

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 18, 2011

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on October 18, 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 a supplemental budget, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. October 18, 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 advised of his recommendations regarding the County budget 1) continue the transportation system, 2) withdraw all financial support to the Interpretive Center, 3) reduce the Facilities & Recreation Director to half-time, and 4) eliminate the highest paid position under each department head.

Mary Repar suggested holding a public meeting in the evening to discuss the budget, recommended job sharing, and urged the Board to read the Stevenson Comp Plan.

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

1. Minutes of October 11, 2011.
2. Liquor License renewal for Whistle Stop Espresso Shoppe/Deli.
3. Acknowledge submission of a grant application to the Department of Commerce Office on Violence Against Women for funding for improvement of criminal justice and community response to violence against women.
4. Memorandum of Understanding with the OPEIU Local 11 Manager's Unit to add the Probation Officer position to the Manager's Unit.
5. Resolution 2011-40 revising the designated county individuals for the applicable and required relationships with the Washington Counties Risk Pool.
6. Resolution 2011-45 establishing user fees for Skamania County Transfer Facilities.

A contract with ESRI, Inc. for maintenance agreement for GIS software for Sheriff's Department was not approved, pending additional information.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a contract with Christenson Electric, Inc amendment #1 amending the services to be rendered, extending the term, and increasing the payment for services for necessary change orders for the Fiber Optic Line Replacement and Infrastructure Low Voltage Wiring Project at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a contract with Christenson Electric, Inc amendment #2 amending the services to be rendered and increasing the payment for services for necessary change orders for the Fiber Optic Line Replacement and Infrastructure Low Voltage Wiring Project at the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Richardson to approve a request from Underwood Community Council for refund of the use fee for use of Underwood Community Center on June 12-13, 2011 for storage of remaining goods from the Community-Wide Yard Sale. Motion failed. 1 Aye -Commissioner Anderson. 2 Nay - Commissioners Pearce and Richardson.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 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 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, and cable franchise modifications.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on slides, Engineering and County Road projects, ER&R and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

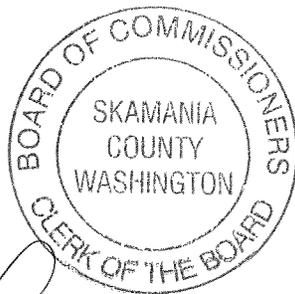
The Board met in executive session with the Prosecutor to discuss potential litigation from 10:28 a.m. until 11:05 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Nancy Ryke, Mt Adams District Ranger, Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger, and Diana Perez, Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included new staff, High Lakes, Pine Creek, roads, budget, stewardships, timber sales, vegetation plan, Falls Creek/Trail project, hunting season, canopy crane removal, NEON proposal, utility easements, snow plowing, and collaborative group meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson

 Clerk of the Board

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 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
 Nay _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent _____