

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of January 6, 2009

The Board met at 9:12 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair, Paul Pearce and Jamie Tolfree present for a staff meeting. Discussion included appointments, personnel, health insurance, Legislative Rally, and Title II and III Programs, with no action taken. The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair, Paul Pearce and Jamie Tolfree 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 December 30, 2008.
2. Acknowledge receipt of designation of First Independent Bank as depository bank for Skamania County funds for 2009.
3. Acknowledge receipt of Property Tax Refunds granted by Treasurer during 2008.
4. Acknowledge receipt of Claim for Damages from Chazmon J. Warnes.
5. Certification of 2009 Property Tax Levies from taxing districts for collection in 2009.
6. Interlocal agreement with Klickitat County granting Klickitat County the authority to manage and coordinate all activity related to Condit Dam.
7. Interagency agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to complete a 12-inch resolution aerial photography and orthophoto mapping project of portions of Skamania County.
8. Contract with On-track Groundworks to provide snow plowing service for the Northwestern Lake Area.
9. Contract with Riverside Electric, LLC to complete electrical and phone connection to the new Stevenson Fuel site located at the WSDOT site along SR 14 west of Stevenson.
10. Contract with Zakula Beal Auctioneers for sale of surplus vehicles.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to adopt the May 29, 2001 letter from the Administrative Services Manager to the Auditor's Office as the interim longevity pay policy until June 2009, pending adoption of a new policy.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve a request from the Superior Court Judge to declare the Superior Court Administrator position exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

John Carlson, Emergency Management Coordinator reported on winter weather, monitoring of Mount St. Helens, Piper Road/Rock Creek Landslide, All Hazards Mitigation Planning, Region IV Multi-Agency Coordination, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Emergency Management Performance Grant, Washington State Staging Area Working Group, Fire Wise Program, Community Emergency Response Team Program, County Local Emergency Planning Committee, National Incident Management System compliance, Mt. Hood Planning Team, Search and Rescue training, and Emergency Operations

Center.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and reconvened at 10:33 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding health insurance opt-out, collective bargaining agreements, and the need to establish community contact lists for inclement weather/emergency needs, with no action taken.

§ Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.

§ 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 janitorial contract, Community Health Building, Exhibit Hall, bridge between the Old Jail and Courthouse, Win Cams/Point of Sale, employee training for Outlook and Excel, and Wind River Business Park.

§ Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Piper Road Slide, Engineering Division, County Road Division, ER&R, Building Department, Solid Waste, and the status of snow plowing Forest Service 90 and 25 Roads.

§ Marilyn Butler, Administrative Services Director reported on the budget, personnel, call for Title II proposals, and Senior Services.

The Board discussed a proposed memorandum of understanding regarding historical properties associated with Wind River Nursery conveyance, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding litigation from 11:14 a.m. until 11:35 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and reconvened at 11:50 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

Larry Douglass, Public Works Director presented an updated report from Mark Yinger Associates regarding the Piper Road landslide. Discussion included recent expansion of the landslide, City utilities, and dewatering, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and reconvened at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 8:45 a.m. until 9:25 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009, and reconvened at 9:50 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

The Board participated in a staff workshop to discuss Washington, D.C. lobbying and Commissioner Committee Assignments, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 9:55 a.m. until 10:27 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board continued in a staff workshop to discuss Commissioner Committee Assignments, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009, and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-01 declaring a local emergency due to flooding and landslide activity.

The Board discussed cellular service for the North County area, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Linda Schneider, Director for Washington Gorge Action Programs to discuss Board of Director appointments, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a staff workshop to discuss appointments made by the Board of Commissioners, committee assignments, and budget appropriations for the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009, and reconvened at 9:32 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$120,580.81.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 8, 2009 in the total amount of \$3,264.54.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending December 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$1,073,309.97.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Richardson as Chair and Commissioner Tolfree as Vice-Chair for 2009.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 9:44 a.m. until 9:53 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 9:54 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009.

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