

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 13, 2010

The Board met at 9:06 a.m. on July 13, 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 publication costs for meeting minutes, proposed joint park and recreation district, recorded documents online, and network data, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. July 13, 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.

Susan Matheson advised she was observing the Commissioner's meeting to fulfill a class assignment required for a college class.

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

1. Minutes of July 7, 2010.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, August 17, 2010 to consider Resolution 2010-45 establishing a Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with the US Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, to utilize County road right of way for transmitting their lines through the County.
3. Contract with Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities amendment #1 to extend the term and increase the amount for providing developmental disabilities services.
4. Contract with Washington State Military Department to provide Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant funds to support and enhance day-to-day emergency management operations.

The Board discussed the need for more space for a server room for the IT Department and the need for a remodel of the third floor in the Courthouse, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11 for the Managers Unit regarding sick leave accumulation.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11 for the Public Works Department regarding safety boot allowance.

The Board discussed the need to amend the contract with HR Answers, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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 the National Scenic Area and environmental health.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides and Engineering Division and County Road projects.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on program monitoring and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 10:30 until 11:49, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Auditor to discuss revisions to the Voucher Policy, with no action taken.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve the Revised Voucher Policy.

The Board discussed payroll issues with the Auditor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:52 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development and the Hearing Examiner to discuss the Hearing Examiners' Annual Report, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:55 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss chip sealing, with no action taken.

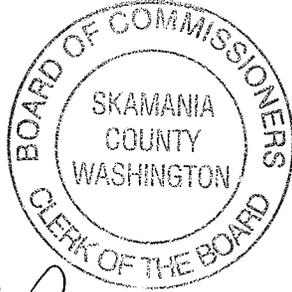
The meeting recessed at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:49 p.m., with Commissioners Tolfree, Richardson, and Pearce present.

A public hearing was held to consider a petition for the formation of a Joint Park and Recreation District that included that portion of eastern Skamania County within the White Salmon Valley School District No. 405-17, and to fix the boundaries for that portion of the proposed district that lies within the County. Commissioner Tolfree acknowledged receipt of seven letters from individuals. Dana Scheffler, Chair for the Mount Adams Parks and Recreation Formation Committee gave a report on the Committee's vision and benefits to Underwood residents. Comments were presented from eight members of the public. Four individuals advised of their support to include the Underwood area in the district, benefits to the community, and the opportunity to provide healthy recreation opportunities. Four individuals advised of their opposition of the inclusion of the Underwood area, concern of no voice in the district, concern with an increase in property taxes, and the need to keep property taxes in Skamania County. The hearing was closed to public comments. Deliberations by the Board included concern that Skamania County voters would not be able to vote on a standalone ballot, that Klickitat County would benefit from the taxes of Skamania County residents, and Klickitat County assessed values vs. Skamania County assessed values. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to

approve Resolution 2010-46 to include no portion of Skamania County that lies within the White Salmon Valley School District No. 405-17.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. July 13, 2010.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Janet Johnson
Commissioner

Jim Richmond
Commissioner

Paul ...
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____