

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

The Board met at 8:42 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 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 debit cards, contracts, upcoming joint county special meeting, and a WCIF request for biometric screening clinic, with no action taken.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:33 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 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.

Coby Wright requested that a monthly newsletter be compiled by the Board of Commissioner and is web based.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Items #2 and #12 that were removed:

1. Minutes for week of March 10, 2009.
2. ~~Acknowledge receipt of a letter from Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board regarding hours of operation for various offices.~~
3. Acknowledge receipt of a Claim for Damages from Lance D. Fitzjarrald and Kimberly Fitzjarrald.
4. Acknowledge receipt of a Claim for Damages from Sarah Harrington.
5. Notice of completion of contract for James Dean Construction, Inc for Salmon Falls Park & Ride and Canyon Creek Road Realignment.
6. Notice of liquor license application for Carson Ridge B&B.
7. Authorize the increase of \$500 from the ER&R Fund to ER&R Capital Equipment budget to be added to budgeted funds for the purchase of a 2009 replacement vehicle for vehicle #680.
8. Agreement with Gail Fullerton for rental of House #1053 at Wind River Business Park.
9. Agreement with Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc to provide shredding services for the Sheriff's Office.
10. Contract renewal with Columbia Gorge Fire Equipment Company to maintain fire extinguishers in county facilities.
11. Memorandum of Understanding between Wind River Business Park and Skamania County Firewise Program for the use of office space in Building #2025 at Wind River Business Park for January through March 2009.
12. ~~Resolution 2009-12 designating county individuals for the applicable and required relationships with the Washington Counties Risk Pool.~~

Commissioner Pearce, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board regarding hours of operation for various offices, and to send a letter of response.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on an upcoming Washington State Weed Coordinators Conference, Noxious Weed Board Survey Standards Committee, Title II project areas for 2009, a memorandum of understand with Pierce Wildlife Area, available information regarding noxious weeds, milfoil project, and gave an update on Yellow Flag Iris.

The Board was in agreement that new agenda items should be discussed by the full Board prior to approval.

The meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 10:03 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 WRIA 29A and Swift Interim Zoning.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering Division and County Road projects, and the Building Department.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on 2008 grant inventories, upcoming monitoring by Southwest Washington Area on Aging and Disabilities, and risk management.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on various projects and programs.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Sheriff to discuss sex offender release in Skamania County, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to direct the Community Development Department staff to conduct well drilling inspections prior to permit approval within the National Scenic Area or Critical Areas, as the delegated authority for the Washington State Department of Ecology to ensure compliance with State well drilling laws and regulations. The property owner will be notified of the requirements to submit an after-the-fact National Scenic Area or Critical Area land use application and the standard fee shall be charged instead of the after-the-fact fee, in effect at the time of submittal. After-the-fact applications for wells shall be submitted within 30 days of notification of the permit requirements. If the after-the-fact application is not submitted within 30 days of notification, the after-the-fact fee will be charged and enforcement proceeding will be commenced. It was further moved that if during the after-the-fact review the well location cannot be mitigated to comply with the intent of the National Scenic Area or Critical Area regulations, the well will be required to be decommissioned and any new well will have to be located outside of the area of avoidance.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 11:07 a.m. until 11:17 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss FEMA, contract change orders, and fencing at Salmon Falls Park and Ride, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Tolfree and Pearce present. Commissioner Richardson joined the meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of March 10, 2009. Discussion included meeting locations, budget, Management Plan review and amendments, and Multnomah County ordinance amendments.

The meeting recessed at 1:27 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board discussed designating county individuals for continuing relationships with the Washington Counties Risk Pool, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding potential litigation from 1:42 p.m. until 1:57 p.m., with no action taken.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-12 designating county individuals for the applicable and required relationships with the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

The Board discussed public meeting scheduling and the WCIF preferred provider in the local area, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

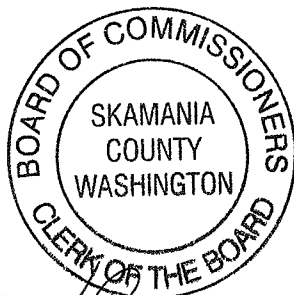
A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding the Board's action of February 18, 2009 adopting Ordinance 2009-01 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director presented a staff report and recommended no further action. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed with no further action.

The meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and reconvened at 9:36 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson present. Commissioner Pearce was present via phone.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending December 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$59,376.58 and vouchers for the period ending March 18, 2009 in the total amount of \$307,298.55.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jim Richardson
Commissioner

Paul Pearce
Commissioner

Jamie Tolfree
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____