

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Work Session – Commissioners
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director
1. Update – Communicable Diseases in 2003
 2. Discussion – Free Tuberculosis Testing for World TB Day
 3. Discussion – Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project
 4. Discussion – Healthy Beginnings for Skagit County Children
- *T 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Announcement – Transition Fair for Students with Disabilities
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Signature – Long Plat for Greg Kreider
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition
- *T 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Proclamation – Future Farmer’s of America Week, February 16-20, 2004
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. SKAT Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting (Skagit River Brewery)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR

1. Update – Communicable Diseases in 2003.

Maryl Skjei of the Health Department gave a Communicable Disease update for 2003. She indicated that there were twenty different types of reported conditions, which produced four deaths. Ms. Skjei reported that sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are on the rise in Skagit County and continued education efforts by the Health Department need to be bolstered by the entire community.

Chairman Anderson feels drug use leads to behavior that doesn’t utilize good judgment. Ms. Skjei agreed and added that more people are being treated, which means a rise in the statistics.

2. Discussion – Free Tuberculosis Testing for World TB Day.

Ms. Skjei announced that World TB (tuberculosis) Day is March 24, 2004. It is celebrated throughout the world to bring awareness to the public and health care providers on the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of TB, and the importance of TB control. Tuberculosis kills approximately 2 million people each year. It is a contagious disease, which spreads through the air. Only people with pulmonary TB are infectious. When infectious people cough, sneeze or talk, they pass the TB germs through the air. A person needs to inhale only a small number of these to become infected.

Commissioner Munks motioned to authorize the Skagit County Health Department to offer free tuberculosis skin tests to the public on World TB Day, being held on March 24, 2004. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion – Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project.

Health Director, Peter Browning, introduced Ruth Abad from the State Department of Health.

Ms. Abad stated that in 2001 the Washington State Department of Health received funding from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop and implement community projects aimed at the prevention of chronic disease, especially obesity. The alarming rise in the rate of obesity in children is recognized as a nationwide epidemic. In Washington, the rate of obesity in adults has doubled since 1990. Considering the many health problems linked to obesity, the prevalence of the problem is more than a personal concern; it is a community issue.

The project will focus on healthy nutrition and physical activity. It will be set within a single community, focus on changing the policies and environment within the community and it will be the work of many partnerships. The first pilot project is taking place in Moses Lake. Mount Vernon is the site of the second Healthy Communities Project.

Ms. Abad said Mount Vernon was selected based on its small to medium size, diverse population, it had a coalition working on nutrition or physical activity issues and interest and support was expressed for the project through a letter of interest from the former Mayor of Mount Vernon's office. Also, telephone interviews were conducted with various members of the community.

The Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan for Washington State, developed in 2003, provides a menu of policy and environmental changes that Mount Vernon may select in the development of the project. Examples of these changes include:

- Safe walking and biking routes to schools, to work, and in neighborhoods
- Decreased availability of junk food in schools
- Increased availability of healthy food offered in schools and at worksites

The Nutrition and Physical Activity Section of the Washington State Department of Health, the University of Washington Prevention Research Center, and the National Park Service will work alongside local community members to create and implement the project. Ms. Abad that 45 people have volunteered to be on a community advisory committee, which will select one or two strategies specific to Mount Vernon to be carried out during the summer. The committee would be strongly urged to schedule as many community events as possible.

The Board agreed that this would be a great project for the community.

Mr. Browning indicated that an amendment to the current Consolidated Contract with the Washington State Department of Health will be forthcoming.

4. Discussion – Healthy Beginnings for Skagit County Children.

Jennifer Sass-Walton and Alex Von Cube reviewed the Health Beginnings Report for Skagit County's children, ages 0 to 5. It is divided into the following three sections:

PART I – Provides data about the health of our youngest children.

PART II – Gives an overview of our Child & Family Health services.

PART III – Discusses the impacts Public Health has on various tax-funded systems. It demonstrates why our Child & Family Health section helps everyone, not just those at 'high risk'.

Ms. Sass-Walton stated that this report contains no opinion data. Physicians make use of the report and Chairman Anderson added that Skagit County relies on them when applying for grants.

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Mr. Von Cube thanked several individuals and organizations for their professional contributions and input.

