

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting for Week of May 5, 2009

The Board met at 8:42 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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 supplemental budget, and scheduling, with no action taken. Commissioner Tolfree joined the meeting via conference phone at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 9:00 a.m. until 9:25 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 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. Commissioner Tolfree was present via conference phone.

Mary Repar advised of her concern regarding the use of public funds and availability of information from the Bi-State Energy Zone Committee.

John McSherry, Port Manager reported that Insitu had moved into the Port's industrial building in Stevenson.

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

1. Minutes for week of April 28, 2009.
2. Liquor license renewal for Stabler Country Store.
3. Authorization to purchase the Spillman National Incident-Based Reporting System Module mandated to replace the manual Uniform Crime Reporting System at the Sheriff's Office.
4. Agreement with Washington State Department of General Administration, amendment #1, to add a Scope of Work task assignment to allow payment of all invoices to be made directly to a contractor and/or consultant for project management for the Courthouse Annex renovation.
5. Agreement with Washington State Department of General Administration, amendment #2, to increase the amount to include travel expense for architectural services for the Courthouse Annex renovation.
6. Agreement with the Port of Skamania County to provide .09 Distressed County Sales Tax Funds for parking lot rehabilitation at the Port's Industrial Site in Stevenson.
7. Agreement with Teresa Rittenhouse for rental of House #1057 at Wind River Business Park.
8. Contract with the City of Stevenson to provide incarceration services for municipal inmates.
9. Contract renewal with ABC Computing to provide computer software application assistance and software training and instruction to county employees.
10. USDA Forest Service Water Transmission Line Special Use Permit for use of the Forest Service water system at Wind River Work Center.
11. Submittal of Beacon Rock Community Wildfire Protection Plan to Washington State Department of Natural Resources.
12. Submittal of Greater Stevenson Community Wildfire Protection Plan to Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2009-22 Certification of Land Use Consistency Review for the Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve submission of grant applications to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development by Washington Gorge Action Programs for 1) Emergency Shelter and Homeless Prevention Program, 2) Transitional Housing, Operating and Rent Program, and 3) Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to proclaim that Skamania County would commit to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

Commissioner Tolfree moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to proclaim the month of May as Older Americans Month.

John Carlson, Emergency Management Coordinator reported on the H1-N1 Flu, Piper Road/Rock Creek Landslide, All Hazards Mitigation Planning, Region IV Multi-Agency Coordination System, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Washington State Staging Area Working Group, Fire Wise Program, Community Emergency Response Team Program, County Local Emergency Planning Committee, National Incident Management System compliance, Mt Hood Planning Team, Search and Rescue, and the Emergency Operations Center.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and reconvened at 10:02 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports.

- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on grant funding, job descriptions, evaluating case management files, and risk management.
- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on scheduling, vacant Office Assistant position, and upcoming EFSEC meeting.
- 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 slides, State Route 14 pedestrian tunnels, and Engineering and County Road projects.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to amend a motion made on April 30, 2009 for corrections necessary to the Washington Counties Insurance Fund Voluntary Life Insurance and Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Programs, that any deficits less than \$20.00 would be paid by the County and not deducted from an employee's paycheck.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and reconvened at 10:21 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present. Commissioner Tolfree was present via conference phone.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss Home Valley Park National Scenic Area issues, exempt wells, and septic system process, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and reconvened at 11:03 a.m. the same date, with Commissioners Richardson and Pearce present. Commissioner Tolfree was present via conference phone.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss Rock Creek Community Services Center contract bids, with no action.

The meeting recessed at 11:43 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and reconvened at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009, with Commissioner Richardson present. Commissioner Pearce was present via conference phone from Chelan, where he was attending a Washington State Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending May 6, 2009 in the total amount of \$261,578.32.

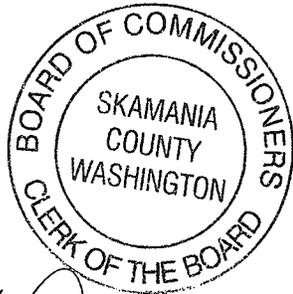
Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried to approve a special payroll for the period ending April 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$2,147.92.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried to approve payroll for the period ending April 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$851,200.76.

The Board discussed parking issues at Wind River Board Launch and the Whistling Ridge Wind Energy project, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jim Richardson
Commissioner

Scott
Commissioner

Jamie Solger
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____