

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting for Week of January 13, 2009**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 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 the budget, update on Senior Services, claims, and scheduling, with no action taken.

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

The Board met in executive session regarding litigation from 9:14 a.m. until 9:43 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board continued in discussion regarding updates on attendance at various meetings, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 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 moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for week of January 6, 2009.
2. Acknowledge submission of Commissioner Tolfree's letter to the US Department of Agriculture, Gifford Pinchot National Forest regarding Violation File No. 2360.
3. Acknowledge receipt of Claim for Damages from Sean Bliss and Cindy Bliss.
4. Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs.
5. Agreement with Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc to provide shredding services for documents that have reached their retention schedule.
6. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District (UCD) to provide project development support for the Canyon Creek Restoration project.
7. Contract amendment #1 with Mark Yinger Associates to provide ongoing geologist consulting services for the Piper Road slide.
8. Contract amendment #2 with Advanced Planning Solutions, Inc to extend the term to December 31, 2009 to complete a stormwater utility district ordinance.
9. Contract renewal with Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism & provide visitor information services.
10. Contract renewal with Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center to display & maintain Skamania County Artifacts.
11. Contract renewal with Domestic Violence Council to provide assistance & counseling to residents.
12. Contract renewal with Economic Development Council to provide business recruitment, retention & community development activities.
13. Contract renewal with Senior Services Inc to operate & maintain a Senior Services Center in North

Bonneville.

14. Contract renewal with Washington Gorge Action Programs to operate a public food bank in Stevenson.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge Commissioner Tolfree's letter of testimony to the Columbia River Gorge Commission regarding Portland General Electric's proposal to Oregon DEQ concerning the Boardman Coal-Fired Power Plant.

Peggy Bryan, Executive Director for Skamania County Economic Development Council reported on the Wind River Business Park. Discussion included the status of an agreement with the Port for management services at WRBP and an update on leases.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 am. Tuesday, January 13, 2009 and reconvened at 10:34 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, with no action taken.

§ Marilyn Butler, Administrative Services Director reported on the budget, personnel, Title III applications, and Senior Services.

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

§ Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported the National Scenic Area, office staffing, staff training day, end of year report, department workshop, and upcoming public hearing regarding the decision to extend the moratorium on unzoned land.

§ Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, public health, and upcoming meetings.

§ Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on various projects and programs.

§ Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on the Piper Road slide, storm damage, Engineering Division, County Road Division, ER&R, Building Department, and Solid Waste.

The Board discussed draft water right decisions by the Department of Ecology for four applications associated with the Wind River Nursery Project, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2009 and reconvened at 8:43 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 8:43 a.m. until 9:40 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss the Birkenfeld easement, Stevenson fuel tank, and storm damages, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, 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 Community Development to discuss workshop schedule for January, upcoming WRIA 29A meeting, and environmental health, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss Wind River Nursery water and bids for Courthouse custodial services, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a staff workshop to discuss staffing and scheduling, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2009, and reconvened at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 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 \$791,850.99.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending January 14, 2009 in the total amount of \$100,700.02.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of January 13, 2009. Discussion included PGE's proposed Boardman Coal-Fired Power Plant, Commission member resignation, update on Rules Making Committee, Vital Signs Indicators Project, funding, salmon recovery, development, and enforcement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2009.

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