

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of October 27, 2009

The Board met on Tuesday, October 27, 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, in an executive session regarding potential litigation from 8:49 a.m. until 9:01 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a staff meeting and discussed Wind River Business Park, scheduling, food bank, contracts, training, and Mill A signage, with no action taken.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 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.

Gloria Howell advised of making a public records request for the Auditor's travel expenses, of the need for checks and balances, and presented her findings to the Board.

Chuck Bryan advised of his concerns with the lack of credibility of the Auditor and the need to review County policies.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for week of October 20, 2009.
2. Liquor license renewal application for Carson Mineral Hot Springs.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 8, 2009 to consider vacating roads listed in Resolution 2009-24.
4. Resolution 2009-48 Call for bids for the purchase of one 10-12 yard dump truck.
5. Resolution 2009-49 Repay Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund.
6. Agreement with Department of Natural Resources to provide grant funding for fuel reduction work for defensible space on private land in Skamania County.
7. Agreement with Stevenson-Carson School District for recording, editing and posting election related video to the PEG Channel and the internet.
8. Award the bid and contract to Meko Construction of Mountlake Terrace, WA for 2009-2010 snow plowing Forest Service 90 and 25 Roads.
9. Contract with The Latimore Company, LLC to provide consulting services to conduct a performance audit of the County development review process.
10. Contract with Washington Gorge Action Programs to implement and operate a Transitional Housing Program and Shelter Program in Skamania County.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period of October 6-26, 2009 in the total amount of \$2,308,766.50.

Todd Murray, WSU Cooperative Extension Agent reported on administration, 4-H, Wildfire Prevention Project, natural resource and small farm enterprises, new pest diagnosis, and gardening.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to send a letter to the Department Transportation supporting a request from the Mill A School Board for directional signing on SR14 to the community of Mill A.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and reconvened at 10:04 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding the Courthouse closure, flu update, and rescheduling the health fair, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on staff training, environmental health, National Scenic Area, and WRIA 29A quarterly meeting.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on facility construction projects and upcoming events.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Rock Creek material hauling project, State Road 14 pedestrian tunnels, Engineering Division and County Road projects, and ER&R.

The Board discussed the food bank and county governance, with no action taken.

Arnold Bell, Safety Committee Chair reported on the Safety Committee meeting of October 8, 2009.

- Report #2009-E-19. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The Board discussed county governance, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Noxious Weed Control to discuss milfoil reports, aquatic pesticide and future potential projects, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and reconvened at 11:27 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss development review process, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Central Services to discuss new equipment for the cable TV access channel and Richardson Group IT, with no action taken.

The Board discussed County representation at the upcoming Mt. Adams District Collaborative meeting in Troutdale, OR and the American Wind Energy Conference, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Nancy Ryke, Mt. Adams District Ranger and Tom Mulder, Mount St. Helens Monument District Ranger gave updates on Forest Service activities. Discussion included Pine Creek Information Center, collaborative groups, snow plowing, wolves, timber sales, bridges, and roads.

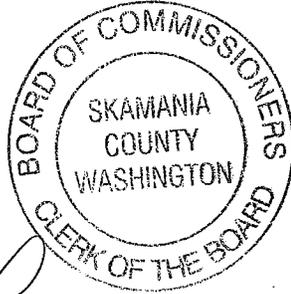
The meeting recessed at 2:07 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., with no action taken.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve registration fees in the amount of \$125, mileage and per diem at the county rate for Paul Spencer, representing the Board of Commissioner's Office on behalf of the Mt. Adams District Collaborative, to attend the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition policy meeting in Troutdale, OR.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jan D. Richardson
Commissioner
Jennie Taylor
Commissioner
Paul ...
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____