



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of October 6, 2009

### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Valenzuela, County Manager Don Krupp, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board Kathy Patton.

Commissioner Romero called the meeting to order.

- a) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Amendment of the Agenda** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to amend the agenda to include the approval of an ordinance amending Article I, Appendix A and Article II of the Sanitary Code for Thurston to take effect November 1, 2009. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

### 3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mike McKinnon, owner of Dairy Queen Restaurants in Thurston County commented on the proposal to increase food service permit fees. He thought the comparison with other counties was perhaps reasonable, but the 50% increase in one year could hurt some operators. He had concerns regarding the reduction of the discount for facilities that have a certified food service manager completing monthly inspections. He thought that these facilities should be rewarded rather than penalized for participation in this program. The 40% discount will be reduced to 25% with the new fee schedule.

### 4) CONTAMINATED SITE MAP

Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director introduced Gerald Tousley, Supervisor of our Solid and Hazardous Waste program. Earlier today at the BoCC meeting Art asked the Board to approve the Site Hazardous Assessment Grant, which allows us to evaluate sites that might be contaminated with hazardous materials. The “Thurston County Environmental Health Confirmed or Suspected Contaminated Sites” (dated 8/21/09) map is a result of that grant work.

Gerald provided background on the map. The map includes all of Thurston County and an insert for City of Olympia, due to the number of contaminated sites in this area. Each site has a number, a key

identifies the site, and the hazard materials associated with this area. The map is used by Realtors and Development Services for proposed projects or developments. Map available on the Geodata system and the public can access this information.

## **5) AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE II**

Art Starry noted that this is a follow-up to a Public Hearing held Thursday, October 1, 2009. The amendments came about due to a \$250,000 reduction in General Funds to the Environmental Health Division. The division worked to recover 100% of costs associated with fees and programs in the food service, water recreation facilities, which includes swimming pools and spas, schools, and solid waste facility programs. Sammy Berg, Senior Environmental Health Supervisor noted that additional review of the structure of the food service fees will be looked at in the first part of 2010. Periodic updates on how the discussions are going will be provided to the Board. The Board also noted their appreciation of the thought that went into the process of making these changes.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Ordinance to amend Article I, Appendix A and Article II of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County to take effect November 1, 2009. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded. Motion carried.

## **6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Art Starry provided a brief update on the Departments response to H1N1 and the planning and preparation associated with that. The Regional Incident Response team has been asked to assist county staff in development and implementing a plan for response.

Debra Allen, Director of Personal Health Division and liaison for our incident response effort noted the number one reason to be involved is to limit the spread of H1N1. Given our limited resources we are fortunate to have the Regional Incident Response Team to work with us in an Incident Command structure. This structure serves two purposes in training our personal health staff in how to work within an incident command system, and finding relief for our staff and sharing responsibility for managing this situation.

Two members were introduced Steve North, Incident Commander, Chief with McLane/Black Lake Fire Department. He explained how the Incident Command system is working and what they are doing. Gerald Tousley, Planning Chief, was introduced and he shared the situation report, which they will make available to the Board on a weekly basis.

Kathy Estes, Manager, Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center explained their role in response to this ongoing event. Staff from the Center is working with the Incident Response team and will be part of the conversation regarding any potential declaration of a local emergency.

7) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** - none

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Thurston County, Washington**

**ATTEST:**

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SANDRA ROMERO, Chair

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Kathy Patton, Clerk of the Board

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CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner