

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, December 18, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Commissioners: Mike Shelton, William J. Byrd and Mac McDowell; Barbara Saugen, WGH Commissioner; Patty Cohen, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; Captain Colin Chinn, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member.

Members Absent: No Board members were absent.

Call to Order: Chairman Mac McDowell called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:18 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Tim McDonald reminded the Board that the date for the regularly scheduled January 2007 Board of Health meeting is in conflict with a federal holiday and the Board had, at the November 20, 2006 Board of Health meeting, rescheduled the January meeting to January 22, 2007. That date will not work with Board member schedules and so will have to be rescheduled to a different date. Commissioner Shelton moved that the January 2007 Board of Health meeting be scheduled as a special session on January 8, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. Mayor Cohen seconded and the motion passed.

Minutes: Commissioner Shelton moved that the minutes for the November 20, 2006 meeting be approved as written. Mayor Cohen seconded and the motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Old Business:

There was no old business brought before the Board.

New Business:

Contracts:

1. Department of Health – Consolidated Contract (2005 – 2006)
Contract No. C13034, Amendment No. 14
Contract Amount: \$ 1,133,889
Contract Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

Commissioner Shelton moved that Contract No. C13034, Amendment No. 14 be approved as presented. Mayor Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Department of Health – Consolidated Contract (2007 – 2011)
Contract No. C14949
Contract Amount: \$ 601,231

Barbara Saugen moved that Contract No. C14949 be approved as presented. Mayor Cohen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Boart Longyear Company – Monitoring Network Well Installations
Contract No. HD-02-07
Contract Amount: \$ 179,659.95

Commissioner Shelton moved that Contract No. HD-02-07 be approved as presented.
Commissioner Byrd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Health Department Report:

Tim McDonald, Health Services Director, advised the Board that a recent study was conducted on Public Health financing and that Washington State had come in last. He noted that recent funding is targeted to specific areas, such as bioterrorism, and was not available to address all of the identified areas of public health need. The Joint Select Committee on Public Health Finance has presented its findings and has identified roles and made recommendations on the funding of core services and activities. Director McDonald suggested that sources are suggesting that the Governor's budget contains money for this initiative but there is no information on the amount. Commissioner Shelton inquired as to what we would do with the money, if received, and Director McDonald advised that the number one target would be communicable disease surveillance capacity. Commissioner Shelton asked about Island County Health Department's emergency preparedness capacity and communicable disease surveillance capacity. Director McDonald suggested that we have many small outbreaks to investigate where the epidemiology of the outbreak prepares us for something large. Director McDonald suggested that another important focus area to invest in is healthy families and children's services. Carol McNeil, Nursing Director, said a new program called the 'Nurse Family Partnership' would fall into this category. It exists in some counties now and the goal is to spend less on Child Protective Services and law and justice programs and spend more on prevention programs. Director McDonald requested that this Board of Health support the State legislators who are supporting the committee's recommendations and noted that this money spent will make a difference at the community level and will save money in the future.

There were no significant communicable disease outbreaks to report.

Public Input or Comments: There was no public input or public comment.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Commissioner McDowell adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Special Meeting held on January 8, 2007.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 8th day of January 2007
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mike Shelton, Board Chair