

MINUTES
SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting November 18, 1958
2 P.M.

Present

Members Kraetz, Wyatt, McCollum and Knipe; also Messrs. Culmback, Gebert and Johnson, City Commissioners, Mr. Sugars, City Clerk, and Mr. Cooper, City Attorney; and Miss Kyle, Mrs. Rands and Mr. Stockton.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held September 23 were adopted.

Merger

The main purpose of this meeting was to reach an agreement between the City Commissioners and the County Board of Health on the health departments merger.

The following points were discussed and agreed upon:

- 1) The name of the new proposed Health District to be "The Snohomish Health District."
- 2) Form of County Resolution setting up the Health District.
- 3) City Petition: Mr. Cooper ascertained from the members their desires as to what form the City Petition should take, and agreed to prepare it accordingly. There was some discussion as to whether or not other municipalities would wish to make financial contribution to the District Health Fund and/or have the privilege of appointing members under the Public Health Law. It was suggested that the City Petition include a statement to the effect that such applications from other municipalities would be entertained providing the contribution would be pro-rated on a population basis according to the City of Everett's share at \$1 per capita. The matter was tabled with the understanding that any such participation by other municipalities would have to be with the consent of the new District Board of Health.
- 4) The new Health District would undertake the responsibility for all health matters presently the responsibility of the City Health Department with the one exception of vital statistics.
- 5) District Health Officer: The County Commissioners would appoint a District Health Officer for the balance of the year 1958 on adoption of their Resolution setting up a Health District.

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- 6) Seventh Board Member: Several prominent individuals' names were discussed as prospective board members, and it was unanimously agreed that Doctor Mortimer M. Stocker, President of the Snohomish County Health, Welfare and Recreation Council, would be approached by Mr. Kraetz.
- 7) The County would contribute as its share of the combined budget the proceeds of the 4/10 mill tax levy and \$15,350 for the years 1959 and 1960. The City would contribute at the rate of \$1 per capita according to the population estimates of the Washington State Census Board for a similar period.

Mr. Cooper pointed out that the Law required that the agreement for merger would be for a two year period, and could be terminated upon six months' notice (actually as of July 1, 1960) should this be desired.

- 8) Transfer of Property: Inventories of both City and County Health Departments were presented. All property is to be transferred to the Health District with the exception of one 1953 Plymouth automobile presently owned by the City, Messrs. Sugars and Cooper suggested that in the event of dissolution of the District that some provision should be made in the agreement for return to each participating party all property on a pro-rated basis according to the present dollar value of items in the inventory. Mr. Cooper was requested to include such a clause in the agreement.
- 9) Budget: A proposed budget was presented and it seemed to meet with the approval of the members. It was pointed out, however, that no official action could be taken on it until the combined District had been created. Several changes should be made, as follows:
 - (i) That the City turn over to the District, all monies collected for food handler examinations, meat and delicatessen licenses, and meat workers permits.
 - (ii) That the City amend its food handling ordinance to allow for a \$10 permit fee to bring it into line with the existing Sanitary Code of the County, and that these monies would be turned over to the District. The District would, after January 1, 1959 issue all such licenses and permits from its office, using City forms and under authority of City Ordinance.

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- 10) Personnel: Existing City personnel, with the exception of Doctor Ebert, Health Officer, would remain on the City pay roll, the amount of their salaries, social security and pensions would be deducted from the City's share of the joint budget, the balance to be pro-rated and forwarded monthly to the District. Doctor Ebert would be paid by the District and that no deduction for social security or pension would be made in his case.

(City representatives and Mr. McCollum found it necessary to leave the meeting at this point.)

Lake Stevens

Mr. Wyatt brought up the matter of Lake Stevens sewage disposal. Doctor Knipe and Mr. Stockton stated that the Department had been working on the problem for over four years. A sampling program had been set up one month ago whereby 8 - 10 samples per week are being taken. When results of such samples show that pollution had reached a dangerous point, then the Health Officer would order the Lake closed to swimming and bathing. Mr. Wyatt requested that intention of such proposed action be made public and that the assistance of the State Pollution Control Board be obtained.

Refuse
Disposal

The matter of the Emander Dump was again brought up. Mr. Kraetz promised to consult with Mr. McCollum as to his intention of posting a man at the dump to ascertain the amount and type of refuse. Following the meeting on October 21 with the Commissioners and the County Road Superintendent, his crew and others, it had been agreed that upon receipt of this information, a Garbage Disposal System would be set up, to be operated by the County, and that fees would be charged for maintenance of a sanitary land fill.

Tuberculosis
Budget

The Tuberculosis Budget had not yet been approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Kraetz promised to attend to this detail.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.