

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of August 18, 2009

The Board met at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday, August 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 for a staff meeting. Discussion included the Fairgrounds grandstand roof, WCIF insurance rates, reporting for WSDOT funds, appointments, and the Auditor Accounting Technician II position, 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 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, August 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.

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

1. Minutes of August 4, 2009.
2. Special occasion liquor license for Skamania County Fair Board for September 12 & 13, 2009 at Home Valley Park.
3. Notice of contract completion with Porter W. Yett Company, Inc for the Port of Skamania County Cement Treated Base project.
4. Acknowledge claim for damages from Embarq CMR Claims TPA.
5. Acknowledge claim for damages from Richard Solinger.
6. Acknowledge claim for damages from Robert & Melissa Anderson.
7. Acknowledge claim for damages from Winnie J. Alway.
8. Agreement with Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc to provide paper shredding services for the Prosecutor.
9. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District for Firewise Education, Outreach and Fuels Reduction Title III Program for 2009.
10. Contract with Columbia River Mental Health to provide mental health short-term residential care and/or crisis stabilization, as needed.
11. Contract with Pawnee Brown to assess needs and provide strategies/training and programs focused on substance abuse prevention.
12. Contract with Skamania County Economic Development Council to provide a summary document in response to Insitu's Request for Information for a Campus Development Project to accommodate their growth in the region.
13. Grant award from the US Department of Justice for funds to help pay for the purchase of IBR Software for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve the selection of Wallis Engineering to perform engineering services for the design of the Cape Horn Trail - SR14 Pedestrian Underpass Project and authorize staff to negotiate and prepare a contract for approval.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Washington Counties Risk Pool options and payments as follows:

- Policy Limits – accept \$5 million excess coverage over the \$20 million coverage.
- Policy Deductible – retain the \$25,000 deductible limit.
- Property Insurance – continue the current property insurance program with Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve the Auditor Accounting Technician II revised job description.

Sharon Tiffany, Interpretive Center Director reported on accessions and exhibits, events, marketing and fundraising, and administration.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a public records request from American Rivers with regards to PacifiCorp's Condit Hydroelectric Project.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to request a letter to be prepared to American Rivers for the Chair to sign advising that no such records exist.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding a county website development project, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on environmental health, National Scenic Area, Planning Commission, and an upcoming performance audit.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on the Fair and various projects and programs.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, State Road 14 Pedestrian Tunnels, Engineering Division and County Road projects, and ER&R.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on filling a vacant Case Manager position, transportation, contracts, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Central Services to discuss hiring for the vacant Computer Services Technician position and the monitoring process by Richardson Group IT, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss Solid Waste, upcoming ER&R meetings, Small Community Rural Grants, meeting request from the City of Stevenson, and updates on various projects, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and reconvened at 11:42 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC. Discussion included 25 Year Anniversary planning, grant source funding, cultural advisory committee, National Scenic Area Act, and Commission appointments.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 1:33 p.m. until 1:56 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:56 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 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 amending the 2009 Title III application for Skamania County Forest Youth Success Project to increase the funding, from \$132,807 to \$147,563, to include additional operating costs for providing employment and forest related educational opportunities on the national forest for high school age youth. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to increase the funding to \$147,563 for 2009.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2009-29 amending Skamania County 2007 Comprehensive Plan to revise mapping errors to Figures 2-2, 2-3 and Figure E-2 that were previously adopted in error. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director gave a staff report. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-29.

A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2009-02 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director gave a staff report. Jerry Sauer presented options for possible remedies for Swift Subarea landowners who were in progress with development plans prior to the three year moratorium. The hearing was closed to public comments. The Board requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss camping cabins in the Swift Subarea. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2009-02.

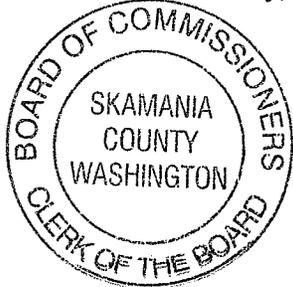
A public hearing was held to receive public comment regarding the adoption of Ordinance 2009-03 on July 28, 2009, re-establishing for six months the moratorium on unzoned land. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director gave a staff report. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed without further action.

The meeting recessed at 5:47 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 and reconvened at 9:40 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending August 20, 2009 in the total amount of \$975,557.13.

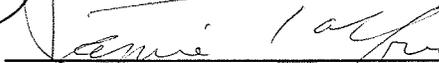
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2009.

ATTEST:




Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____