

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Work Session – Commissioners
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- *T** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director
1. WIC – Making an Office Building “Breastfeeding Friendly”
 2. Pertussis Update – Why so Many Cases?
 3. West Nile Virus and Viral Meningitis in Skagit County
 4. Early Brain Development
 5. Child Death Review
 6. Water Program in Skagit County
 7. Liddel/Sutton Septic Appeal
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Decision – Appeal (PL03-0453) Submitted by Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland of the Hearing Examiner’s Decision to Uphold the Planning & Permit Center’s Decision to Approve Administrative Special Use Request PL02-0377 Submitted by Bob and Linda Alfano
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation, and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2003, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson, and Don Munks present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR

1. WIC – Making an Office Building “Breastfeeding Friendly”.

Susan Brown, WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Director and Skagit County Health Department Nutritionist, stated that the State of Washington enacted a law in 2001 that set forth the importance of breastfeeding. The law exempts the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk from the indecent exposure laws and encourages employers to accommodate breastfeeding mothers. It also created an incentive program for employers by allowing them to advertise that they are “infant friendly” if they set up lactation support for their employees. After reviewing the benefits of breastfeeding, Ms. Brown urged the Board to develop a worksite program for County working mothers and said she would be willing to help implement the program.

2. Pertussis Update – Why so Many Cases?

Maryl Skjei, Communicable Disease Nurse, presented a pertussis update for 2003. Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by bacteria called Bordatella pertussis, which is one of the most common childhood diseases. Skagit County has seen a definite rise in whooping cough/pertussis. It may last for weeks to months and any astute health care provider would be able to recognize it. Immunizations typically offer protection for 5 – 10 years, however, no pertussis-containing vaccine is currently licensed for persons 7 years of age or older. Only preventative antibiotics can stop the spread of the infection. Ms. Skjei said there have been 33 confirmed cases of pertussis in Skagit County since March of 2003.

3. West Nile Virus and Viral Meningitis in Skagit County.

Sandy Paciotti, Communicable Disease Supervisor, provided a West Nile Virus (WNV) update. She said eight people have been evaluated for WNV in the month of August, which resulted in two positive cases. Both traveled out-of-state in the 3-15 days prior to their illness so these cases are not Washington State acquired. Ms. Paciotti reviewed all of the mosquito precautions that should be taken.

Ms. Paciotti then gave a report on the outbreak of viral meningitis in Skagit County. She stated that the viral form is not required to be reported, however, bacterial meningitis is as it can be fatal in 5-15% of all cases. Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining surrounding the brain and spinal cord and is spread through direct contact, but can be prevented by washing hands regularly and not sharing food or drink with others. Of the 18 known illnesses related to Mount Vernon High School, 14 were cases were seen in football players. There are another 18 cases currently being evaluated that are unrelated to the high school. Ms. Paciotti indicated that Health Department representatives have been working with area doctors to heighten awareness of viral meningitis as public awareness is the key to diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

4. Early Brain Development.

Linda Albert, Public Health Nurse, gave a presentation on early brain development, which included a short video. Classes are presented to various groups about the importance of understanding how to develop healthy brains and minds in infants between the ages of 0-2. Active involvement in a stimulating, challenging and loving environment causes the brain to grow and flourish.

5. Child Death Review.

Child and Family Health Supervisor, Jennifer Sass-Walton, expressed her appreciation to all the community members that have served on the Skagit County Child Death Review team. She stated that \$3,000 in funding for CDR was eliminated in the 2003-2005 State budget. Chairman Dahlstedt asked how much funding would be needed if the County wanted to continue with the program and Ms. Sass-Walton indicated it would be the \$3,000. "We hate to lose an opportunity to help our kids," stated Chairman Dahlstedt.

Statewide, motor vehicle accidents and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome are the most common deaths that occur. Typically, there are less than 17 deaths per year in Skagit County.

6. Water Program in Skagit County.

This item will be rescheduled at a later date.

