

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting for Week of February 17, 2009**

The Board met at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair and Jamie Tolfree present, Commissioner Paul Pearce was present via phone, for a staff meeting. Discussion included cost of living increases, contracts, joint meeting with the City of Stevenson, and debit card audit, with no action taken.

The Board gave updates on attendance at various meetings, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair, Jamie Tolfree and Paul Pearce present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Prosecutor advised of a request from the Community Development to take action on a gross nuisance and violation of health laws at a residence in Carson.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of item #3 that was removed.

1. Minutes for week of February 10, 2009.
2. Special occasion liquor license for American Legion Post 122 for March 14, 2009.
3. ~~Acknowledge receipt of a letter from Janine Clayton, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor regarding a notice of assessment.~~
4. Authorization to purchase 30 – 60” round banquet tables to replace existing tables in Rock Center Auditorium.
5. Agreement with Skamania County Mosquito Control District to provide pest management services around Home Valley Ball Park, WKO, and the Girl Scout Lakes.
6. Agreement modification #1 with UDSA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to extend the funds availability date and add the 2009 Financial and Operating Plan for law enforcement services.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor regarding a notice of assessment, and to pay the amount requested of \$1,522 for damages at an archaeological site caused by the moving of a building purchased by the County from the Forest Service.

The Board considered Ordinance 2009-01 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director presented a staff report, recommended approval and recommended setting a public hearing to receive public comments. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2009-01 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, March 17, 2009 to receive public comments regarding the adoption of Ordinance 2009-01 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months.

Sharon Tiffany, Interpretive Center Director reported on exhibits, events, marketing/fund raising, and administration.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding outstanding debit card purchases, state revenue forecasts and legislative issues, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported WRIA 29A, Swift Interim Zoning, and results of staff training day.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on projects and programs.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering Division, County Road, ER&R, Building Department, and Solid Waste.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on contracts, grants, assessing transit schedule, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 11:19 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and reconvened at 11:29 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Arnold Bell, Safety Committee Chair reported on the Safety Committee meeting of February 10, 2009. The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- Report #2008-E-20. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2008-E-21. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2008-E-24. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-01. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-02. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-01 was returned to the Safety Committee to be placed in the employees personnel file.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Assessor to discuss leasehold tax, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding litigation from 11:49 a.m. until 12:05 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009 and reconvened at 9:38 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson and Tolfree present. Commissioner Pearce was in Olympia attending the Legislative Steering Committee and testifying on a new Department of Natural Resources timber bill.

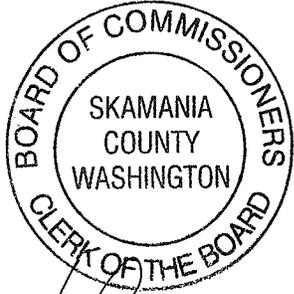
Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending February 19, 2009 in the total amount of \$211,748.69.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to discontinue the services of Foster Pepper concerning Hemlock Dam.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of February 10, 2009. Discussion included transportation issues, commission appointments, and Urban Boundary Rules updates.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

James D. Kishner  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Jamie Tolpelt  
Commissioner

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Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_