



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Thurston County Board of Health has responsibility and authority for public health in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County.

Minutes of October 9, 2012

Public Hearing to receive testimony on a resolution to renew a moratorium on accepting or issuing septic system permits within the Woodland Creek Estates and Covington neighborhoods. The moratorium was established last year in conjunction with another resolution that requires all residences, buildings, and properties in these neighborhoods to connect to public sewer to protect public health and abandon their existing on-site sewage systems.

CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Attendance: Sandra Romero, Chair; Karen Valenzuela, Vice-Chair; Cathy Wolfe, Commissioner; Don Sloma, Public Health & Social Services Department Director; Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director; and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Chair Romero called the public hearing to order at 4:35 P.M. at the Thurston County Courthouse.

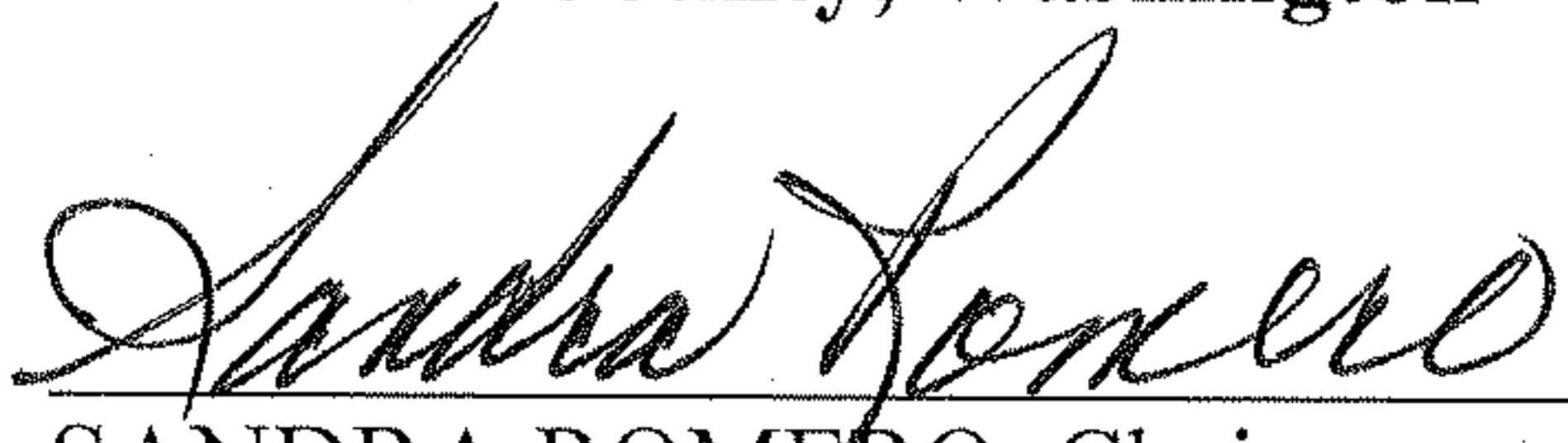
Art Starry, Public Health & Social Services Department, Environmental Health Division Director, provided a summary of the request to adopt Resolution No. H-5-2012 to renew the moratorium adopted in Resolution H-4-2011 and renewed in Resolution No. H-2-2012. Mr. Starry explained that in response to documented water quality problems in Woodland Creek, homeowners within the Woodland Creek Estates and Covington neighborhoods are required to abandon their on-site sewage systems and connect their homes to sewer. The sewer conversion work will not be complete until the end of 2013.


On October 11, 2011, the Thurston County Board of Health adopted Resolution H-4-2011 imposing a moratorium on accepting permit applications, and the issuance of permits, for the repair, expansion or installation of on-site sewage systems on properties in the Covington and Woodland Creek Estates subdivisions and ordered to connect to public sewer. The moratorium was renewed on April 10, 2012, for an additional six months by Resolution No. H-2-2012. Resolution H-2-2012 expires October 10, 2012. The proposed resolution will renew the moratorium until April 9, 2013.

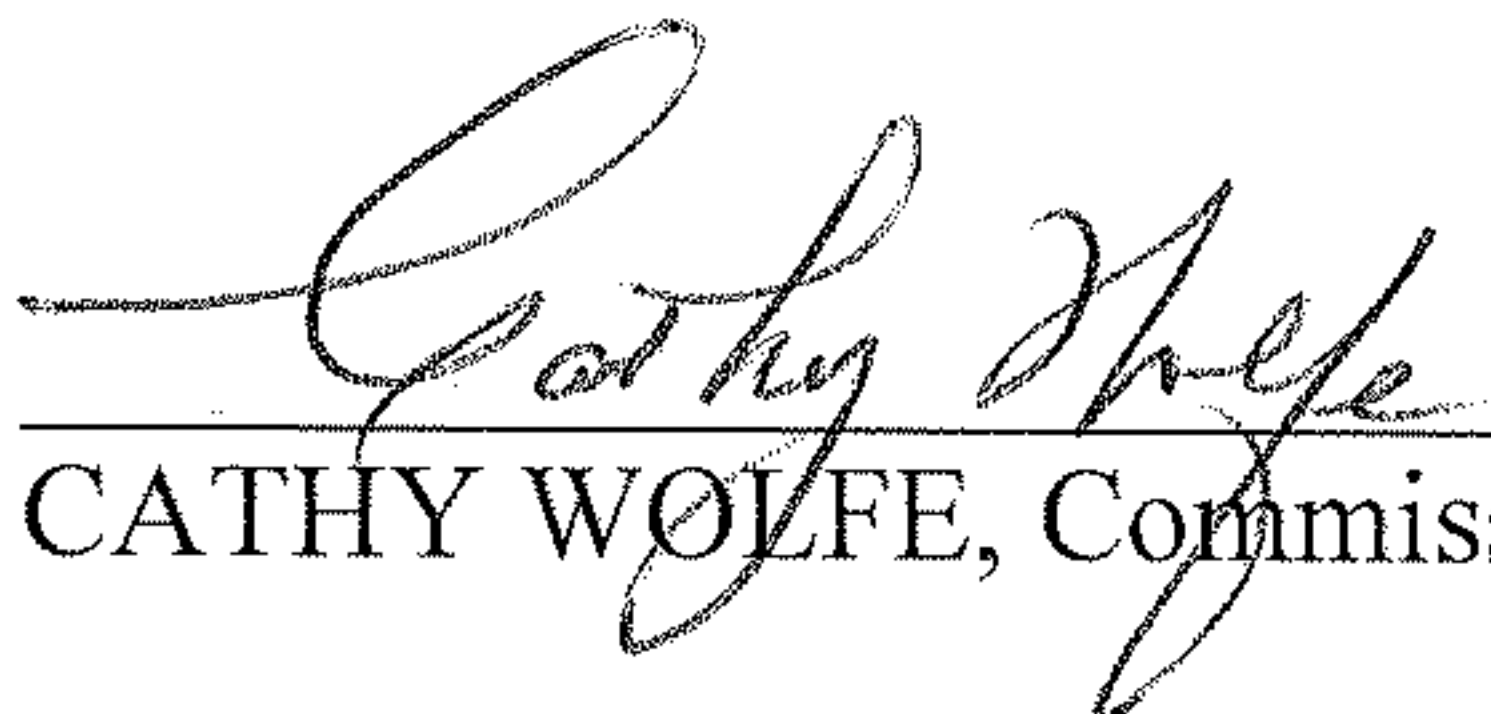
No testimony was received. The Public Hearing was closed.

Chair Valenzuela moved to adopt Resolution No. H-5-2012 to renew the moratorium adopted in Resolution H-4-2011 and renewed in Resolution No. H-2-2012 on accepting permit applications, and the issuance of permits for the repair, expansion or installation of on-site sewage systems on properties in the Woodland Creek Estates and Covington neighborhoods. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Thurston County, Washington


SANDRA ROMERO, Chair


KAREN VALENZUELA, Vice-Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: December 11, 2012