

RESOLUTION 2022 -32

(Repealing Resolution 2008-62, Salary Relationship between Skamania County Elected Officials and Superior Court Judge; repealing 2002-48; and amending 2008-29)

WHEREAS, The Skamania County Board of Commissioners have the responsibility of setting salaries for the Board of Commissioners and the other Elected Officials in Skamania County; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge's Salaries are set by the Washington Citizens Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, of which 50% is paid by Washington State and 50% is paid by the county(s); and

WHEAREAS, in 2008 the Washington State Legislature recognized the dual role of the Prosecutor as both a State Officer and County Officer; and therefore, increased the State's contribution to the Prosecutor's salary to one-half of a Superior Court Judge's salary and required the County to continue to contribute to the salary no less than the 2008 salary amount; and

WHEAREAS, it is well recognized that County Government is an extension of State Government and all county elected officials are by default officers of the state; and

WHEAREAS, the Board of County Commissioners created a salary relationship between the County elected officials and the Superior Court Judge in 2008-62; and

WHEAREAS, the County desires to set Elected Officials salaries as a percentage of said Superior Court Judges to recognize the increase in Cost of Living, based on the 2021 inflation data, other county salary data and statewide housing market data: and

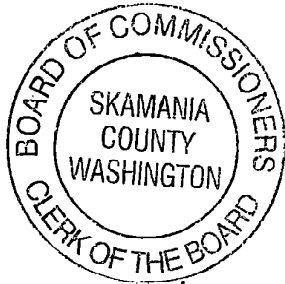
WHEAREAS, the County currently pays the following salary percentages of the Superior Court Judges from the 2008-62 resolution: Prosecutor (county portion) 37%-- Auditor, Assessor, Superior Court Clerk, Treasurer & Commissioners 38.5%-- Sheriff 48.2%; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the percent of Skamania County elected officials' salary be set as the following percentage of the Superior Court Judge's salary; Auditor, Assessor, Superior Court Clerk, and Treasurer 40.5%, Prosecutor (county portion) 37%,--- Sheriff 48.2%. Commissioners are to remain at 38.5%. Changes are effective retroactive to July 1st, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that should any portion of Resolution 2008-62 to be found in conflict with this resolution said portion is hereby amended or repealed.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 12th day of July 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Debbie Clark
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

[Signature]
Prosecuting Attorney

[Signature]
Commissioner

J. W. Lanner
ATTEST:
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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NAY 0
ABSTAIN 0
ABSENT 0

RESOLUTION 2008-62

Creating a Salary Relationship between Skamania County Elected Officials and Superior Court Judge (And amending portions of resolutions 2002-48 and 2008-29)

WHEREAS, The Skamania County Board of Commissioners have the responsibility of setting salaries for the Board of Commissioners and other elected officials in Skamania County; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge's Salaries are set by the Washington Citizens Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, of which 50% is paid by Washington State and 50% is paid by the county(s); and

WHEREAS, In 2008 the Washington State Legislature recognized the dual role of the Prosecutor as both a State Officer and County Officer; and therefore increased the State's contribution to the Prosecutor's salary to one-half of a Superior Court Judge's salary and required the County to continue to contribute to the salary no less than the 2008 salary amount; and

WHEREAS, It is well recognized that County Government is an extension of State Government and all county elected officials are by default officers of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners desires to create a salary relationship between County elected officials and the Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Proposed 2009 salaries are approximately the following percentages of the Superior Court Judge: Prosecutor (county portion) 37% -- Auditor, Assessor, Superior Court Clerk, Treasurer & Commissioners 38.5% -- Sheriff 48.2%.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that beginning January 1st 2009, and thereafter when changes occur, the salaries of Skamania County elected officials shall be set as the following percentage of the Superior Court Judge's salary, as set by the Washington Citizens Commission on Salary, as follows; Prosecutor (county portion) 37% --- Auditor, Assessor, Superior Court Clerk, Treasurer & Commissioners 38.5% --- Sheriff 48.2%; and

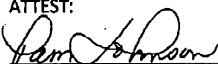
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that those portions of Resolution 2002-48 referring to the 2.5% annual increase for elected officials are amended to pertain only to the Commissioner representing district 3 until January 1st, 2011; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that should any portion of Resolution 2008-29 be found to be in conflict with this resolution said portion is hereby amended or repealed.

Done this 4th day of November 2008


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA, WASHINGTON

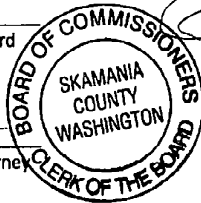
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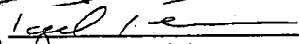

Pam Johnson, Clerk of the Board



Jim Richardson, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Peter Banks, Prosecuting Attorney




Paul Pearce, Commissioner


Jamie Tolfree, Commissioner

Elected Official	Jan 2009 @ 2.5%	2009 Resolution % of Superior Ct	
Tom Reynolds *	\$ 33,487.20	\$ 33,487.20	County Portion 24%
Jamie Tolfree ***	\$ 56,244.00	\$ 56,244.00	
Paul Pearce	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
James Richardson	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
Sharon Vance	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
Cherlie Flood	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
Mike Garvison	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
Gabe Spencer	\$ 57,216.00	\$ 57,300.32	
Ron Reyneir **	\$ 70,855.00	\$ 70,855.00	County Portion 50%
Dave Brown	\$ 71,520.00	\$ 71,737.02	
Peter Banks *	\$ 55,032.00	\$ 55,068.00	County Portion 37%
* Citizens Commission Jan 2009 Superior Court Judge Salary			\$ 148,832.00
** Citizens Commission Jan 2009 District Court Judge Salary			\$ 141,710.00
*** Changes occur after 2010			

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of the Salary of)
the County Prosecuting)
Attorney)

RESOLUTION NO: 2008-29

WHEREAS, the 2008 Legislature adopted Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 6297 (Chapter 309, Laws of 2008) amending RCW 36.17.020 and changing the amount of the State's contribution to the elected prosecuting attorney salaries, effective July 1, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledged that the elected county prosecuting attorney functions as both a state officer pursuing criminal cases on behalf of the state and as a county officer acting as counsel for the county; the responsibilities and decisions of the elected prosecuting attorney are essentially the same in every county of Washington, and the same high level of skill and expertise is needed in the least populous county as in the most populous county; and the Legislature further found that the salary of the elected prosecuting attorney should be tied to that of a Superior Court Judge;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the elected county prosecuting attorney's dual role as a State officer and County officer, former RCW 36.17.020 requires the State pay one-half of the salary of each elected prosecuting attorney, which salary is established for each County by the respective Boards of County Commissioners or County Councils of each County;

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners sets the salary of the Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney by resolution;

WHEREAS, under SSB 6297 (Chapter 309, Laws of 2008) the State of Washington increased the amount of the State's contribution to the salary of the elected county prosecuting attorney to one-half the annual amount of a Superior Court Judge's salary, and requires the County to continue to contribute to the salary of the elected prosecuting attorney at least the amount contributed in 2008;

WHEREAS, under RCW 2.08.092 the annual salary of a Superior Court Judge is set by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials; one-half of the Superior Court Judge's salary is currently \$70,489.50; on September 1, 2008, that amount shall increase to \$74,416.00; and one-half of the Prosecuting Attorney's salary for 2008 as previously set by the Board of County Commissioners is \$53,688.00; Now, Therefore,

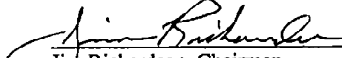
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

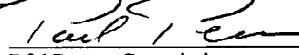
1. The salary of the Prosecuting Attorney shall be \$124,177.00 effective July 1, 2008; and

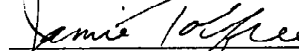
2. The salary of the Prosecuting Attorney shall be \$128,104.00 effective September 1, 2008.

Done this 17th day of June, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Jim Richardson, Chairman

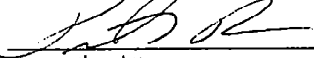

Paul Pearce, Commissioner


Jamie Tolfree, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Pam Johnson, Clerk of the Board


APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Prosecuting Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6297

Chapter 309, Laws of 2008

60th Legislature
2008 Regular Session

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS--ELECTED--SALARIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/08

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2008
YEAS 44 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 5, 2008
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 1, 2008, 3:42 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6297** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

April 2, 2008

Secretary of State
State of Washington

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6297

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2008 Regular Session

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice,
Brandland, and Sheldon)

READ FIRST TIME 02/08/08.

1 AN ACT Relating to elected prosecuting attorney salaries; amending
2 RCW 36.17.020; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that an elected county
5 prosecuting attorney functions as both a state officer in pursuing
6 criminal cases on behalf of the state of Washington, and as a county
7 officer who acts as civil counsel for the county, and provides services
8 to school districts and lesser taxing districts by statute.

9 The elected prosecuting attorney's dual role as a state officer and
10 a county officer is reflected in various provisions of the state
11 Constitution and within state statute.

12 The legislature finds that the responsibilities and decisions
13 required of the elected prosecuting attorney are essentially the same
14 in every county within Washington state, from a decision to seek the
15 death penalty in an aggravated murder case, to the decision not to
16 prosecute but refer an offender to drug court; from a decision to
17 pursue child rape charges based solely upon the testimony of the child,
18 to a decision to divert juvenile offenders out of the justice system.

1 Therefore, the legislature finds that elected prosecuting attorneys
2 need to exercise the same level of skill and expertise in the least
3 populous county as in the most populous county.

4 The legislature finds that the salary of the elected county
5 prosecuting attorney should be tied to that of a superior court judge.
6 This furthers the state's interests and responsibilities under the
7 state Constitution, and is consistent with the current practice of
8 several counties in Washington state, the practices of several other
9 states, and the national district attorneys' association national
10 standards.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.17.020 and 2001 c 73 s 3 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The county legislative authority of each county or a county
14 commissioner or councilmember salary commission which conforms with RCW
15 36.17.024 is authorized to establish the salaries of the elected
16 officials of the county. ~~((One half of the salary of each prosecuting
17 attorney shall be paid by the state.))~~ The state and county shall
18 contribute to the costs of the salary of the elected prosecuting
19 attorney as set forth in subsection (1) of this section. The annual
20 salary of a county elected official shall not be less than the
21 following:

22 (1) In each county with a population of one million or more:
23 Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, members of the county legislative
24 authority, and coroner, eighteen thousand dollars; and assessor,
25 nineteen thousand dollars ~~((, and prosecuting attorney, thirty thousand
26 three hundred dollars))~~;

27 (2) In each county with a population of from two hundred ten
28 thousand to less than one million: Auditor, seventeen thousand six
29 hundred dollars; clerk, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars;
30 treasurer, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars; sheriff, nineteen
31 thousand five hundred dollars; assessor, seventeen thousand six hundred
32 dollars; ~~((prosecuting attorney, twenty four thousand eight hundred
33 dollars.))~~ members of the county legislative authority, nineteen
34 thousand five hundred dollars; and coroner, seventeen thousand six
35 hundred dollars;

36 (3) In each county with a population of from one hundred twenty-
37 five thousand to less than two hundred ten thousand: Auditor, sixteen

1 thousand dollars; clerk, sixteen thousand dollars; treasurer, sixteen
2 thousand dollars; sheriff, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars;
3 assessor, sixteen thousand dollars; (~~prosecuting attorney, twenty-four~~
4 ~~thousand eight hundred dollars;~~) members of the county legislative
5 authority, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars; and coroner, sixteen
6 thousand dollars;

7 (4) In each county with a population of from seventy thousand to
8 less than one hundred twenty-five thousand: Auditor, fourteen thousand
9 nine hundred dollars; clerk, fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars;
10 treasurer, fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars; assessor, fourteen
11 thousand nine hundred dollars; sheriff, fourteen thousand nine hundred
12 dollars; (~~prosecuting attorney, twenty-three thousand seven hundred~~
13 ~~dollars;~~) members of the county legislative authority, fourteen
14 thousand nine hundred dollars; and coroner, fourteen thousand nine
15 hundred dollars;

16 (5) In each county with a population of from forty thousand to less
17 than seventy thousand: Auditor, thirteen thousand eight hundred
18 dollars; clerk, thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars; treasurer,
19 thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars; assessor, thirteen thousand
20 eight hundred dollars; sheriff, thirteen thousand eight hundred
21 dollars; (~~prosecuting attorney, twenty-three thousand seven hundred~~
22 ~~dollars;~~) members of the county legislative authority, thirteen
23 thousand eight hundred dollars; and coroner, thirteen thousand eight
24 hundred dollars;

25 (6) In each county with a population of from eighteen thousand to
26 less than forty thousand: Auditor, twelve thousand one hundred
27 dollars; clerk, twelve thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, twelve
28 thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff, twelve thousand one hundred
29 dollars; assessor, twelve thousand one hundred dollars; (~~prosecuting~~
30 ~~attorney in such a county in which there is no state university or~~
31 ~~college, fourteen thousand three hundred dollars; in such a county in~~
32 ~~which there is a state university or college, sixteen thousand five~~
33 ~~hundred dollars;~~) and members of the county legislative authority,
34 eleven thousand dollars;

