

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 19-22, 2011

The Board met at 10:05 a.m. on December 19, 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 participated in 2012 Budget deliberations, with no action taken, and scheduled continued discussions for Thursday, December 22, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.

The Board met at 9:07 a.m. on December 20, 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 scheduling, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:09 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 20, 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.

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

1. Minutes of December 13, 2011.
2. Liquor license renewal for American Legion Coy-Catlin Post 137.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to receive public comment on the reduction of the Public Transit Program from three transit runs per day to two transit runs per day between Skamania County and Clark County, eliminating the mid-day run.
4. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to receive public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2011-08 extending the moratorium on County wide unzoned land for six months.
5. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to receive public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2011-09 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the Swift Subarea for six months.
6. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to receive public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 2011-10 extending the Interim Zoning Controls for the West End Subarea for six months.
7. Agreement with Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency to provide funding from State Homeland Security for enhancement of emergency preparedness.
8. Contract with Mark Day, amendment #1 to increase the percentage of monthly fees paid to the Instructor to 80% for providing recreation programming for Facilities & Recreation.
9. Contract with Southwest Washington Area on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for Senior Transportation Services.
10. Contract with Southwest Washington Area on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for Senior Information & Assistance and Senior Nutrition Services.
11. Contract with Southwest Washington Area on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for Powerful Tools for Caregiving Class Facilitation.
12. Contract with Southwest Washington Area on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for COPES Home Delivered Meal Services.

13. Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, assigning the original agreement from the Department of General Administration, and extending the co-op membership for purchasing goods and services utilizing the state contract process.

The meeting recessed at 9:36 a.m. and reconvened at 9:46 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

The Board discussed on-site septic system designers/installers and federal forest funds, with no action taken.

Department Heads presented the following reports, followed by discussion regarding email:

- 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 agenda items, low voltage project, maintenance activities, Fairgrounds and Hegewald Center, upcoming Fairgrounds events, boat launches/parks, capital projects, cable franchise modifications, 683 Building, 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.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Keith Chamberlain, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) representative for Skamania County gave an update on the CRGC. Discussion included replacement for the director position, budget, staffing, and The Dalles Urban Growth Boundary.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 11:02 a.m. until 11:14 a.m., with no action taken.

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The meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m.

The Board met at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Rock Creek Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson to receive public comment on the 2012 Budget, prior to adoption on December 28, 2011. Commissioner Pearce gave a presentation which included timber revenues from 1989 to 2011, 2011 vs. 2012 revenues and expenses, cuts for 2012, additional actions, sales tax, property tax, and future actions. Discussion included pending federal action, levies, user fees, salaries, sale of surplus property, cutbacks in services, suggestion for elected officials to look at a five-year plan for services, and suggestion to develop a baseline budget if surplus property doesn't sell and levies don't pass.

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board met at 10:00 a.m. on December 22, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair, Jim Richardson and Robert Anderson present.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to ratify the Chair's approval on December 21, 2011 of an authorization to purchase a Revinetix Sentio Backup System to replace an existing device that is no longer compatible.

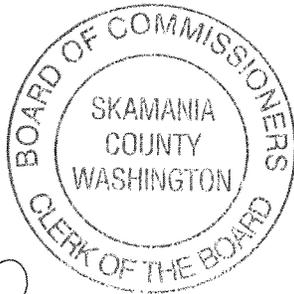
The Board discussed a Memorandum of Understand with Skamania County Law Enforcement Guild to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement to December 31, 2012 and vacation accrual, with no action taken.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a contract amendment with HR Answers, Inc to increase the payment for services by \$3,402.02 for providing human resource, personnel, investigative and negotiation services.

The Board participated in 2012 Budget deliberations, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Herman
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Paul Pearce
Commissioner

Jim Richardson
Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____