

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 1, 2011

The Board met at 9:20 a.m. on March 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 agenda items, cell phones, and appointments, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:24 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 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 suggested the elimination of the Facilities & Recreation Director position and funding for the Interpretive Center, and requested the savings be used for Senior Services programs.

Mary Repar advised of her concerns regarding upcoming changes in the Senior Services Department regarding in-home care workers.

Patricia Culver advised she had questions and concerns regarding the upcoming changes in the Senior Services Department regarding in-home care workers and case management.

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

1. Minutes of February 22, 2011.
2. Authorization to purchase office chairs for Commissioners Board Room.
3. Authorization to purchase a sport court dance floor for the Exhibit Hall.
4. Authorization to purchase recycle bags for Earth Day event.
5. Contract with Christenson Electric, Inc, amendment #3 to increase the amount to include sales tax not accounted for in Amendment #2 for Low Voltage System installs at the Hegewald Center and Courthouse Annex.
6. Contract with Colleen Wahto to assess needs and provide strategies/training and programs focused on chemical dependency prevention.
7. Contract with Colleen Wahto to assess needs and provide strategies/training and programs focused on substance abuse prevention.
8. Contract with Monica Masco & David Bennett, amendment #3, to change the term to month to month for providing property management services for Wind River Business Park.

Daryl Yeager advised of his concerns regarding the budget and suggested a reduction in pay for all employees.

The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to ratify the Chair's approval on February 24, 2011 of the Amended Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Terry Blaisdell, Central Services Director reported on various projects.

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on 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 the pool, agenda items, IT Server Room project, Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, and training.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering Division, County Road Division, ER&R, and Solid Waste Division.
- BreAnna Porter, Senior Services Assistant Director reported on the transition of Case Management & In-Home Services to SWAAD, personnel, and the nutrition program.

The meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to authorize Elected Officials and Department Heads, and their employees as designated by them, to carry a personal cell phone and receive a \$120 per month stipend as full compensation, or be issued a county cell phone.

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

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Senior Services to discuss a proposal for a zone based transit fare, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 11:11 a.m. until 11:27 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss Solid Waste services, Wind River Boat Launch, and personnel, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 1:46 p.m., with Commissioners Richardson and Anderson present.

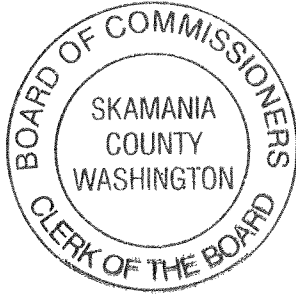
The Board participated in a workshop with Undersheriff and Public Works to discuss narrow banding on radio system, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Richardson and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2011-01 amending Skamania County Code Title 10, Section 10.08.120 Snow Parking Permits to require a permit to park during snow plowing season, December 15th through March 15th in all signed and designated snow park areas posted in Skamania County. Sheriff Dave Brown gave a report on the need to update language to include all designated snow parks. There was no public present. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to adopt Ordinance 2011-01.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jim D. Richardson
Commissioner

Commissioner
Robert Andes
Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent 1