7. Liddel/Sutton Septic Appeal.

This item will be rescheduled at a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 8, 2003, Items 1 through 13. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the proceedings for Tuesday, September 2, 2003.
2. Resolution approving the resignation of Carolyn Kozik as a member of the Skagit County Emergency Medical Services Commission and appointing Barbara Ringhouse as her replacement. **(Resolution No. R2003R20030302)**

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3. Resolution appointing Bob Jungquist as a member to the Dike District No. 1 Board effective September 2, 2003 and expiring on February 28, 2004. **(Resolution No. R20030303)**
4. Resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the adoption of a new chapter to Title 3 of the Skagit County Code to impose one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax in Skagit County for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improving the emergency communications systems and facilities. The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 22, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20030304)**
5. Resolution re-appointing Bud Moore to the Skagit County Public Facilities District Board effective August 14, 2003 and expiring on August 13, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20030305)**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

6. Amendment No. A to Contract **No. C20030264** with the Washington State Military Department and the Department of Homeland Security. The original contract was awarded without an established detailed budget. A revised budget has been developed, which reallocates the \$7,153 awarded. **(Amendment No. A20030127)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

7. Amendment No. 7 to Department of Social and Health Services "Public Health Nurse" Contract **No. 04485**, which increases funding by \$6,268 for a new contract total of \$115,749 and also extends the duration of the contract to December 31, 2003. **(Amendment No. A20030128)**
8. Amendment No. 4 to Department of Health Consolidated Contract **No. C20020436**, which increases funding by \$101,220 for a new contract total of \$800,693. The amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2003. **(Amendment No. A20030129)**

PARKS AND RECREATION:

9. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20020172** with Douglass Consulting, which will extend the date of expiration to December 31, 2003. **(Amendment No. A20030130)**

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES:

10. Resolution authorizing the execution of Interlocal Agreement No. C20030368 with the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, which will reimburse Skagit County for Becca bill programs. **(Resolution No. R20030306)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

11. Summary of Offer to Barbara Gibbons, Wendell Stakkestad & Ingrid Larson in the amount of \$340 for the acquisition of two easements required for storm water conveyance for the Edison Street Drainage Improvement Phase II. **(Contract No. C20030385)**
12. Resolution awarding the bid for the MacTaggart Avenue, et. al., 2003 Asphalt Overlay Project to Fidalgo Paving and Construction for the low bid of \$170,714. **(Resolution No. R20030307)**
13. Right-of-Entry Construction Easement Agreement with John D. and Charlene M. Dunning and William C. and Betsy M. Feldman with regard to the Morris Street Improvement Project, #ES9700-3. **(Contract No. C20030386)**

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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, September 8, 2003, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$40,401.86 (Transmittal No. C-103-03); and

Warrants numbered 151912 through 152182 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,331,441.90 (Transmittal No. C-104-03).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island, expressed her unhappiness with regard to the timeliness of the Northern State Recreation Area documents that were received by the Planning Commission. She asked the Board to review countywide policies, including planning policies and reminded them of the proper procedures to use when disagreeing with the Planning Commission's decisions. Ms. Ehlers urged them to follow the public process. She also spoke of her concerns regarding the Cascade Trail issue that was discussed in the Northern State Recreation Area Comprehensive Plan.

DECISION – APPEAL (PL03-0453) SUBMITTED BY SKAGITONIANS TO PRESERVE FARMLAND OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION TO UPHOLD THE PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER'S DECISION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USE REQUEST PL02-0377 SUBMITTED BY BOB AND LINDA ALFANO.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he had reviewed the material thoroughly and listened closely to the arguments presented by both attorneys. He said Skagit County Code (SCC) separates farm-based businesses from roadside stands. In his mind, the Hearing Examiner rendered the correct decision as defined in the SSC. Based on that, Commissioner Anderson motioned to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision.

Chairman Dahlstedt said this is a rural community and this decision is a land use decision. It is about a fair and reasonable land use code. The proposed roadside stand went through the appropriate special use permit process, so he concurs with the Hearing Examiner.

Commissioner Anderson again motioned to deny the appeal as submitted by Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland and uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision to approve an administrative special use request submitted by Bob and Linda Alfano. Commissioner Munks seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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