

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 23, 2010

The Board met at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 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 personnel policy revisions and budget, with no action taken.

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

The Board met in executive session regarding potential litigation from 8:56 a.m. until 9:06 a.m., with no action taken.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 23, 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.

Auditor Tim Todd advised of the need to delete item #4 C in the contract with Valerie Epling, item #8 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of item #8 that was removed:

1. Minutes of February 17, 2010.
2. Authorization to purchase additional office materials needed for the Courthouse Annex offices.
3. Resolution 2010-13 Skamania County 2010 Community Action Plan.
4. Agreement with Department of Commerce to provide funding for the Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse program.
5. Agreement with Office of the Secretary of State, Division of Archives & Records Management, to provide images of recorded documents on hard drive for emergency disaster preparedness.
6. Agreement with South Central Workforce Development Board to provide a training site for Worksource individuals with various County Departments.
7. Contract with JWC Construction, LLC, amendment #9, to increase the payment for services by \$20,378.93 for construction and remodel of Rock Creek Community Services Building.
- ~~8. Contract with Valerie Epling, CPA to process monthly payroll for Skamania County employees and Junior Taxing District employees.~~
9. Memorandum of Understanding with partners of the Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area to coordinate actions that each party has authority to address invasive weeds on lands within its jurisdiction.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a contract with Valerie Epling, CPA to process monthly payroll for Skamania County employees and Junior Taxing District employees and to delete #4 C in the contract.

Following discussion regarding a request for a clerical position for County Probation Department, Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a full time Office Assistant V position at Range 15.

Monica Masco presented the Budget Report for January 2010.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2010-17 establishing Forest Youth Success as Skamania County Board of Commissioners priority for Resource Advisory Committee 2011 Title II funding.

Todd Murray, WSU Cooperative Extension Agent reported on administration, 4-H, natural resource and small farm enterprises, pest management, the Wildfire Prevention Project.

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

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding the SR 14 closure and the library parking lot, with no action taken.

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on the end of year report, environmental health, and fax service.
- 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 the donation of surplus equipment, legislative actions and risk management.

Arnold Bell, Safety Committee Chair reported on the Safety Committee meeting of February 11, 2010. The Board reviewed and discussed the following reports:

- Report #2009-21. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-22. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-05. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-17. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-18. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2009-E-22. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Central Services to discuss inventory, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Facilities and Recreation to discuss a grant application for drinking water state revolving fund, draft Wind River Business Park ownership and operation agreement, and cost and cash flow information for additional energy projects, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 1, 2010 in the total amount of \$215,714.06.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 8, 2010 in the total amount of \$289,639.54.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 16, 2010 in the total amount of \$519,952.26.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 22, 2010 in the total amount of \$193,508.07.

Nancy Ryke, Mt. Adams District Ranger and Tom Mulder, Mount St. Helens Monument District Ranger gave updates on Forest Service activities. Discussion included staffing changes, Resource Advisory Committee stimulus projects, monument upgrades, Mount St. Helens 30th Anniversary, climbing permits, campground concessionaire, recreation facilities upgrades, Packwood facility, timber sales, Hemlock picnic area, and SR 14 closure.

The meeting recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:38 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2010-18 Salary Resolution #1 for Union Exempt Employees.

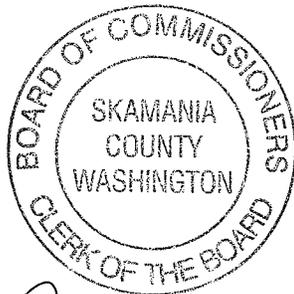
The Board participated in a workshop to discuss a draft personnel policy, with no action taken.

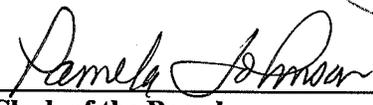
The meeting recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:33 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

A public hearing was held to consider the findings and receive public comment on the performance audit report, conducted by the State Auditor's Office, to determine the reasonableness of building and inspection permit fees and the process used to set the fees. The audit was conducted in accordance with Senate Bill 5120 passed by the 2009 Legislature that took effect in July 2009. Larry Douglass, Public Works Director presented an overview of the results and recommendations, and submitted a four-year permit history for Skamania County. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed, with no action taken.

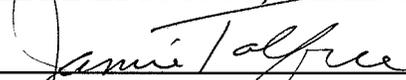
The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

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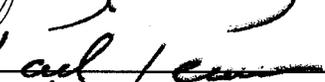



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