

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 22, 2009

The Board met at 8:49 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22, 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 Auditor appointment, training, scheduling, probation department, and contracts, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 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 December 15, 2009.
2. Appoint Tony Coates to serve in Position 3-A on the Planning Commission for a term expiring August 31, 2013.
3. Agreement with the Department of General Administration, amendment #3, rescinding and cancelling the remainder of the obligations under original agreement #2007-751, to be replaced by new agreement #2009-712 for Hot Springs Avenue reconstruction project.
4. Agreement with Department of General Administration #2009-712 to provide contract administration services for Hot Springs Avenue reconstruction project.
5. Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to provide funding for snowmobile and sno-park enforcement services during the winter months.
6. Agreement with Washington State Patrol, amendment #1, to increase the amount by \$1,869.33 for the Domestic Marijuana Eradication/Suppression Program.
7. Contract with JWC Construction LLC, amendment #6, to increase the amount by \$35,289.49 for change orders related to the new Rock Creek Community Services Building and remodel of the existing Rock Creek Recreation Center.
8. Contract with McNealy Excavation, Inc for snow plowing of roads in District 1, as directed by the County Road Superintendent and/or his Foreman.
9. Contract with Olson Engineering, Inc, amendment #5, to revise scope of work, extend the term to June 30, 2010, and increase funding by \$3,400 for additional Courthouse surveying.
10. Contract with Wallis Engineering, amendment #1, to modify the scope of work for engineering services for the design of the Cape Horn Trail-SR 14 Pedestrian Underpass project.
11. Resolution 2009-54 Certification of Land Use Consistency Review for the amended application for the Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project, and repealing Resolution 2009-22 in its entirety.
12. Resolution 2009-56 establishing 2010 Holidays.

The Board participated in a phone conference with Tova Cochrane of Underwood Conservation District (UCD) and Joe Weeks of the Department of Natural Resources regarding grant agreement IAA#10-182 for wildfire hazard reduction programs and projects oversight. All were in agreement that UCD could utilize the remaining funds via a memorandum of understanding with the County to continue the programs.

Sally Mansur, WSU Cooperative Extension staff reported on administration, 4-H, natural resource and small farm enterprises, Rural Family Economic Success, and the Wildfire Prevention Project.

The Board reviewed and discussed requests from Junior Taxing Districts for distribution of approximately \$9,800 in remaining PUD Privilege Taxes. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to distribute \$2,500 to Fire District #6, and the remaining amount to Fire District #1, provided that Fire District #1 purchased the equipment in their request no later than June 1, 2010; with the caveat that if Fire District #1 did not meet the purchase deadline of June 1, 2010, then the remaining amount would be distributed as follows: Fire District #1 - \$1,500, Fire District #5, \$2,400, and Home Valley Water, \$2,000.

Department Heads presented the following reports.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on Planning Commission At-Large vacancy, National Scenic Area, Swift Interim Zoning and Unzoned Land Moratorium, and Public Participation Plan.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on facility construction projects, events and activities.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Rock Creek material hauling project, State Road 14 pedestrian tunnels, and Engineering Division and County Road projects.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on home care monitoring, luncheons, H1N1 Flu clinic, financial software implementation, year-end close outs, office closure, and the availability of a 2009 mini-van.

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Buzz Davis, Safety Committee representative reported on the Safety Committee meeting of December 10, 2009. The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- Report #2009-E-20. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-21. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The Board discussed an expense voucher for a Senior Services employee for reimbursement for the purchase of gift certificates, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Noxious Weed Control to discuss district boundaries and grants, with no action taken.

Paul Spencer reported his attendance at a Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition meeting on December 7-9, 2009. Commissioner Tolfree and Paul Spencer agreed to serve on the Biomass Working Group subcommittee and the Rural Conservation-Based Economic Development Working Group subcommittee.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 11:34 a.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss Building Code fees, with no action taken.

The board met in executive session regarding personnel from 11:48 a.m. until 12:03 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss a performance audit, food contract, training, and Courthouse Annex pre-move, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board interviewed Teri Wyckoff for the appointment of County Auditor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board interviewed Heidi Penner for the appointment of County Auditor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

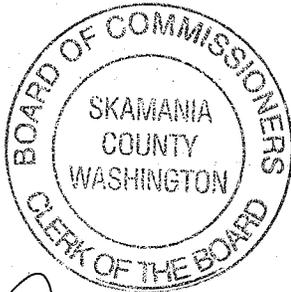
The Board interviewed Tim Todd for the appointment of County Auditor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:59 p.m. with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board discussed election costs for the May 20, 2008 Special Election for Washougal School District #112-6. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously, with reference to the above Special Election, that the bill submitted by the Auditor to the Treasurer for election costs in the amount of \$26,502.24 be reduced by \$7,147.25, the amount of the Auditor's salary, and said amount be transferred from the Election Reserve Fund to the Washougal School District Junior Taxing District Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Anderson
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jamie Richardson
Commissioner
Jamie Tolfree
Commissioner
Paul Pearce
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____