

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 17, 2010

The Board met at 9:10 a.m. on August 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 health insurance rates, HR Answers contract, travel arrangements, budgets, scheduling, Port request for funds, and vehicle use, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

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

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

1. Minutes of August 10, 2010.
2. Resolution 2010-52 Loan funds from Cumulative Reserve County Road to Special Revenue fund, County Road.
3. Reappointments to Board of Equalization: Chris Woodall - Position #2, Dan Gundersen – Position #3, and Elmer Stacy – At-Large.
4. Agreement with Washington State Department of Agriculture to provide funding for a project to control invasive knotweed species in Skamania and Klickitat Counties.
5. Grant award of Title II funding from USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest for 2010-2011 Snowplow for Recreation Project.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to approve Washington Counties Risk Pool options and payments as follows:

- Policy Limits – purchase \$5 million excess coverage for approximately \$1,000.
- Policy Deductible – retain the \$25,000 deductible limit.
- Property Insurance – continue the current property insurance program with Washington Counties Risk Pool with the adjusted building and content values.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Port of Skamania County, and approve their request for funding for \$200,000 for Cascades Business Park Grading and Utilities Improvement Project in North Bonneville, with \$135,000 to be paid from .09 Distressed Counties Sales Tax Fund and \$65,000 to be paid from Cumulative Reserve Economic Development Fund.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolfree and motion carried unanimously to authorize the use of County vehicles for WSU Extension Agent.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding the County website, with no action taken.

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on general administration, Planning Division, and Environmental Health Division.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on the Hegewald Center, Fairgrounds, Fair and Timber Carnival, IT coordination, upcoming events, Wind River Boat Launch, and miscellaneous projects.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering and County Road projects.

- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on transportation, electronic timekeeping system, budget, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:42 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings and discussed WRIA 25/26 and health insurance rates, with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss Wind River Boat Launch, BPA Franchise Agreement, Carson Landing Road, small tool purchases, personnel, Rock Creek Building cleanup, and budget clarification, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in an annual joint work session with the Planning Commission to discuss past, present, and future projects, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2010-45 establishing a Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, to locate, construct, maintain, and operate electrical transmission facilities within Skamania County, in, on, under, upon, over, along, across or through the roads, highways, streets, alleys, bridges, rights-of-way, and other property which lie within those legal subdivisions within Skamania County. Larry Douglass, Public Works Director gave a staff report. Commissioner Tolfree acknowledged receipt of a letter from Keith Brown and Teresa Robbins. Comments from the public included concern that BPA could increase the height of their towers with no notice to the public, impacts to the beauty of the County, quality of life, environment and wildlife, lack of compensation to the County, and vague language in the resolution and agreement. The hearing was closed to public comments. Deliberations by the Board included concern with the lack of a BPA representative present at the hearing and language in the proposed agreement. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to not adopt Resolution 2010-45 or the Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement.

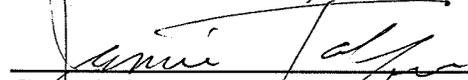
The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. August 17, 2010.

ATTEST:



 Clerk of the Board

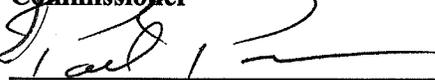
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 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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 Abstain _____
 Absent _____