

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006**

- *T 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Discussion/Possible Action – Children’s Administration Chemical Dependency Professional Position
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Planning and Development Services – Gary Christensen, Director
1. Introduction of New Employee – Betsy D. Stevenson, Senior Planner/Team Leader
 2. Discussion – Should the County Generally Invoke Boundary Review Board (BRB) Jurisdiction to Expand Proposed Residential Annexations Whenever it Has That Opportunity, or Only When That Action is Supported by the Affected City?
 3. Discussion – Appointment of a Citizen Advisory Committee For a Hamilton Relocation Subarea Plan
 4. Discussion/Possible Action – Baker River Dam Re-Licensing SEPA Environmental Review Process
 5. Miscellaneous
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Appeal of Health Officer’s Decision(s) and Actions to the Skagit County Board of Health By George and Rita Terek
- *T 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director
1. Demographic Report – Hispanics in Skagit County
 2. Discussion – Temporary Worker Housing
 3. Briefing - Avian Influenza: Preparing For a Possible Pandemic
 4. Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson and Don Munks present.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – CHILDREN’S ADMINISTRATION CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONAL POSITION.

Substance Abuse Program Coordinator David Asia said the state legislature appropriated money to support placing Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) at Division of Children and Family Services offices in various counties. He stated that the Children’s Administration has decided to offer one of these positions to Skagit County.

Mr. Asia went on to say that CDP will provide critical support to the families once they have entered treatment, and will help with the communication between the treatment agency and the CPS caseworkers. He said the last information he received was that Skagit County would not lose the funding for this position and he was greatly relieved.

Mr. Asia requested that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners sign a letter that he drafted to the directors of Children’s Administration and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse supporting these positions.

The Board of County Commissioners thanked Mr. Asia for his hard work and support. Commissioner Anderson motioned to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – GARY CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR

1. Introduction of New Employee – Betsy D. Stevenson, Senior Planner/Team Leader.

Director of Planning and Development Services, Gary Christensen introduced new employee Betsy Stevenson, Senior Planner/Team Leader.

2. Discussion – Should the County Generally Invoke Boundary Review Board (BRB) Jurisdiction to Expand Proposed Residential Annexations Whenever it Has That Opportunity, or Only When That Action is Supported by the Affected City?

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, discussed the informal agreement with the various cities and towns whereby the County will consider invoking Boundary Review Board (BRB) jurisdictions to expand the boundaries of a proposed annexation at the request of the affected city/town.

He said given the Board of Commissioners' desire to see residential annexations occur more quickly and the limits on city/town authority to make that happen, one possibility is for the County to invoke BRB jurisdiction to enlarge residential annexations whenever it has the opportunity, not just when that action is supported by the affected city.

Mr. Christensen added that discussions have occurred with the City Planners to avoid irregular boundaries.

3. Discussion – Appointment of a Citizen Advisory Committee For a Hamilton Relocation Subarea Plan.

Mr. Johnson said Planning and Development Services has been talking with Margaret Fleek and Lauren Freitas, Coordinator of the Hamilton Public Development Authority (PDA), about initiating a subarea plan for the relocation of Hamilton out of the flood plain.

It has been proposed by Margaret Fleek that the Board of County Commissioners grant the Hamilton PDA the authority to select Citizen Advisory Committee members and to allow them to oversee the subarea planning process.

The Board of Commissioners advised Mr. Johnson to move forward and bring a resolution to them at a later time.

4. Discussion/Possible Action – Baker River Dam Re-Licensing SEPA Environmental Review Process.

Oscar Graham, Deputy Director, gives a follow up on the Baker River Dam Re-Licensing SEPA process. He recommended the Department of Ecology be the lead agency in this matter and asked Commissioner Anderson to promote the idea with the Town of Concrete.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Anderson would discuss this issue more in depth with the Mayor of Concrete.

5. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Christensen requested that a time and date be set for a public meeting to review a Long CaRD Land Division application #PL05-0361 for Sagers Landing.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to hold a public meeting as outlined by Mr. Christensen on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks and passed unanimously.

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Mr. Christensen gave a status report on the 2005 GMA Update Proposal. He said the comment period has ended and the comments have been put into three volumes, which he presented to the Board for their review. Mr. Christensen advised the Board that over 300 comments were received totally 1800 pages.

Mr. Christensen said that depending on the issues, he anticipates looking at early August for the Planning Commissions recommendation. He will then present them to the Commissioners for final approval.

APPEAL OF THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DECISION(S) AND ACTIONS TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH BY GEORGE AND RITA TEREK.

The County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health heard arguments regarding the Terek appeal of the Health Officer's decision of a septic permit.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Anderson motioned to dismiss the appeal before the Board of Health. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR

1. Demographic Report – Hispanics in Skagit County.

Peter Browning, Director, discussed the impact of the Hispanic community in Skagit County and then introduced Alex von Cube, Population and Health Information Manager, who reported on the recent Demographic Health Report. He shared copies of the report with the Commissioners.

2. Discussion – Temporary Worker Housing

Corrine Story said that Skagit County Public Health has performed the inspections of Temporary worker housing in Skagit County since the mid 1970's. She said in 1999, Skagit County became the sole County to continue this partnership with the State Department of Health.

Ms. Story gave a PowerPoint presentation to bring the Board of Health up-to-date on their current partnership with the State Department of Health and discussed changes that are taking place in 2006.

3. Briefing – Avian Influenza: Preparing For a Possible Pandemic.

Joanne Lynn of the Skagit County Health Department spoke about the Pandemic Flu and gave a short presentation to the Board. She explained that an influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza A virus emerges for which there is little or no immunity in the human population. It begins to cause serious illness and then spreads easily person-to-person worldwide.

Ms. Lynn advised on ways for individuals to protect themselves and limit the spread of germs.

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Browning discussed briefly the recent Tuberculosis (TB) case in the local community.

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Melissa Collins, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners