include a fever of 101 degrees or greater, cough, sore throat, running nose, body aches, and weakness.

Ms. Paciotti reviewed the need for prioritizing the use of the limited vaccine that would be received. Such priority would be given to all people over 65 years old, those living in nursing homes and other facilities that house people with chronic illnesses, children and adults who require regular medical follow-up because of chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease or a suppressed immune system, children ages 6 months to 18 years old receiving long-term aspirin therapy, pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during the flu season, and health care workers who care for the above people. Ms. Paciotti indicated that the Health Department will not receive any less vaccine this year, it will just arrive later than normal.

She reviewed the schedule for flu shots at the Senior Center clinics.

Ms. Paciotti advised that individuals should call the Health Department Flu Hotline at 419-3315 to check for changes in the schedules and availability of vaccine.

3. Signature – Call for Public Hearing to Adopt Revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges.

Mr. Browning reviewed a proposed list of changes in the Schedule of Charges for the Health Department. He stated that it is Departmental policy to update the fees at the beginning of every year. He briefly discussed the particulars of the changes to the proposed fee schedule.

Commissioner Hart moved to call for the public hearing to consider revisions to the Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges for Tuesday, November 21, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18048)**

4. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Browning reported that the HIV/AIDS case management with Evergreen is going quite well, and that there has been a smooth transition.
- B. Jack Harlow, a private citizen, urged the Board to direct Health Department staff to be vaccinated with flu vaccine so that they can be there to help the people who need help should a flu outbreak occur.

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Patrik Dylan, Parks Department Staff, reviewed the status of the following projects:

- 1. Swinomish Channel Boat Launch. Mr. Dylan stated that the initial timeline was end of November and remains so. Further, the Corps of Engineers has reviewed the project, and it is now out for comment to federal and state agencies, should they so desire. He reported that the lease from the Department of Natural Resources would be forthcoming for the Board's consideration.

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2. Pressentin Park. Mr. Dylan reported that the engineering consultant is working on the road access permit. Commissioner Anderson advised that he had attended another meeting on the water system at Marblemount, which is to the stage of obtaining the community's approval of the water system, contingent on the residential areas taking part. Mr. Dylan indicated that the water system is an integral part of the project, but that the project can proceed without the water system due to the availability of a well on the property.
3. Northern State. Mr. Dylan stated that the National Park Service has officially agreed through their technical assistant program to help with development plans for the Northern State site. He stated that a kick-off meeting was held last week to brainstorm the necessary timeline. Discussions are on-going regarding the multi-use center to develop a cost-effective feasibility plan.
4. Skagit Valley Playfields. Mr. Dylan reported that a grant award had been made from the IAC for renovation work on the baseball fields, with a target of completing the project in 2001. He reviewed the details of the work to be done. He discussed the need to improve several stretches of roadway around the Dreamfield, reviewing with the Board the particulars of the needed improvements. It was determined that the work to be done would cost approximately \$35,000. Commissioner Anderson stated that if special paths fund monies are available for these improvements, he would give his approval.

David Fair, Parks Director, reviewed a picture of the Highway 9 Bridge and the need for a hydraulic approval permit, which had been received but had many conditions. He indicated that he has contacted Fish & Wildlife to get some resolution to this problem. Mr. Fair explained that Fish & Wildlife is adamant that the debris be floated down the river rather than removed. Mr. Fair indicated the need to go to bid within the parameters of the hydraulic approval permit.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the difficulties of the conditions imposed, and that the debris floated down the river would compound problems elsewhere.

Mr. Fair announced that Bob Vaux from Anacortes had been hired as the Parks & Recreation Department's Assistant Director, with a December 1, 2000, start date.

FACILITIES PROJECTS UPDATE.

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, reported that the last couple of months have been very hectic for his department. He reported on the following projects.

1. 2nd Floor Administration Building – Treasurer's Office and Other Small Alteration Projects. Mr. Howard indicated that he has been working with Treasurer Katie Jungquist on a revised scope of the project, which has increased the cost. He stated that the changes would improve lighting, computer, power and telephone hook-ups in the work areas. He also stated that it would be necessary to remove the hard ceiling and install a suspended ceiling with more efficient fluorescent light fixtures. This work would simplify the work for Information Services and telephone installation. Mr. Howard advised that it is wise to do this work now, as it would save money in the long run. He estimated the project to cost between \$70,000 and \$80,000, which would include new carpet. He stated that the necessary drawings are nearly complete.

