

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007**

- *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director
1. Introduction of New Employees
 2. Update – Nurse Family Partnership
 3. Update – On-Site Sewage Code Revision Citizens Advisory Committee
 4. Discussion – White Powder Incident at Shell Refinery
 5. Discussion – Future Assessment Activities
 6. Miscellaneous
- *T 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Department Head Meeting
1. State Performance Audits
 2. Jail Statistics
 3. Retreat Follow-Up
 4. Indoor Recreation Center Update

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Guemes Island Ferry Manager Steve Cox brought forth a resolution, which amends R20070197, calling for bids for the 2007 Haul Out and Dry Docking of the M/V Guemes. The haul out is scheduled for May 3-12, 2007.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the resolution, as outlined. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. R20070213**)

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR

1. Introduction of New Employees.

Public Health Director Peter Browning introduced several new employees and described the duties they will be responsible for.

2. Update – Nurse Family Partnership.

Jennifer Walton of Public Health said the Department is embarking on their second year as a Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) site. It is part of a 3-year Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant that is partnered with Northwest Educational Service District #189.

NFP is an evidence-based nurse home visitation program that improves the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of low-income, first-time parents and their children. From pregnancy through the child's second birthday, highly educated, registered nurses work with their clients to achieve three important goals:

- Improve pregnancy outcomes
- Improve child health and development
- Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family

Ms. Walton stated that by preventing child abuse and neglect, Nurse-Family Partnership saves children, families, and society from unnecessary harm; and it helps to alleviate the burden on our public health and

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criminal justice systems. As it improves the health of the participants, their welfare and life opportunities, it simultaneously becomes remarkably cost effective.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Walton and said prevention programs are money well spent.

3. Update – On-Site Sewage Code Revision Citizens Advisory Committee.

Steve Olsen, Environmental Health, provided an On-Site Sewage Code Revision status report. He indicated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee has met several times and he is impressed with them and the progress they have made to date.

A packet containing the revision materials will be available for the Board's review in late April or early May. Mr. Olson said there is a July 1, 2007, implementation date.

Environmental Health Supervisor Corinne Story was present to request scheduling a public hearing for the Drinking Water Code Revision SCC 12.48 on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Story also asked that the public comment period for this revision be closed on Friday, April 20, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public comment period for SCC 12.48 on Friday, April 20, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Munks and Dahlstedt to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing to adopt SCC 12.48 – Drinking Water Code Revision on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. The motion passed with unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20070214)**

Commissioner Munks also motioned to render a decision regarding the fluoridation proposal on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which was carried.

4. Discussion – White Powder Incident at Shell Refinery.

Polly Dubbel, Environmental Health, reported on a white powder incident, which took place at Shell Refinery recently. Most all of the Environmental Health staff participated in the event, which gave them the opportunity to utilize their training for such occurrences. Ms. Dubbel indicated everything went smoothly; however, the Department will now refine their protocols to insure better communication.

5. Discussion – Future Assessment Activities.

Alex Von Cube, Health Department, spoke about future assessment activities that include the following:

- Cancer Lectures
- Demography Report
- Census 2010 – Organize Local Efforts to Assure Accurate Counts
- Local Boards of Health Report for PHELF (Public Health Executive Leadership Forum)
- Emergency Management Report

Mr. Browning said the challenge for Mr. Von Cube will be working with all the entities in gathering data for these reports.

6. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Browning encouraged the Board to call their legislators and plead for \$20 million in public health funding that has been whittled down from \$6 million that was originally proposed.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Planning and Development Services Director Gary Christensen requested a date and time be set to review and take possible action on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Phase 1 of the Bayview Stormwater Management Plan.

Commissioner Munks motioned to schedule review of Phase 1 of the Bayview Stormwater Management Plan for Monday, April 16, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Tim Holloran, the County's new Deputy Administrator, was introduced and stated that his role is to support employees, department heads, elected officials and to step in and get things done!

1. State Performance Audits.

Skagit County Auditor Jeanne Youngquist gave a PowerPoint presentation on State Performance Audits, including an internal audit program proposal.

2. Jail Statistics.

Gary Shand, Chief Deputy of Corrections for the Sheriff's Office, provided jail statistics that are sent to members of the Law & Justice Committee on a regular basis. Mr. Shand said the jail facility was originally built for 83 people but today the average population is 264, which includes those assigned to community service work and home electronic monitoring.

3. Retreat Follow-Up.

County Administrator Gary Rowe spoke briefly about the recent retreats the Commissioners held with the department heads and elected officials. Discussions were centered on five issues and each issue was appointed a team leader. Work has begun on a working agreement between the officials that will be brought before the Commissioners for review prior to adoption.

4. Indoor Recreation Center Update.

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Director Bob Vaux announced a public meeting, which is being held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to kick-off the schematic design process for the proposed Indoor Recreation Center. Stakeholder meetings will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week as well.

Mr. Vaux also said the Department had 106 teams participate in the recent tulip festival basketball games, which is a record.

It was announced that on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. an open house will be held for the new Skagit River Interpretive Center located at Howard Miller Steelhead Park.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Holloran introduced Jennifer Kingsley as the new Director of Senior Services. Ms. Kingsley previously served as the County's Nutrition Director

Chief Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich said his Department is trying to move through the backlog of 1,200 cases he inherited, but are unable to find 400 of the files. With the help of District and Superior Courts, he hopes to have them all taken care of by mid to the end of summer. Mr. Weyrich said they are in the process of setting a schedule, which would address any case within 30 days.

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Mr. Browning reminded everyone that flu season is still upon us and the West Nile virus is just around the corner. His Department is beginning to conducting Tuberculosis screening at the area migrant camps.

Skagit County Clerk Nancy Scott said work continues on posting court calendars on the internet for access by attorneys and the public that don't have private information on them.

District Court Administrator Pam Springer spoke of the Department's recent retreat, which gave the opportunity to put procedures in line and conduct their annual presentation awards.

Public Defender Director Keith Tyne spoke briefly about the duties of his Department, which primarily consists of criminal defense work. Of the 38 reporting counties, Skagit County is #2 in the State for the number of cases handled per attorney. Mr. Tyne said they are in the process of implementing Juvenile Drug Court, which joins Mental Health Court and Adult Drug Court.

Maile Acoba, Human Services Director, thanked everyone who came to the Behavioral Health Crisis Center open house, which will be opening on April 17, 2007.

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, April 10, 2007, 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 \$2,416.48 (Transmittal No. C-53-07); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$135,413.69 (Transmittal No. C-54-07);

Payroll warrants numbered 203550 through 204354 in the total dollar amount of \$1,103,976.80 (Transmittal No. P-13-07); and

Payroll warrants numbered 974210 through 974372 in the total dollar amount of \$230,261.81 (Transmittal No. P-14-07).

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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