

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

The Board met at 8:38 a.m. on Tuesday, December 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 for a staff meeting. Discussion included contracts, scheduling, holidays, PUD privilege tax letters of interest, working out of class, and Risk Pool managers training, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to increase the Chief Deputy Auditor position by two salary ranges, effective November 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, based on this position working out of class due to the Auditor's resignation.

The board met in executive session from 9:15 a.m. until 9:35 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, December 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 Pearce gave an update on federal forest funding.

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

1. Minutes for week of December 8, 2009.
2. Certification of 2010 Property Tax Levies for PUD #1, Cemetery District (revised), City of Stevenson, City of North Bonneville, Fire District #4, and Fire District #6.
3. 2010 FFY Certifications and Assurances to Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs for Senior Services.
4. Agreement with Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency to provide funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance Region 4 preparedness, which includes acquisition of equipment, coordination of exercise, training, and planning.
5. Contract renewal with Apex Transcription Service to provide services to transcribe psychiatrist taped clinical notes for client files.
6. Contract renewal with Associated Counselors, Inc to provide mental health treatment and crisis services.
7. Contract renewal with Bryce McCollum, PhD to provide chemical dependency services and assessments.
8. Contract renewal with Daniel Ferber, MD to provide mental health treatment and medication management.
9. Contract renewal with Elke Geiger to provide HIPAA consultation and on-site training and materials for Community Health.
10. Contract renewal with ProtoCall Services, Inc to provide crisis call screening when Community Health office is closed.
11. Contract renewal with Reinelda Doody to provide Spanish/English interpreter services for mental health and chemical dependency clients and Community Health staff.
12. Resolution 2009-55 allowing weight restrictions to be applied to affected roads within Skamania County when deemed by the County Engineer that such operation will damage such county road or will be dangerous to traffic.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan establishing an indirect cost rate for Federal awards.

The Board presented a plaque to Hans Strauss in recognition of his retirement.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on environmental health, 2010 department fee schedule, National Scenic Area, and milfoil project.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on facility construction projects and 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..
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on the transportation program, vehicle monitoring, training, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss energy programs and system updates, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss road classification, utility standards, Rock Creek material haul, and Building and Well performance audit, with no action taken.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of December 8, 2009. Discussion included performance audit and budget.

The meeting recessed at 11:54 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a phone conference with Tova Cochrane, District Manager for Underwood Conservation District to discuss a grant agreement for wildfire hazard reduction programs, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the draft personnel policy, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Chief Deputy Auditor to discuss homeless housing and payroll, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and reconvened at 3:10 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board discussed the Department of Corrections contract termination with the Prosecutor and Sheriff, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:34 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 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 Resolution 2009-52 Supplemental Budget #3 for 2009. Commissioner Pearce gave an explanation of the fund to be supplemented. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-52.

A public hearing was held to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state Community Development Block Grant, receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low- and moderate-income persons and persons residing in the areas of Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and to receive comments on Skamania County and Washington Gorge Action Program's past performance and use of their 2009 CDBG Public Services Grant awards. Information regarding the availability of CDBG funds, eligible uses, and income guidelines was available and distributed to interested parties in attendance. Linda Schneider, Director for Washington Gorge Action Programs reported on 2009 services provided, donations and homeless housing; and advised of services that would be provided in 2010 for nutrition, housing, employment and retail sales training program. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-53, authorizing submission of the 2010 CDBG Public Services Grant Application and Certifications of Compliance to the Department of Commerce.

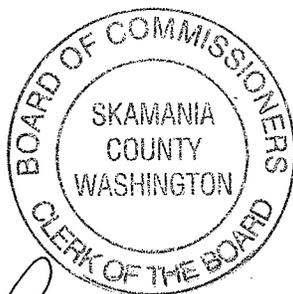
A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2009-05 revising Skamania County Code Chapter 8.04 Public Health District to establish a local health jurisdiction. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director gave a staff report. Dr. Alan Melnick, Health Officer for Skamania County concurred with the proposed Ordinance. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2009-05.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2009-50 adopting a Community Development Fee Schedule to replace all previous Department of Planning and Community Development and Environmental Health Department fee schedule resolutions. Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director gave a staff report. There were no comments from the public. Deliberations by the Board included fees for temporary food events for non-profit organizations. Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-50, with an amendment to Temporary Food Establishment License to include a reduced fee for a temporary food permit for one temporary event conducted by a valid Skamania County non-profit organization.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve the 2010-2011 Managers Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jan D. Richardson
Commissioner

James Tolfree
Commissioner

Paul Pearce
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____