Other work to be included in the construction bid documents for this project consists of:

Public Defender's Building – move the library downstairs, construct office walls, and walls to enclose an area on the first floor for conference/library, remove kitchen cabinets, new carpet. Construct roof access ladder for maintenance.

Elections Storage/Mail Room – construct wall separating area for mailroom function.

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District Court Probation - remodel room adjacent to office for expansion.

Personnel/Risk Management – construct walls for acoustical privacy.

Information Service's Operations Room Alterations – electrical, lighting improvements.

Courthouse Reporter's Office – repair peeling plaster and sheetrock.

2. Courthouse – Third Superior Courtroom. Mr. Howard reported that he has been meeting with Judge Meyer on the design of his courtroom. He reviewed a drawing of the proposed courtroom, noting that the design fits well within the existing footprint.
3. Humane Society Property Sale. Mr. Howard asked the Board to approve a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing to declare the property surplus so that the Humane Society can purchase the property. He reported that this cannot be accomplished with a simple boundary line adjustment. He stated that about five acres purchased from the State would be declared surplus and auctioned. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing to dispose of County Surplus Property. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18049)**
4. Parks & Recreation Department Maintenance Shop. Mr. Howard requested that the Board issue a Call for Bids for the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Shop, with the bid opening scheduled for December 12, 2000. He advised that construction would take approximately 5 months. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Call for Bids as described by Mr. Howard, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 18050)**
5. Lease of Property at Concrete. Mr. Howard stated that he had received an application from George Theodoratus to continue the lease of property located at 44511 Concrete Sauk Valley Road. It would be necessary to hold a public hearing to entertain this request. Such public hearing would be set for November 27, at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing and presented and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 18051)**
7. Jail Laundry Room/Kitchen Alterations. Mr. Howard reported that the Sheriff is applying for a \$200,000 grant for construction of this project in 2001. He asked the Board to approve a Resolution waiving the bidding requirements for purchase of stainless steel toilets and seats. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as explained by Mr. Howard. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18052)**
8. Superior Courts 1 & 2 Bench Remodel. Mr. Howard presented two change orders to a contract with Ebenal General, Inc. for the Board's approval pertinent to alterations to the jury box/bench remodel. After a brief discussion and explanation of the proposed changes, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the change orders as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04832)**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – STATUS REPORT OF DEFERRED 1997, 1998, 1999 AND 2000 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS.

Tom Karsh, Director, Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, and Kirk Johnson, Associate Planner, Planning and Permit Center, were present for discussion with the board and to make a recommendation regarding the Comprehensive Plan amendments that were deferred in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

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Mr. Christensen said they are recommending that, in order to prioritize and to spend time and dollars wisely, the board postpone judgment on a majority of the requests that are pending. Given the new unified development code, administrative remedies have been applied to some of the pending issues.

There was some discussion about application fees being reimbursed to the remaining 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 petitioners. Mr. Christensen said that in the 1997 CPA's, while there may be some unresolved issues, some may have been fixed through the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. If they still wish to come forward they can do so without charge.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to accept the Planning and Permit Center recommendation to proceed on a very limited number of Comprehensive Plan amendments at this time and on the remaining recommendations of the department. They are as follows:

1. Ruble - 1997
2. Ruble (adjoining) – 1997
3. Engelson – 1997
4. Palmer (adjoining) – 1997
5. Hall (technical mapping correction beyond the scope of an Administrative Interpretation)

Additional recommendations are to handle as Administrative Interpretations under SCC 14.06.040(3) the following technical mapping corrections.

1. Jones
2. Poppe.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, but asked that Commissioner Hart include in the motion that they are denying these amendments without prejudice, and that they can be resubmitted.

Commissioner Hart agreed and added to his motion that the amendments are being denied without prejudice and may be resubmitted. Some of the 1997 applicants will be permitted to reapply as they were originally, without a fee. Some would be processed in either sub-area plans or in applications being taken this year.

The motion was then unanimously carried.

Commissioner Wolden asked that this be sent out in a package to the applicants. Mr. Christensen said this would be put in resolution form, with all identifiable parties notified. A resolution will be brought back to the board, after review by John Moffat, for their signature.

Commissioner Wolden emphasized that it is important they know this is not the end of the road.

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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