35 (7) In each county with a population of from twelve thousand to
36 less than eighteen thousand: Auditor, ten thousand one hundred
37 dollars; clerk, ten thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, ten
38 thousand one hundred dollars; assessor, ten thousand one hundred

1 dollars; sheriff, eleven thousand two hundred dollars; (~~prosecuting~~
2 ~~attorney, thirteen thousand two hundred dollars;~~) and members of the
3 county legislative authority, nine thousand four hundred dollars;

4 (8) In each county with a population of from eight thousand to less
5 than twelve thousand: Auditor, ten thousand one hundred dollars;
6 clerk, ten thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, ten thousand one
7 hundred dollars; assessor, ten thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff,
8 eleven thousand two hundred dollars; (~~prosecuting attorney, nine~~
9 ~~thousand nine hundred dollars;~~) and members of the county legislative
10 authority, seven thousand dollars;

11 (9) In each county with a population of from five thousand to less
12 than eight thousand: Auditor, nine thousand one hundred dollars;
13 clerk, nine thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, nine thousand one
14 hundred dollars; assessor, nine thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff,
15 ten thousand five hundred dollars; (~~prosecuting attorney, nine~~
16 ~~thousand nine hundred dollars;~~) and members of the county legislative
17 authority, six thousand five hundred dollars;

18 (10) In each other county: Auditor, nine thousand one hundred
19 dollars; clerk, nine thousand one hundred dollars; treasurer, nine
20 thousand one hundred dollars; sheriff, ten thousand five hundred
21 dollars; assessor, nine thousand one hundred dollars; (~~prosecuting~~
22 ~~attorney, nine thousand nine hundred dollars;~~) and members of the
23 county legislative authority, six thousand five hundred dollars;

24 (11) The state of Washington shall contribute an amount equal to
25 one-half the salary of a superior court judge towards the salary of the
26 elected prosecuting attorney. Upon receipt of the state contribution,
27 a county shall continue to contribute towards the salary of the elected
28 prosecuting attorney in an amount that equals or exceeds that
29 contributed by the county in 2008.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2008.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If specific funding for the purposes of this
32 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
33 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
34 void.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2008.
Passed by the House March 5, 2008.
Approved by the Governor April 1, 2008.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 2, 2008.

RESOLUTION 2002-48

(Amending portions of Resolution 2000-19 the annual increase of members of the Board of County Commissioners and other Elected Officials)

WHEREAS, Skamania County Board of Commissioners has the responsibility of setting salaries for the Board of Commissioners and other elected officials in Skamania County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a letter dated July 3, 2002 from the elected officials that recommends reducing the annual increase, on salary comparisons and internal equity with Department Heads and comparisons with other similar counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the salaries of the Commissioners, Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, Clerk, Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney are internally equitable among Skamania County personnel, officials and similar counties; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County elected officials and employees have received limited salary increases in the past in lieu of full payment of health insurance benefits, resulting in a higher benefit package and lower salary package than similar counties; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the elected officials participating in the Washington State Retirement System, to begin to rebalance the compensation offered by Skamania County between salaries and benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby amends that portion of Resolution 1998-49 that provides for a 2.5% increase on January 1 on each year after 1998 to the following:

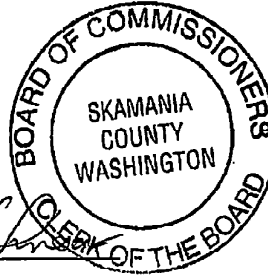
- a) The Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk, Sheriff, and Prosecuting Attorney shall each receive a \$100 per month increase in their salary beginning March 1, 2003 or the first month in which a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan is implemented for Skamania County, whichever date is later. Beginning with the month in which the salary increase is effective, each elected official shall reimburse the County \$100 per month for the partial cost of health insurance premiums. This deduction may be paid through contributions made to a Section 125 plan. Until such time as the salary increase shall occur, the County shall pay the increase cost of the health insurance premium.
- b) The current Commissioners, who do not participate in the Washington State Retirement System and would receive no benefit from changing benefits into salary, shall receive no increase in salary for 2003, but the County shall pay the increase in their health insurance premiums for all of 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual increase remains 2.5% for subsequent years, unless further amended; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED except as herein modified, Resolution 1998-49 and 2000-19 are hereby reaffirmed.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 31st day of December 2002.

ATTEST:



SKAMANIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Commissioner

Approved as to form only:
[Signature]
Prosecuting Attorney *Deputy*

Albert E. McKee
Commissioner