

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of February 24, 2009

The Board met at 9:25 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 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 supplemental budget, debit card audit, life insurance for chore workers, training, health insurance vouchers, risk management, scheduling, and appointments, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Tuesday, February 24, 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.

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

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

1. Minutes for week of February 17, 2009.
2. Authorization to purchase recycle bags.
3. Agreement with Department of General Administration to provide contractor selection choices for energy efficiency studies.
4. Agreement with Department of General Administration, amendment #1, to extend the term to December 31, 2009 for providing contract administration for the Hot Springs Avenue Reconstruction Project.
5. Agreement with Department of Licensing, amendment #3, to extend the term to June 30, 2011 for providing vehicle licensing services.
6. Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, amendment #1, modifying funding for chemical dependency prevention, intervention, and treatment services.
7. Amendment #1 to the Lewis River Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement necessary to resolve inconsistencies between the agreement and the new licenses for the Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
8. Contract with British Soccer - Challenger Sports Corporation to provide youth summer soccer instruction and outdoor soccer fields or training area.
9. Contract with Darlene Dickson to provide consultation and training on Senior Services fiscal, grant and reporting issues.
10. Contract with IRZ Consulting, LLC, amendment #1, to extend the term to December 31, 2009 and increase the payment for services by \$3,250 for providing technical assistance for water right and other engineering issues related to the Wind River Business Park.
11. Contract with Olson Engineering to provide engineering fieldwork in conjunction with the Courthouse electrical project.
12. Contract with Olson Engineering, amendment #3, to extend the term to December 31, 2009 for providing rainwater reuse feasibility research.
13. Contract with Wilson & Associates, amendment #4, to extend the term to December 31, 2009 for providing design and engineering services for the Courthouse remodel and Rock Creek Community Services Center.
14. Letter of agreement with Wheeler Management Assistance for Basic Supervision in the Public Sector Training for Public Works and Facilities and Recreation Departments.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and reconvened at 10:34 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Pearce and Tolfree present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding results of the debit card audit and putting audio of Commissioners meetings on the County website, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on WRIA 29A, 2009 Community Growth Update, and a SEPA appeal hearing.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on various projects and programs.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slide activity, various projects for the Engineering Division and County Road, ER&R, Building Department, and Solid Waste.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on training, legislative issues, grants, and risk management.

Todd Murray, WSU Cooperative Extension Agent reported on a WSU Extension Symposium, proposed scenarios for state budget reduction, Horizons, 4-H, and Firewise Project.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss transportation stimulus funds, Rock Creek conveyance, and FEMA update, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:23 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and reconvened at 1:37 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce and Tolfree present. Commissioner Richardson was present via phone.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to waive the fee for the environmental checklist for a single wind turbine project proposed by Rodrick Litchfield.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to re-raise the flag and to only lower the flag in memory of soldiers, law enforcement officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2009-05 Supplemental Budget #7 for 2008. Debbie Slack, Administrative Assistant to the Board advised that \$10,000 to supplement ER&R fuel costs does not need to be included and should be removed. There was no public present. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-05, as amended.

The meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and reconvened at 5:15 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce and Tolfree present. Commissioner Richardson was present via phone.

The Board participated in a joint meeting with the City of Stevenson to discuss Rock Creek conveyance. Present from the City of Stevenson were Mayor Dave McKenzie, Council Members Monica Masco, Judith Lanz, Chris Ford, and Kathleen Morrow, City Administrator Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, City Public Works Director Eric Hanson, and City Planner Ben Shoemaker; Department of Transportation representative John Hagedorn, and Skamania County Public Works Director Larry Douglass. Discussion included potential stimulus funding for flood control, the need to submit an application for funding to the Department of Ecology, an update on the County's recent meeting with Jay Manning of the Department of Ecology, an overview of the scope of work for the proposed project, the need to utilize local employment, permitting, mitigation, update on the SR 14 Bridge, and the suggestion to meet quarterly regarding this project.

The meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and reconvened at 9:46 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson and Tolfree present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Noxious Weed Control to discuss a stimulus fund proposal for noxious weed treatments, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009 and reconvened at 9:39 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson and Tolfree present.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending December 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$37,972.88.

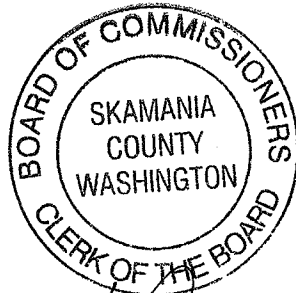
Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending February 24, 2009 in the total amount of \$181,865.31.

Commissioner Pearce joined the meeting via phone at approximately 9:51 a.m.

The Board discussed funds for the Search and Rescue Building and the budget process, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 2009.

ATTEST:



Patricia Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jim Richardson
Commissioner
Paul Pearson
Commissioner
Jamie Tolfree
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____