

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting for Week of January 27, 2009**

The Board met at 9:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair and Paul Pearce present for a staff meeting. Discussion included conference phone and scheduling, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners James D. Richardson, Chair and Paul Pearce present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Mulcihy, a Senior Services employee advised of his concerns regarding the work schedule and lunch/break periods.

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

1. Minutes for week of January 20, 2009.
2. Special occasion liquor license for American Legion Post 112 for February 14, 2009.
3. Liquor license renewals for bungalow Bar and Grill and Wind River Market.
4. Notice to the public for solicitation for 2009 Title III Projects.
5. Acknowledge receipt of Claim for Damages from Terry Steeves.
6. Certification of the 2009 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue Produced to the County Road Administration Board.
7. Authorize 2009 Washington Forest Highway Project Proposal for improvement upgrades to the Forest Service 90 Road, jointly submitted by Skamania County and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.
8. Amendment #2 to agreement with USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest to extend the performance period and update the financial plan for shared infrastructure at Wind River Nursery site.
9. Amendment #2 to agreement with Department of Transportation to transfer \$26,000 in funds to Project A (Dial-a-Ride) from Project B (Deviated Route Service).
10. Contract with Comdata Network, Inc to provide vehicle fleet credit cards for the purchase of fuel through the state bid process.
11. Contract renewal with NW Hydro-Mulcher, Inc to provide hydro-seeding and mulching during 2009 projects.
12. Contract Clean World Maintenance, Inc to provide custodial services for Skamania County Courthouse.
13. Contract amendment #1 with Creagan Excavating, Inc to increase the amount by \$25,000 for snow plowing Forest Service 90 and 25 Roads.

Peggy Bryan, Executive Director for Skamania County Economic Development Council reported on the Wind River Business Park. Discussion included potential leases and maintenance, with no action taken.

The Board discussed the Forest Service 90 Road and the need to clarify in the 2009 Washington Forest Highway Project Proposal application that this road is the only alternate emergency evacuation route for Skamania County if State Road 14 is impassable.

The meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding voice mail, 4-10 schedule lunch opt-out and breaks, Board of Commissioner On-Core documents, and cell phones, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported scheduling, pending application list, staff training day, end of the year report, WRIA 29A, SEPA appeal hearing, and proposed legislation.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on chemical dependency, mental health, developmental disabilities, and public health.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on various programs and projects.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Piper Road slide, Loop Road slide, State EMD damage assessments, Engineering Division, County Road, ER&R, Building Department, and Solid Waste.
- Marilyn Butler, Interim Senior Services Director reported on monthly and quarterly reports, transportation programs, legislative issues, and staffing.

The Board discussed voucher payments and process with the Auditor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:14 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and reconvened at 1:38 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board met with Forest Service representatives Janine Clayton, Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor, Lynn Burditt, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Nancy Ryke, Mt Adams District Ranger and Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger. Following the introduction of Janine Clayton, newly appointed Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor, discussion included Skamania County's involvement with timber related boards and commissions, St. Helens Advisory Committee, Wind River Nursery site, ongoing work with collaborative process, budget concerns, various roads, the need for bio-mass and hazardous fuel reduction, Title II and III funds and projects, Resource Advisory Committee, reorganization of the USDA, proposed stimulus, Pine Creek, and the need for cellular service in the North County area for emergency services issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:28 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and reconvened at 2:44 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board discussed hydrology reports as proof of potable water for pending land division applications and approved Group B Water Systems with Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:08 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and reconvened at 9:17 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Interim Senior Services Director to discuss payroll change notice, general public trips on the Dial-A-Ride Program, federal forest funds, and unemployment issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, and reconvened at 10:07 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss the Birkenfeld easement, Annex remodel preparations, FEMA update, and Hot Springs Avenue design, with no action taken.

The Board discussed call back pay and on call policy, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:31 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Health to discuss a proposed memorandum of understanding from Yakima County imposing a surcharge for patients involved in ITA hearings, the Regional Services Network, and the purchase of a cake for an upcoming open house, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, and reconvened at 10:08 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss a Drug Free Communities Grant, Commissioners space configuration/furniture, and project planning, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to allow the acceptance of hydrology reports as proof of potable water for all complete pending land division applications being processed by Skamania County as of January 28, 2009 that are not served by an existing water system or required by zoning to have an approved water system, or have already installed individual wells. This motion includes 23 pending short plat applications and 2 pending subdivision applications. The Skamania County Community Development Department is directed to accept a hydrology report, provided that it is prepared by a Washington State licensed hydrologist or hydrogeologist, and the report is submitted to the Community Development Department and accepted as complete no later than 4:00 PM on April 3, 2009. Further, if an application is closed by the applicant or by Skamania County for any reason and a new application is submitted, a hydrology report will not be acceptable as proof of potable water at that time.

The meeting recessed at 11:48 a.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009, and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 1:25 p.m. until 2:20 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and reconvened at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce 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 \$152,843.18.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 28, 2009 in the total amount of \$19,328.66.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009, and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board discussed changes to the Board of Commissioners public meeting schedule, with no action taken.

