



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of February 15, 2011

### Special Meeting

#### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Attendance:** Chair Wolfe, Vice-Chair Romero, Commissioner Valenzuela, County Manager Don Krupp, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry, Clerk of the Board of Health La Bonita Bowmar

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order.

#### 2) SET PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE

Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director, provided a background on the request to set a Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code on March 22, 2011 at 3:00 pm. Mr. Starry stated the proposed amendments are in response to the Board's request for further modification of Section 6 of the Sanitary Code. The amendments include provisions for the Thurston County Health Officer and the Thurston County Board of Health to require septic systems to connect to sanitary sewer. Amendments are proposed as follows:

- give the Health Officer authority to require properties to connect to a sewer system if the property line is within 200 feet of a sewer line and (1) the septic system is failing, or (2) the septic system has a reduced horizontal separation allowed by Table VI and connection is necessary to protect public health; or (3) connection is necessary to protect surface water, ground water or otherwise protect public health based on aquifer vulnerability, water quality correction and water contamination prevention information; and,
- Allow the Board of Health to require sewer connections within the Henderson Watershed Protection Area when certain public health criteria are met, regardless of the size of the lot where the on-site sewage system is located.
- Another amendment will restore a foot note that confirms the type of on-site sewage system required within certain critical areas that was accidentally omitted when Article IV was last amended.



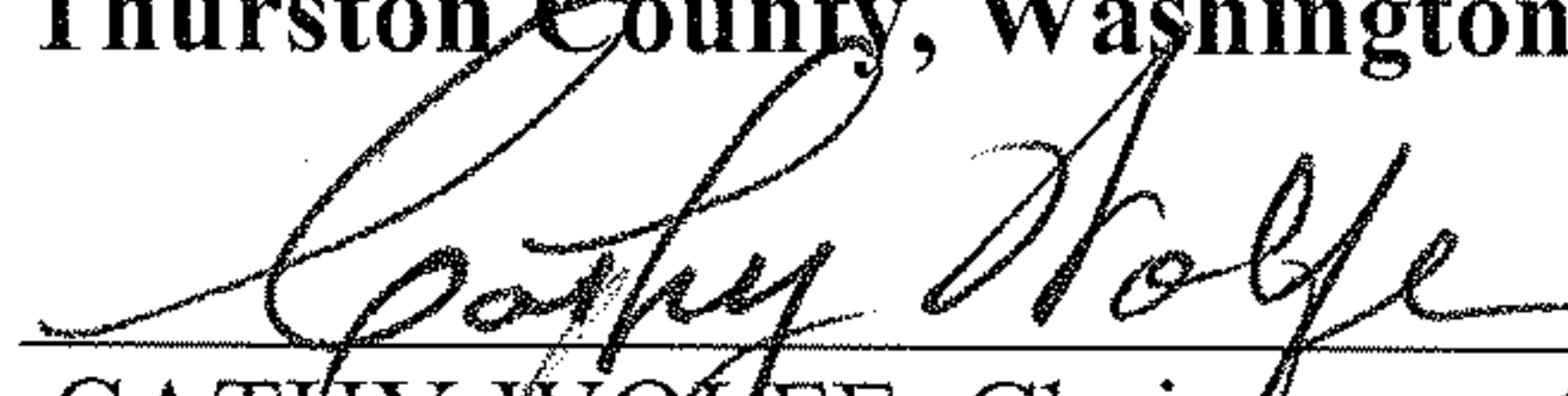
Mr. Starry addressed Vice-Chair Romero's request for clarification of differences in Health Officer versus Board of Health authorities in the proposed revised language. Mr. Starry stated the hearing notice; proposed code amendments and the draft adopting resolution will be available to the public and posted on the Public Health & Social Services Department web site by February 18, 2011.

**Vice-Chair Romero moved to set a Public Hearing on March 22, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

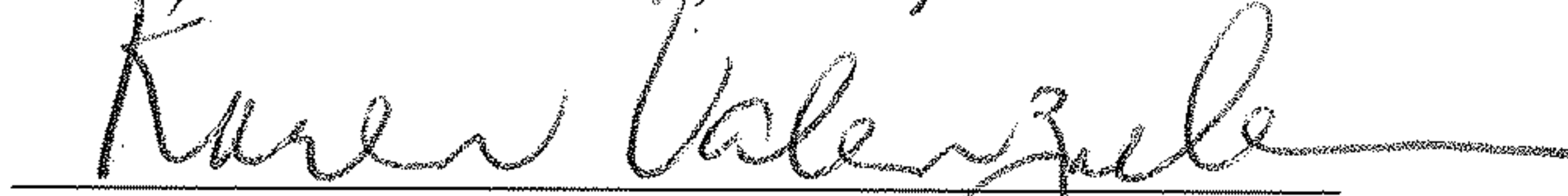
### 3) **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wolfe adjourned the meeting.

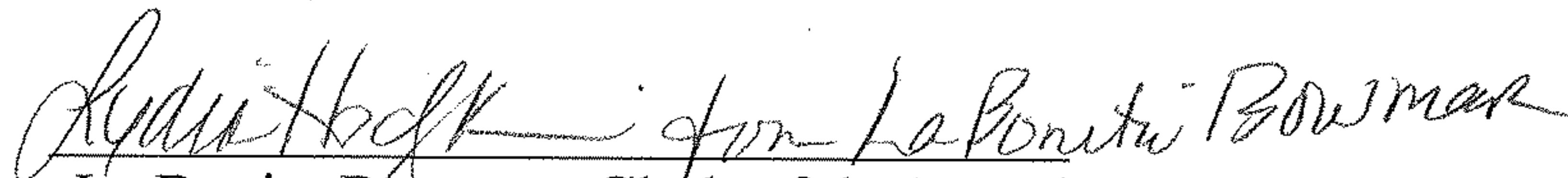
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Thurston County, Washington

  
CATHY WOLFE, Chair

  
SANDRA ROMERO, Vice-Chair

  
KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
La Bonita Bowmar, Clerk of the Board

Date: March 8, 2011