

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002**

*T 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director

1. Flu Shot Update
2. West Nile Virus Update
3. Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony Regarding the Adoption of On-site Sewage Disposal Code Revisions for Similk Beach LAMIRD
4. Miscellaneous

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Discussion – Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Mount Vernon Regarding the Proposed Multimodal Station Parking Lot

Budget Work Sessions

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Prosecutor

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Finance/Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director

Jennifer Sass-Walton, Child and Family Health Supervisor, filled in for Peter Browning, Health Department Director. She introduced a couple of new staff members. Matt Kaufman is new to Environmental Health and was hired primarily for the Solid Waste Code Enforcement Program. Rene Shaw was previously one of the County's public health nurses and is now a nurse practitioner at the Health clinic. Penny Sureau is also new to the WIC program.

1. Flu Shot Update.

Marjorie Reese gave a brief update on the flu vaccine. She mentioned that the immunization program should be smoother this year, as they have all of their vaccines. Flu clinics will begin October 14 and will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a cost of \$18 per vaccination. Skagit County Senior Center Flu Clinics will start on October 24th and end on November 13, 2002. If there are any questions pertaining to flu shots, the hotline number is (360) 419-3315.

2. West Nile Virus Update.

Andy Ross reported on the West Nile Virus. It is a virus that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. It was first detected in the United States in 1999 in New York City. It has been spreading steadily westward since then. Approximately 2800 human cases have been reported, resulting in 154 deaths.

Mr. Ross said there have been 109 dead birds submitted for testing from around the State of Washington. Birds that are most commonly found with the virus are crows, ravens, magpies and blue jays. Surveillance is ongoing and dead birds may be submitted for testing through October. At that time, the program will be suspended through the winter until it is mosquito season again.

Most infected people show no symptoms, however, the elderly are particularly susceptible to severe illness if they are infected with the virus. There is no vaccine currently available and no specific treatment.

Commissioner Munks said the most prevalent cases seem to be in horses. There actually is a vaccine for them, which takes two shots for total immunization.

3. Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony Regarding the Adoption of On-site Sewage Disposal Code Revisions for Similk Beach LAMIRD.

George Ridgeway, Health Department, reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding the adoption of on-site sewage disposal code revisions for Similk Beach LAMIRD.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing.

There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which was carried. The public hearing was closed.

Chairman Munks felt the process was a very open one and he congratulated the Health Department and the Planning Department for all of their efforts.

An ordinance will be brought forward for approval on the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 14, 2002.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Office, in the amount of \$593,778. The grant is to encourage arrest policies and enforcement of protection orders.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned for acceptance of the grant as outlined. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which was carried. **(Approved)**

DISCUSSION – INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SKAGIT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING THE PROPOSED MULTIMODAL STATION PARKING LOT.

Facilities Director Roger Howard reported. He stated that for some time he and Hilary Thomas of the Civil Division, and City of Mount Vernon engineering staff, the City Attorney and other City staff have been negotiating the purchase by the City of the County's freeway parking lot adjacent to I-5 and bounded by 4th and 8th Street with approximately 65 parking spaces. Both County and City staff have come up with a fair and equitable offer from the City of Mount Vernon. He reviewed the parcels included in the offer.

The City has offered to vacate a portion of Gates Street east of Third Street. This vacation would occur when the City constructs a new crossing at Montgomery Street, the street directly to the north. The County would acquire space adequate for 10 parking spaces. There are also plans by State DOT to reconstruct a new Second St. Bridge over I-5. When that occurs, Washington Street will be closed and the City will provide a section of Washington Street to the County for additional parking spaces. In addition, the City will allow the County to eliminate the landscaping islands at the east end of the three center rows of parking in the County's existing Kincaid lot and replace that area with 12 parking spaces. The City would take care of that project.

Mr. Howard stated that the City has signed the Interlocal Agreement and recommended that the Commissioners accept the offer by the City of Mount Vernon.

Commissioner Anderson asked for clarification relative to the parking spaces that will be gained and the time frame.

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Mr. Howard explained which spaces would be available as soon as the agreement is signed and those that will be available down the road as the City proceeds with the project.

Commissioner Anderson said he has not had time to review the document and wondered about signing it today.

Chairman Munks asked that signatures on the Interlocal be deferred until the Consent Agenda on Monday, October 14, 2002.

The Commissioners agreed that the Interlocal should be placed on the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 14, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners