

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of November 1, 2011

The Board met at 9:04 a.m. on November 1, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present for a staff meeting. Discussion included budget and agenda items, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. November 1, 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.

Richard Mortweet requested the Board to consider a salary reduction.

Mary Repar requested the Board to consider job sharing in lieu of layoffs and to use the vehicle allowance to keep the pool running.

Richard Mortweet suggested asking citizens to donate money to keep the pool running.

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

1. Minutes of October 25, 2011.
2. Public Works Office Manager revised job description changing the FLSA status to exempt.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, November 29, 2011 to receive public comment and consider adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget.
4. Resolution 2011-48 Appointment to Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board.
5. Grant application to Department of Ecology for funding for Solid Waste Code Enforcement.
6. Agreement with Department of Transportation, Skamania County-Wide Safety Project for reimbursement of preliminary engineering funds expended for Phase 2 of the project.
7. Agreement with USDA Forest Service approving the indirect cost rate for the year ending December 31, 2012 for use on contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with the Federal Government.
- ~~8. Agreement with US Forest Service and US Department of Transportation to document the intent of the parties and set forth the responsibilities of each in the development, construction, and future maintenance of the Lewis River Road FDR 90 Project.~~
9. Contract with Daniel McCabe, MD to provide mental incapacity evaluations in order for DSHS to determine a client's eligibility for disability.
10. Memorandum of Understanding with Underwood Conservation District, amendment #1 to increase the amount in order to receive full reimbursement for Firewise work per the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.
11. Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania PUD No. 1 and the Port of Skamania County outlining the joint goal of improving water availability and delivery in the Wind River Business Park.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the Department of Transportation to provide partial capital funding assistance to purchase one replacement 25-passenger bus for deviated transportation services, and one 7-passenger ADA accessible minivan and one 7-passenger ADA full-size van with wheelchair lift for dial-a-ride transport.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the Department of Transportation to provide partial operating

funding assistance for dial-a-ride transportation services and for deviated transportation services between Skamania County and Fisher's Landing Transit Center.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to waive the yearly food establishment license renewal fee of \$50.00 for Skamania County Food Bank, effect November 30, 2011 to November 30, 2012, and include them in the County risk insurance.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to waive the yearly food establishment license renewal fee of \$300.00 for Seniors Inc. of North Bonneville, effect February 29, 2012 to February 29, 2013, and include them in the County risk insurance.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously, to approve the payment of Longevity Pay for eligible employees and to terminate the Employee Annual Leave Cash Out Program for the remainder of 2011 due to a budget shortfall for 2011.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands advising that his staff will work with WSAC to develop a legislative proposal for analysis of a limited unitary trust for Wahkiakum, Pacific and Skamania Counties.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-46 to loan Capital Improvement Funds to the Current Expense Fund.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-47 to loan Special Revenue Funds, County Arterial Preservation Program, to the Current Expense Fund.

The meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 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, upcoming Fairgrounds events, boat launches/parks, capital projects, cable franchise modifications, pool, and personnel.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering and County Road projects, ER&R and Solid Waste.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on transportation grants, luncheons, expanding transportation database, energy assistance program, exercise program, budget, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10:14 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 10:14 a.m. until 10:55 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 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 and agriculture structures, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board advised of the following:

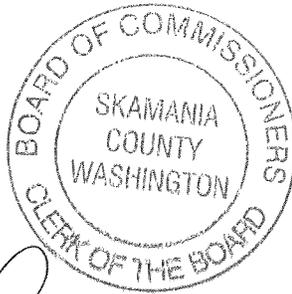
1. That notice would be sent out to employees regarding the acceptance of early retirement with coverage of health insurance for a period of time, with the deadline to respond by November 14, 2011;
2. The buyout of annual leave and the potential hit for unemployment for next year due to layoffs would be approximately \$494 million; and
3. There is still no reckoning of the Governor's supplemental budget cuts and the impacts it may have on the County.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:51 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 11:51 a.m. until 12:08 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Anderson

 Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jan Richardson

 Commissioner

 Commissioner
Robert Anderson

 Commissioner

Aye 2
 Nay _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent 1