ANNOUNCEMENT – TRANSITION FAIR FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

David Wilder of People First of Skagit County announced the upcoming fifth annual Transition Fair. The event is to assist middle school/high school students with disabilities and their families with preparation for additional schooling, employment, and development of social skills. The Transition Fair will be held in the Skagit Valley College Cafeteria on February 26, 2004 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilder also announced an Americans with Disabilities Act program and presentation entitled “How to be a Self-Advocate” that is being held on Monday February 23, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Monica McDaniel.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, February 17, 2004, items 1 through 27. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 9, 2004.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

3. Resolution appointing members to the Skagit Emergency Medical Services Commission. **(Resolution No. R20040056)**
4. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement **No. C20030483** with the City of Anacortes for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services. The Amendment will extend the existing contract until December 31, 2004 with compensation totaling \$463,590.40. The County will reimburse Anacortes up to a maximum of \$5,000 for the development of a data transfer application program. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same. **(Amendment No. A20040036)**
5. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20030178** with Ronald J. Richeson, M.D. to provide services as the Medical Program Director for Skagit County. The Amendment will extend the existing contract until December 31, 2004. Compensation for 2004 will be \$53,035.08. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same. **(Amendment No. A20040037)**

ASSIGNED COUNCIL:

6. Personal Services Agreement with Joseph Reyes, Attorney at Law, to provide legal representation to indigent defendants referred by the Office of Assigned Council. The agreement shall be effective from December 19, 2003 through December 31, 2005. Compensation shall be paid at a rate of \$60 per hour, plus mileage and other costs at the discretion of the Assigned Counsel Coordinator. **(Contract No. C20040072)**

BUDGET & FINANCE:

7. Resolution amending Skagit County's Fiscal Year 2003 Insurance Cost Assessment Policy. **(Resolution No. R20040057)**

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8. Resolution amending Skagit County's Fiscal Year 2003 Cost Allocation to County Funds. **(Resolution No. R20040058)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

9. Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement **No. 02401** with Dr. Howard Leibrand to change language that states that Dr. Leibrand will be responsible for 5% of the cost of the Dental, Vision, Life Insurance Plan, and EAP insurance. **(Amendment No. A20040038)**
10. Personal Services Agreement with Sea Mar Community Health Clinic for provision of assessment and application of sealants, fluoride varnish, or referral to a local dentist for students in Skagit County's 2nd and 3rd grade, per school eligibility requirements. The agreement is effective January 1, 2004 though June 30, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20040073)**
11. Personal Services Agreement with PFLAG Skagit to provide resource information and education related to the prevention of HIV in youth ages 14-19. The agreement shall be effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20040074)**
12. Resolution **AND** Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit Valley Hospital to provide staff for the "Physical Activity Coalition and Heart Health Program." The agreement shall be effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$55,000. **(Resolution No. R20040059 AND Contract No. C20040075)**

HUMAN RESOURCES:

13. Resolution for approval of sick leave transfer for a Skagit County employee. **(Resolution No. R20040060)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

14. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Adult Day Center to provide activity services to adults with development disabilities. The agreement is effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$8,000. **(Contract No. C20040076)**
15. Resolution terminating the appointments of several County Designated Mental Health Professionals (CDMHP) since those appointments were contingent upon employment with Compass Health Skagit and those individuals are not longer employed with the agency. **(Resolution No. R20040061)**

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

16. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20030030** with Robert S. Jones, which extends the effective date of his services through December 31, 2004. This amendment will also correct Amendment No. A20040014, which incorrectly referenced Contract No. 4209 as Mr. Jones' contract. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same. **(Amendment No. A20040039)**

SHERIFF:

17. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 005282** with Personnel Consultation and Selection, PLLC, which increases the psychological examination fee to \$350 per exam. The amendment shall become effective January 1, 2004. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same. **(Amendment No. A20040040)**

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PUBLIC WORKS:

