

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting for Week of October 20, 2009**

The Board met at 8:48 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 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, budget, and training, with no action taken.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:22 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 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 advised of his concerns with the Health Department being closed on Fridays during the flu season.

Dave L'Hommedieu inquired as to how much of the current budget was funded from reserve funds and the balance of the reserve funds.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Items #5 and #6 that were removed:

1. Minutes for week of October 13, 2009.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, November 10, 2009 to consider Supplemental Budget #2 for 2009.
3. Authorize \$1,500 for Skamania County's portion of the Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone booth at the 2010 American Wind Energy Association Conference and Exhibition to be held in Dallas in May 2010.
4. Resolution 2009-44 Distribution of 2008 Federal Forest Fund Title III Receipts from Treasurer's Trust.
- ~~5. Resolution 2009-45 Transfer funds from Cumulative Reserve Salaries, Wages, and Benefits Fund to Current Expense Fund.~~
- ~~6. Agreement amendment #1 with Stevenson-Carson School District and the City of Stevenson to amend the obligations of the school district to include recording, editing, and posting recorded video and increasing the payment amount by \$2,000 over the term of the agreement regarding the Public/Educational/Governmental Access Channel.~~
7. Agreement with Greater Columbia Behavioral Health for Mental Health Block Grant funds for psychiatric services and costs of prescription medicine for unfunded clients.
8. Agreement with Kelly/Wasem dba CTS II, amendment #1, to increase the amount by \$10,000 for providing consultation and advocacy services to be used in securing federal funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.
9. Contract with Department of General Administration, amendment #3, to authorize funding and proceeding with Phase 2 of the Energy Efficiency/Modernization and Renewable/Clean Technology Upgrades for various County facilities.

Casey Roeder, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce advised of an organized gorge-wide food drive during the month of November. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to proclaim November 2009 as Hunger Action Month.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to proclaim October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Title III Projects for 2010 were approved as follows:

1. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Skamania County Inmate Work Crew Project, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff, in the amount of \$51,842, minus 12.5% project administrative overhead, with reimbursement of the actual cost of administrative overhead.
2. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services Project, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff, in the amount of \$208,818, minus 12.5% project administrative overhead, with reimbursement of the actual cost of administrative overhead.
3. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve North Country Emergency Medical Services St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of \$80,000, minus 12.5% project administrative overhead, with reimbursement of the actual cost of administrative overhead.
4. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Forest Youth Success Project, sponsored by Stevenson-Carson School District 303 and WSU Extension 4-H, in the amount of \$137,384 (one-half project cost), minus 12.5% project administrative overhead, with reimbursement of the actual cost of administrative overhead.
5. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Skamania County Firewise Education, Outreach and Fuels Reduction Project, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District, up to \$135,302, pending the balance of carryover funds from 2009, minus 12.5% project administrative overhead, with reimbursement of the actual cost of administrative overhead.
6. The Board advised that the 2009 Public Private Partnership Cellular Phone Service Swift Subarea Project in the amount of \$100,000 would be carried over to 2010.

Sharon Tiffany, Interpretive Center Director reported on accessions and exhibits, events, marketing and fund raising, and administration.

The meeting recessed at 10:07 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 10:19 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 the budget, staff training, and environmental health.
- 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 and upcoming 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.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a letter of resignation from County Auditor Mike Garvison, effective March 31, 2010, presented by the Chief Deputy Auditor.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-46 to partially repay Current Expense Fund loans.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-47 to loan funds from Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to the Current Expense Fund and the Election Reserve Fund.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss a call for bids for a dump truck, Rock Creek update, Annual and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, road vacation update, and Solid Waste, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 11:40 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of October 13, 2009. Discussion included the proposed Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project, Oregon Department of Transportation tour of the historic Columbia River Highway, and staffing reduction.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Representatives from the Homeless Housing Council gave a presentation on proposed Transitional Housing and Shelter Programs for Skamania County and a proposed budget for implementation and operation of the programs.

The meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 2:39 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities & Recreation to discuss the Rock Creek Community Services Center, Courthouse Annex, Courthouse Electrical, and Fairgrounds capital improvement projects, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding potential litigation from 3:11 p.m. until 3:18 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Central Services to discuss network management and upgrades, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and reconvened at 4:10 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

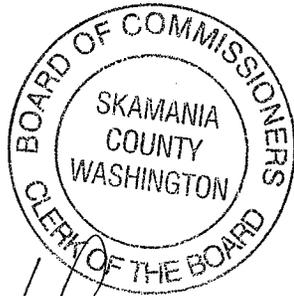
The Board continued in a workshop with Central Services to discuss network management and upgrades, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to send a letter to King County Council Chair Dow Constantine requesting King County to reinstate dues for the Washington State Association of Counties.

The Board advised of sending a letter to the State Auditor requesting an audit of the County Auditor's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

**ATTEST:**



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

John D. Kihlstedt  
Commissioner

Jamie Tolpelt  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 5  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_