

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

The Board met at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 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 scheduling, contract retainage, Earth Day, training, and the meeting room conference phone, with no action taken.

The Board gave updates on attendance at various meetings and discussed the Port projects, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, March 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.

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

1. Minutes for week of March 17, 2009.
2. Notice of Completion of Public Works Contract with Columbia Gorge Landscaping for Salmon Falls Fence Project.
3. Liquor license renewal applications for Carson Ridge B&B and Bonneville Hot Springs Resort.
4. Set a public hearing for 1:30 PM Tuesday, April 15, 2009 to consider Resolution 2009-13 revising the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
5. Authorize repair of the transmission for vehicle #200 (shop service truck).
6. Authorize the purchase of a Laptop Ruggedized Computer for the Sheriff's Department.
7. Agreement with Andreas Ehrlich for rental of House #1054 at Wind River Business Park.
8. Agreement with Washington State Department of General Administration, amendment #2, to add a Scope of Work task assignment to allow payment of all invoices to be made directly to Skilling/Connolly, Inc for consultant services.
9. Contract with McNealy Excavation, Inc, amendment #2, to increase the amount by \$2,987.50 for snow plowing services for Skamania Mines Road.
- ~~10. Resolution 2009-16 authorizing the Public Works Director to approve change orders for public works construction projects up to a total of \$25,000 or 10% of the awarded project costs, and rescinding Resolution 2003-52.~~
11. Resolution 2009-17 designating an authorized agent and alternate agent to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds for Skamania County.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to revise the fourth "Whereas" of Resolution 2009-16 to read "the Director of Public Works shall have the authority to determine if retainage will be held on any project that is less than \$20,000" and to approve Resolution 2009-16, as revised, authorizing the Public Works Director to approve change orders for public works construction projects up to a total of \$25,000 or 10% of the awarded project costs and rescind Resolution 2003-52.

The Board discussed Wind River WRIA 29A issues, .09 funds for projects, and a proposed Title III application, and proposed Department Head/Elected Official retreat, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and reconvened at 10:07 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 WRIA 29A, environmental health, scheduling, and the Office Assistant position.
- 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 projects and programs.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slide activity, State Route 14 pedestrian tunnels, Engineering and County Road projects, and ER&R.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on program and services monitoring, Council of Government meeting, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Arnold Bell, Safety Committee Chair reported on the Safety Committee meeting of March 10, 2009. The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- Report #2009-02. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-03. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-04. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to table the report, pending additional information from the Safety Committee.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve a voucher to Riverside Electric, LLC in the total amount of \$6,151.15.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously, in reference to the Board's motion of January 28, 2009 regarding the acceptance of hydrology reports as proof of potable water for complete pending land division applications, the April 3, 2009 deadline was extended to August 3, 2009 for Mike Baker for the Marbletop Short Plats and for Stan Eccles for the Eccles Short Plat.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Health to discuss payroll, database issues, and an on-call increase, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss grounds, on-call staff for events, cleaning crew, bid project and security services for events, with no action taken.

The Board discussed call back pay for an employee in the Juvenile Department, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

Nancy Ryke, Mt Adams District Ranger and Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger gave updates on Forest Service activities. Discussion included Mount St Helens Advisory Committee updates, collaboration groups, timber sales, flood damage on roads, Pine Creek Facility, sno-parks, climbing program, reopening of visitor centers, stewardship projects, Hemlock Dam, special forest products, travel management, and stimulus projects.

The meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the White Cap Apartments Workforce Housing Project, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and reconvened at 9:37 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, with Commissioners Richardson, Tolfree and Pearce present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 9:37 a.m. until 9:42 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board discussed the Cape Horn Trail, with no action taken.

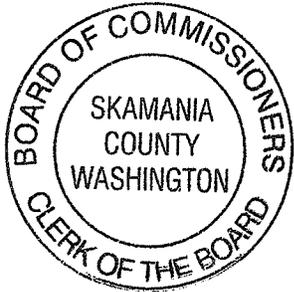
Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve a voucher to the Chamber of Commerce, per contract, in the total amount of \$15,000.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending March 26, 2009 in the total amount of \$224,568.18.

The Board gave updates on various meetings and discussed a proposed department head/elected official retreat, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009.

ATTEST:



Patricia Johnson
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jan D. Richardson
Commissioner

Paul Pearce
Commissioner

Janie Tolfree
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____