

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of December 8, 2009

A special meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2009 for the purpose of holding two public hearings as follows.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments and to consider adoption of the 2010 Preliminary Budget. Heidi Penner, Chief Deputy Auditor, Debbie Slack, Administrative Assistant, and Monica Masco, Accountant gave a summary of the budget process using the Eden Financial System, the availability of the Budget document to the public and the Budget layout. Commissioner Pearce gave a synopsis of the 2010 Preliminary Budget, comparison of the 2009 and 2010 Budgets, and an update on federal forest funds. Comments from the public included clarification of current expense and special revenue funds for various departments, costs for Rock Creek material cleanup, and internet booking tax for hotels/motels. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2010 Preliminary Budget and set a public hearing for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2009 to consider adoption of the 2010 Final Budget and to consider setting 2010 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding establishing a Comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for road and bridge construction work for the years 2010-2015. There was no public present. Larry Douglass, Public Works Director gave a staff report. The Board advised that the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program would be considered for adoption at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2009. The hearing was closed with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 6:04 p.m.

The Board met at 8:58 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 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 for a staff meeting. Discussion included public hearing notices, grant agreements, vouchers, distribution of remaining PUD Privilege Taxes, and appointments to the Mosquito Control Board, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 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.

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

1. Minutes for week of December 1, 2009.
2. Agreement with the Department of General Administration, amendment #5, to increase the amount by \$150,000 for change orders related to the construction/remodel of the Courthouse Annex.
3. Agreement with the Department of General Administration to allow intergovernmental cooperative purchasing of goods and services by public agencies.
4. Agreement with Department of Transportation to provide funding Hot Springs Avenue Reconstruction Project.
5. Agreement with multiple agencies setting the responsibilities of each agency for the proposed development, construction and future operation and maintenance of the Cape Horn Trail Project, funded under the Federal Forest Highway Program.
6. Agreement with USDA Forest Service, amendment #2, to provide funding for law enforcement services for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

7. Contract with Cascade Software, Inc, amendment #2, to increase the amount by \$1,225 to include creation of a transmittal form for Treasurer deposits and to load 2010 vendors into the database utilizing Auditors vendor records.
8. Contract with JWC Construction LLC, amendment #5, to increase the amount by \$100,299.53 for change orders related to the new Rock Creek Community Services Building and remodel of the existing Rock Creek Recreation Center.
9. Contract with Toweill Rice Taylor, LLC, amendment #1, to increase the amount by \$15,000 for hearing examiner services.
10. Contract with Wilson & Associates, amendment #10, to extend the term to December 31, 2010 for continuation of design and engineer services for the Courthouse remodel and Rock Creek Community Services Center.
11. Memorandum of Understanding between Skamania County Sheriff and Fire District #3 for use of space to establish a satellite office for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to waive the building permit fee associated with Permit #BP-201-09 for relocation of an existing building at Wind River Business Park, as requested by Facilities and Recreation.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously, with reference to the April 17, 2007 motion setting conditions for approval for the variance to private road requirement design standards for Camp Cedars Lane (private), to strike condition #2 requiring an asphalt surface 20-feet in width, based on the fact that this condition was never met with the issuance of the first building permit, as required in condition #4.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending November 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,085,539.42, with the exception of the Auditor's pay that was requested to be prorated through November 9, 2009.

The Board discussed the approval process for vouchers and set approval for 1:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 8, 2009 in the total amount of \$242,417.06.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on staff training.
- 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, events and activities.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Rock Creek material hauling project, State Road 14 pedestrian tunnels, and Engineering Division and County Road projects.

The Board discussed the process for appointing a new Auditor and directed the Clerk of the Board to schedule interviews with candidates.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve a request from the Prosecutor to reclassify the Prosecutor Office Manager to Chief Civil Deputy, effective January 1, 2010.

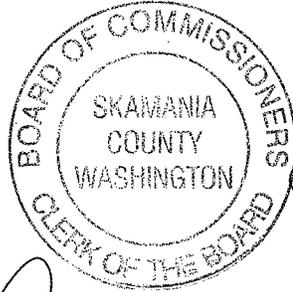
The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss road vacations and Hot Springs Avenue, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

A public hearing was held to consider the County Engineer's recommendations to vacate various county roads or portions of county roads, as set out in Resolution 2009-24. Commissioner Pearce advised of concerns regarding access easements for property owners and moved to rescind Resolution 2009-24 Intent to Vacate Various County Roads in its entirety until such time the easement issue is resolved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and carried unanimously. Comments from the public included implications of land locking property owners by vacating roads, request for a report addressing potential fire, safety, and various hazards, property values affected by road access, and commending the Board for rescinding the resolution. The hearing was closed with no further action.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Anderson
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jim Richardson
Commissioner

Jamie Tolfree
Commissioner

Paul Pearce
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____