

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of November 29, 2011

A special meeting was held on Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 10:04 a.m. until 10:35 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

The Board met at 9:18 a.m. on November 29, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 9:18 a.m. until 9:49 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m. November 29, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Repar advised of her concerns regarding the cable franchise and the public access channel, the Courthouse Christmas tree and requested consideration of planting a live tree on the lawn, and encouraged an evening meeting to discuss the budget.

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

1. Minutes of November 22, 2011.
2. Special occasion liquor license for American Legion Post 122 for December 31, 2011.
3. Certification of Property Tax Levies from Taxing District for collection in 2012.
4. Resolution 2011-56 updating the 2011 Work Plan of the Community Strategic Plan.
5. Agreement with Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission to provide funding for snowmobile/sno park enforcement services during the winter season of 2011-2012.
6. Contract with Brasher's Portland Auto Auction to sell ER&R surplus vehicles.
7. Contract renewal with McNealy Excavating, Inc for snow plowing services to include USFS 30 Road from MP 14.38 to 26.85 and McClellan Meadows and Koshko Sno-Parks.
8. Contract with Skamania County Youth Basketball outlining cooperative registration, advertising and facility scheduling with Facilities & Recreation for sports programming.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending October 31, 2011 in the total amount of \$336,850.03.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 2, 2011 in the total amount of \$160.00.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 7, 2011 in the total amount of \$231,758.33.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 14, 2011 in the total amount of \$52,216.80.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 21, 2011 in the total amount of \$122,568.38.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 28, 2011 in the total amount of \$70,016.93.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on an upcoming workshop, general administration, Planning Division, Environmental Health Division, and Building Division.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Developmental Disabilities.
- Scott Pineo, Facilities and Recreation Director reported on agenda items, low voltage project, maintenance activities, Fairgrounds and Hegewald Center, upcoming Fairgrounds events, boat launches/parks, capital projects, cable franchise modifications, and personnel.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Upper Wind River area recreation, slides, Engineering and County Road projects, ER&R and Solid Waste.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on budgets, transportation, energy assistance program, WSDOT on-site monitoring, volunteer services, assisting seniors with Medicare options, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 10:24 a.m. until 11:05 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss building permits for agricultural buildings and septic permits and inspections, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Jim Shank, Yacolt District Manager and Bob Johnson, Assistant District Manager for the Department of Natural Resources presented a report on the projection of income from state forest board lands in Skamania County and gave updates on future sales activities in Skamania County.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously that the Board of County Commissioners hereby directs Central Services that the server and interconnection project contracted through RGIT is to be completed on or before Tuesday, December 20th, RGIT will be notified to send a timeline to complete the process to both Central Services and the BOCC, it has been the BOCC's intent to have this project completed well before now, as was the direction to have it completed by October 17th, all offices and departments are notified that this project must be completed within the next two weeks and are asked to make all arrangements necessary to assist.

The meeting recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2:37 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board gave an update on the 2012 Preliminary Budget, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2011-52 Supplemental Budget #7 for 2011. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-52.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding establishing a Comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for road and bridge construction work for the years 2012-2017. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve the project list. The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program will be considered for adoption at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2011.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments and to consider adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Comments from the public included a request to really look at the absolute essential services needed for the citizens, eliminate assistant director positions in all departments, reduce elected officials salaries, maintain public transportation, consider a transportation tax, and opposition to any more taxes. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner Pearce gave an overview of the budget process. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of letters received from Bernie and Atsuko Bursett and Janet Corsale. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2012 Preliminary Budget as presented.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to set a public hearing for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2011 to consider adoption of the 2012 Final Budget and to consider setting 2012 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies.

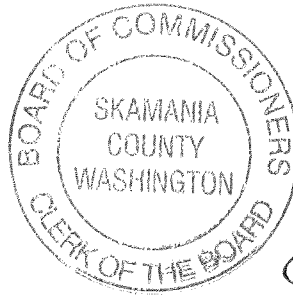
The meeting recessed at 5:49 p.m.

The Board met at 10:00 a.m. on November 30, 2011 at Rock Creek Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present.

The Board participated in a roundtable discussion regarding the 2012 Budget and Final Budget direction, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Paul [Signature]
Commissioner

Jim Richards
Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____