18. Resolution to call for bids for the Guemes Ferry/Anacortes Parking Lot Construction Project No. ESMC 991-1. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. **(Resolution No. R20040062)**
19. Resolution to call for a public hearing to renew the franchise agreement between Skagit County and the Samish Water District. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20040063)**
20. Personal Services Agreement with Wildlands of Washington, Inc. to provide consulting services as needed to assist staff with technical details of grant applications. The agreement shall commence on January 1, 2004 and continue through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20040077)**
21. Amendment No. 3 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. C20020017** with Sumas Transport, Inc., which extends the date of the contract to June 30, 2004. All other terms and conditions shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040041)**
22. Coordinated Prevention Grant, which provides up to \$276,000 of funding from the Department of Ecology to the Skagit County Public Works Solid Waste Section. Seventy-five percent of the funding is for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Education program, the Moderate Risk Waste Facility, and the Small Quantity Generator program. The Department will pay the remaining 25% (\$92,000) of the grant expenses. **(Contract No. C20040078)**
23. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20030226** with Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc., which extends the term of the contract to February 1, 2005. The time extension will allow the contractor to continue providing engineering and surveying services on an as needed basis for the Skagit River Feasibility Study, Natural Resources and Drainage projects. Compensation is increased by \$15,000 to cover the additional work. All other terms and conditions shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040042)**
24. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. C20030035** with Larry's Auto & Truck Parts, Inc., which extends the term of the contract to December 31, 2005. The estimated amount of \$15,000 per year will not change, bringing the total to \$45,000. All other terms and conditions shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040043)**
25. Amendment No. 2 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 005179** with Emerald Petroleum Services, which extends the term of the contract to November 30, 2005. All other terms and conditions shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040044)**
26. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement **No. 003578** between the Department of the Army and Skagit County for the Skagit River, Washington Flood Damage Reduction Feasibility Study. The amendment is necessary to revise estimated study costs. **(Amendment No. A20040045)**
27. Contract Payment Request No. 12 to SRV Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$199,781.96 for the Morris Street Improvement Project, which includes the La Conner-Whitney-Chilberg Roads Intersection Project. The Commissioners' signatures are required because the total amount paid to date exceed 10% of the original contract amount. Total payments are expected to be approximately \$3,412,700. **(Amendment No. A20040046)**

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.

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As of this date, February 17, 2004, 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 \$44,576.40 (Transmittal No. C-20-04); and

Warrant number 163452 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,500 (Transmittal No. C-21-04); and

Warrants numbered 163453 through 164358 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$977,807.64 (Transmittal No. C-22-04); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$80,367.77 (Transmittal No. C-23-04); and

Warrants numbered 164359 through 164366 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$121,269.86 (Transmittal No. C-24-04).

2. Staff presented a Proclamation for Arts Day in Skagit County. Commissioner Munks read the proclamation and moved to declare February 19, 2004 as "Arts Day 2004." Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Don Bockelman, 30623 South Skagit Highway, Sedro-Woolley stated that Day Creek Sand and Gravel had already begun site preparation. He complained about the noise and said that he felt the company was trying to drive out the neighboring property owners.

SIGNATURE – LONG PLAT FOR GREG KREIDER.

Brandon Black of the Planning and Permit Center presented a long plat for signature. He said the land division request #PL01-0523, by Greg and Dawnell Kreider is for the creation of five residential lots and Tract "A" on 5 acres. It is located along the east side of State Route 9 at 23607 Gaven Drive, situated in the Big Lake area.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the final plat mylar, as outlined by Mr. Black. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Approved)**

PROCLAMATION – FUTURE FARMER'S OF AMERICA WEEK, FEBRUARY 16-20, 2004.

Commissioner Munks read the proclamation declaring February 16-20, 2004 as "FFA Week in Skagit County," and presented the document to those members present.

Megan Robblee, Vice-President of the Mount Vernon Chapter, spoke about activities in which she is involved. Brynne Kannely, Secretary of the Mount Vernon Chapter also spoke her participation in FFA projects.

Commissioner Munks stated that FFA was always a major component in his life as his four daughters were involved in FFA and he and his wife were leaders. He said it is a great organization and feels that these programs are important to many people.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked everyone for coming and expressed his support for FFA and explained that he too had been a member, serving as President and Treasurer. He said many of his abilities come from that experience and he is very proud of the young people present today.

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Chairman Anderson concurred and said he has always been impressed with the poise and intelligence that the participants show when coming before the Board. He thanked them for their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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