

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 24, 2010

The Board met at 8:37 a.m. on August 24, 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 2011 Pre-Submittal Budget Workshops.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with Senior Services, Auditor, Noxious Weed, and Assessor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 24, 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.

Rick Jessel commented on the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Cascade Locks casino and advised of his concerns with the effects of gambling on local communities.

Gloria Howell referred to a letter to the Commissioners from Attorney Brad Anderson regarding former Auditor Mike Garvison and inquired as to a date for a decision in the matter and inquired about a civil case.

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

1. Minutes of August 17, 2010.
2. Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts to provide for reimbursement for the purchase a replacement desktop computer and monitor for the Juvenile Department.
3. Agreements with American Fidelity Assurance Company amending 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plans for review of document information for Plans 501-Non-Union, 502-Law Enforcement Guild, 503-Public Works, 504-Managers, and 505-Office & Professional Workers.
4. Agreement with Department of Commerce to provide funding for Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse and Violence activities.
5. Agreement with the Port of Skamania County to provide funding for the Port's Cascade Business Park Grading & Utility Improvements in North Bonneville.
6. Resolution 2010-53 reorganization of the Community Development Department to include the "Building" portion of the Building & Well Division and to reorganize the Facilities & Recreation Department to include the "Well" portion of the Building & Well Division.
7. Resolution 2010-54 to combine Community Health funds into one Special Revenue Fund.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to award the bid and approve a contract with Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc of Fairview, OR for the total amount of \$788,886.75 for the Hot Springs Avenue Reconstruction Project.

The Board advised of the status of the criminal and civil cases regarding former Auditor Mike Garvison.

The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with Community Development and Public Works, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 10:09 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with the Sheriff, Emergency Management, and Probation, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

Justin Bush, Safety Committee representative reported on the Safety Committee meeting of August 18, 2010. The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- Report #2010-07. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2010-08. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2010-09. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to disagree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2010-E-10. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2010-E-11. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion unanimously carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously that all vehicle accidents be investigated by Skamania County Sheriff's Department or the agency of jurisdiction.

Amanda Hoey, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Economic Development District gave an overview of MCEDD's annual report, programs, and 2009-2010 Action Plan. Discussion included an upcoming small wind energy conference in Portland and a proposed conference and tour coordinated by the Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone.

The meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with Superior Court, Juvenile Court, Clerk, and District Court, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session with the Prosecutor regarding litigation from 1:19 p.m. until 1:37 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with the Prosecutor and Central Services, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2:21 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with the Treasurer, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 2:37 p.m. until 2:45 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with Facilities and Recreation, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Tolfree and Richardson present and Commissioner Pearce present via phone conference.

The Board participated in 2010 pre-submittal budget workshops with WSU Extension, Commissioners, and Community Health, with no action taken.

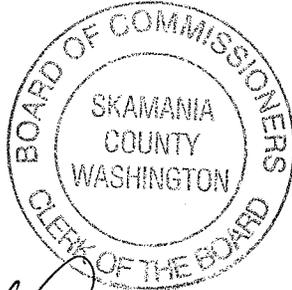
The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Tolfree and Richardson present and Commissioner Pearce present via phone conference.

A public hearing was held to consider two applications from Columbia Land Trust for a change of classification to Open Space for Current Use Assessment for tax parcels 03-09-24-0-0-0700-00 and 03-09-24-0-0-0700-06. Gabe Spencer, Assessor gave a staff report and recommended approval. Lindsay Cornelius representing Columbia Land Trust was present. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve an Open Space Taxation Agreement.

A public hearing was held to consider an application from Friends of Columbia Gorge Land Trust for a change of classification to Open Space for Current Use Assessment for tax parcel 02-07-00-0-0-3300-00. Gabe Spencer, Assessor gave a staff report. Kate McBride representing Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust was present. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve an Open Space Taxation Agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. August 24, 2010.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jamie Tolfree
Commissioner

James D. Richardson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____