

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of September 19-20, 2011**

A special meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair and Robert Anderson present.

The Board participated in a budget workshop with Elected Officials from 9:05 a.m. until 10:20 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board participated in a budget workshop with Department Heads from 1:00 p.m. until 1:40 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board met at 9:18 a.m. on September 20, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair and Robert Anderson present for a staff meeting. Discussion included a request from Domestic Violence Council to place a display on the Courthouse Lawn, a request from OPEIU Local 11 for a list of all employees, supplemental budget hearing, Risk Pool county designations, Noxious Weed workshop request, and agenda items, with no action taken.

The Commissioners Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 20, 2011 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Paul Pearce, Chair and Robert Anderson present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

LeRoy Goodrich advised of his concern with a proposed month to month lease for pasture at Wind River Business Park and requested consideration of a yearly lease.

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

1. Minutes of September 13, 2011.
2. Liquor license renewal for Washougal River Mercantile.
3. Agreement with White Salmon Police Department for disposal/transfer of a 1998 Ford Bus and 1995 GMC Van to WSPD at no charge.
4. Resolution 2011-39 granting authority to the Port of Skamania County to execute leases at Wind River Business Park.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried to approve a contract with Christopher Lanz to provide legal services in support of Skamania County CASA Program in dependency cases and related activities.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve a contract with Southwest Washington Area on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for congregate and home delivered meals.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve an agreement with Terra Scan, Inc to provide annual software maintenance.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania County Law Enforcement Guild clarifying health insurance premium costs and extending the Collective Bargaining Agreement to June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve an agreement with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, modification #8, to revise the financial plan and increase Title II funding for the Sheriff's Work Crew Program.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Coordinator reported on US Forest Service projects, Beacon Rock State Park shoreline enhancement, education and outreach, Knotweed control research, Invasive Plant and Noxious Weed Tour, and Aquatic Weed Early Detection Rapid Response Project.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce and motion carried to approve an authorization to purchase an HVAC unit for the Hegewald Center Server Room.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce 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 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, CASP after school program, capital projects, and budget preparation.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering and County projects, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce and Anderson present.

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

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce and Anderson present.

Keith Chamberlain, Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) representative for Skamania County gave an update on the CRGC. Discussion included Air Quality Study and Strategy Plan, Commission members, training, election of officers, and funding.

Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to re-appoint Tamara Wehrer to the Homeless Housing Council.

The meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works and Nancy Ryke, Mt. Adams District Ranger to discuss right-of-way, with no action taken.

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

Forest Service updates were presented by Nancy Ryke, Mt. Adams District Ranger, Tom Mulder, Mt. St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument Manager, and Diana Perez, Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included roads, bridges, bow sales, collaborative meetings, fires, Forest Service staff, timber sales, stewardship restoration, upgrades at Pine Creek, Spirit Lake Tunnel, and an update of the Secure Rural School reauthorization by Commissioner Pearce.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. at Rock Creek Hegewald Center, with Commissioners Pearce and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a joint workshop with the Port of Skamania County and Public Utility District No. 1 to discuss Wind River Business Park Water Rights. The purpose of the meeting was to form a partnership to investigate water rights and source in the Stabler area to meet the needs of the Wind River Valley. Attendees from Skamania County included Commissioners Paul Pearce and Bob Anderson, and Facilities & Recreation Director Scott Pineo; attendees from the Port included Commissioners WD Truitt, Kevin Waters and Tony Bolstad, Executive Director John McSherry, and Finance Manager Randy Payne; attendees from the PUD included Commissioners Curt Esch, Dennis Gale, and Clyde Leach, Interim Manager Robert Gentry, Auditor Jasen McEathron, and Tom Vance; others included Consultant Said Amali, Brent Gruber of Wallis Engineering, Economic Development Council Director Robert Waymire, and Ken Woodrich, Attorney for the Port and PUD, who also served as moderator. Ken Woodrich presented an overview of the conveyance from the Forest Service to the County. Said Amali presented an overview of the water right status. Tom Vance gave an overview of the PUD water rights and future upgrades of the Bear Creek System, and water treatment plant. Discussion included the need to provide water for potential development of the WRBP site, issues with the Forest Service, costs and financing for improvements, feasibility study, and the need to appoint a multi-agency committee and prepare an Interlocal agreement. Suggestion was made that a committee be formed that would include Ken Woodrich, Said Amali, Scott Pineo, John McSherry, PUD representative (to be named), and Robert Waymire. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearce; Commissioner Leach moved, seconded by Commissioner Esch; and Commissioner Truitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Waters to form a multi-agency committee consisting of Ken Woodrich, Said Amali, Scott Pineo, John McSherry, PUD representative (to be named), and Robert Waymire. Motion carried unanimously.

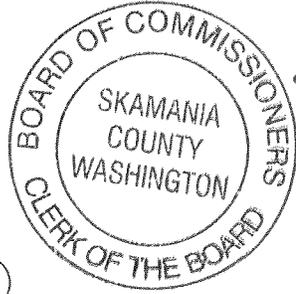
The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Pearce and Anderson present.

Val Schaffroth, Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki President and volunteer John Healy advised of concerns with the need for an updated lease agreement and invited the Board to attend their Summer End Picnic and Special Olympics on September 25, 2011.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2011-35 Supplemental Budget #5 for 2011. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Pearce moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to amend the Board's September 8, 2011 Budget Directive Memo to Elected Officials and Department Heads to include a wage and salary freeze, effective September 8, 2011, and approve Resolution 2011-35 with the Budget Directive included as Attachment A.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

[Signature]  
Commissioner

James D. Richardson

Commissioner

Robert Anderson

Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_