

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 17, 2010

The Board met at 8:49 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Jamie Tolfree, Chair, James D. Richardson, and Paul Pearce present for a staff meeting. Discussion included staffing, plaques, WCIF update, interviews/applications for vacant positions, and agenda items, with no action taken.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2010 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Jamie Tolfree, Chair, James D. Richardson, and Paul Pearce present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gloria Howell inquired as to whether or not the former Auditor would be brought back to Skamania County to answer questions.

Joanna Grammon requested the name of the shredding company that was used by the former Auditor.

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

1. Minutes of February 9, 2010.
2. Prosecutor Chief Civil Deputy revised job description.
3. Authorization to purchase recycle bags for Skamania County Earth Day.
4. Resolution 2010-12 establishing a policy for accepting PDF "Portable Document Format" documents as original documents.
5. Agreement with JL Enterprises NW, Inc to provide maintenance for the Assessor's plotter/printer.
6. Contract with Department of Social & Health Services, amendment #4, to provide funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.
7. Contract with Economic Development Council to retain a consultant to prepare an appropriations request to Congress to complete all infrastructure & an incubator building on Parcel #2 at North Bonneville.
8. Contract renewal with Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson & Daheim, PLLC to provide labor negotiations consultant services.
9. Contract with Olson Engineering, Inc, amendment #6, to amend the scope of work and increase the amount by \$2,500 for engineering services for surveying the Courthouse.
10. Memorandum of Agreement with Robert K. Weidner to serve as Washington, D.C. government relations advisor to Skamania County.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation and the Treasurer to discuss the County's debt policy, bonding, and energy projects, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Auditor to discuss payroll issues, compliance with state regulations, and fees, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:11 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, 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 environmental health and the Planning Commission.
- 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 facility construction projects.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides and Engineering Division and County Road projects.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on a vehicle purchase, transportation meeting, advertising for vacant positions, and risk management.

The Board discussed in-home health care and requested a meeting be scheduled with Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities.

Walt Loehrke, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) member reported on the CRGC meeting of February 9, 2010. Discussion included an Oregon Supreme Court ruling and Management Plan changes and a consistency review of Wasco County's land use and development ordinance.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter in support of a request to Congress from Washington and Oregon Investment Boards for economic development funding to stimulate growth in jobs and businesses within the Scenic Area.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter in support of an appropriations request to Congress for funding to complete all infrastructure and an incubator building on Parcel #2 at North Bonneville that would allow future business development in Skamania County.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree and Richardson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss a performance audit, with no action taken.

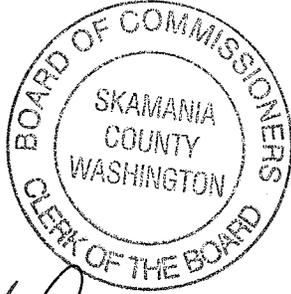
Commissioner Pearce joined the meeting from approximately 2:50 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. via phone conference.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2010-16 urging Congressional funding for economic development within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The Board continued in a workshop with Community Development to discuss a performance audit, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ami Lopez
Commissioner

Jim Richardson
Commissioner

Paul [unclear]
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____