

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting for Week of September 15, 2009**

The Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 8:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a staff meeting. Discussion included health insurance rates, scheduling, and training, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 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 for week of September 8, 2009.
2. Approve funding and authorize Facilities & Recreation to proceed with a contract and/or amendments with the Department of General Administration for Phase 2 Energy Efficiency/Modernization and Renewable/Clean Technology Upgrades Project.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, October 6, 2009 to consider Resolution 2009-34 Supplemental Budget #1 for 2009.
4. Resolution 2009-35 Dissolving Wind River Business Park Petty Cash Fund.
5. Resolution 2009-36 Loan funds from Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund.
6. Agreement with Department of Commerce to provide funding for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program to improve the community response to violence against women.
7. Agreement with Department of Transportation to provide funding to sustain existing dial-a-ride services route and deviated services for the general public.
8. Agreement with Human Services Council to provide funding for Medicaid transportation services.
9. Agreement with US Forest Service to approve Schedule A and the Annual Maintenance Plan to the Forest Road Agreement between the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the County.
10. Contract amendment #1 with Skamania County Mosquito Control District to increase the amount by \$6,000 for providing integrated pest management services on specific areas of land in Skamania County.
11. Contract with Washington State Military Department (D09-099 FEMA 1817-DR-WA), amendment B to correct a clerical error in the original contract and clarify the Limitation of Authority roles and responsibilities.
12. Memorandum of Understanding regarding 2008-2009 Professional Office Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement to recognize the positions of Senior Planners, Associate Planners and Assistant Planners as non-exempt employees, effective October 1, 2009.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Coordinator reported on the 2009 Skamania County Fair, Garlic Mustard, website, applicator testing, Milfoil, and Title II and Knotweed.

The Board discussed their attendance at various meetings, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and reconvened at 10:03 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding CDC recommendations for the length of time persons with influenza-like illness should be away from others, phone tree, and human resource support, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on the Planning Commission, environmental health, and County Code provisions.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on 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 the transportation program, staffing, training, programs, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and reconvened at 10:32 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss Census 2010 forms, Firewise and Critical Areas, and National Scenic Area contract with the Department of Commerce, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss the Birkenfeld property, vehicle auction results, winter guidelines notification process, various road projects, and speed zone changes, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and reconvened at 11:40 a.m., the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of September 8, 2009. Discussion included the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Regional Economic Group, NSA boundary adjustments, a memorandum of understanding between the CRGC and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, and removal of the Hemlock Dam.

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Representatives from Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities gave a presentation on services from all funding sources and a recent Aging Readiness Forum.

The meeting recessed at 2:12 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-37 allowing certain wildfire planning activities within critical area buffers.

Representatives from the Workforce Housing Task Force gave a presentation on Task Force activities, results of a recently conducted survey, the need for affordable housing for the workforce in Skamania County, and suggestion to consider amending portions of the County Code, with regards to building affordable housing. The Board requested the Task Force to present their proposal to the Board.

