

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 28, 2011

The Board met at 9:04 a.m. on December 28, 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 retirements, new General Services Department, budget, and voucher review process, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 28, 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.

Dave Prosser advised of his concern with a proposal to increase property taxes and the state of the county.

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

1. Minutes of December 20, 2011.
2. Resolution 2011-57 adopting Washington State Department of Transportation and American Public Works Association Standard Specifications for Skamania County road and bridge construction contracts.
3. Resolution 2011-64 Appointment to Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board.
4. Agreement with PacifiCorp to provide funding for snow plowing Forest Service 90 & 25 Roads for 2011-2012.
5. Agreement with Washington State Office of Public Defense to provide funding for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services.
6. Contract with City of Battle Ground to provide incarceration services for the City of Battle Ground inmates.
7. Contract with Human Services Council, amendment #3 extending the term to February 29, 2012 to allow for the completion of the 2012 contracting process to provide funding for reimbursement of Medicaid transportation services.
8. Contract with Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities to provide funding for reimbursement of disease prevention/health promotion activities benefiting seniors.
9. Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11 designating all employees and associates not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and receiving health benefits provided by Western States Health & Welfare Trust of the OPEIU to be Associate Members.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 5, 2011 in the total amount of \$39,768.15.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 12, 2011 in the total amount of \$84,927.67.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 19, 2011 in the total amount of \$273,137.93.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 27, 2011 in the total amount of \$507,654.62.

Sally Mansur, WSU Extension staff reported on Forest Youth Success Program and 4-H.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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 maintenance activities, upcoming Fairgrounds events, boat launches/parks, capital projects, Wind River Business Park, cable franchise modifications, 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.
- Marilyn Butler, Senior Services Director/Risk Manager reported on contracts, energy assistance applications, vehicle repairs, semi-annual bus drivers meeting, 2012 General Public Fare Subsidy Program, vacant part-time bus driver position, and risk management.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m., with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

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

The Board reviewed the Safety Committee report.

- Report #2011-15. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2011-E-10. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2011-E-11. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to disagree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2011-E-12. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss Blue Lake Pit, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:37 a.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. the same date, with Commissioners Pearce, Richardson and Anderson present.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to authorize the Chair to notify departments on the third floor of the Courthouse that, due to drastic cuts in personnel, they would have to deal with the mail on Fridays.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2011-61 Supplemental Budget #8 for 2011. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-61.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-49 establishing a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for road and bridge construction work for the years 2012-2017.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-50 adopting 2012 Annual Road Program.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-65 increasing Sales & Use Tax to 1.0%, imposing a Sales & Use Tax for criminal justice purposes at .01%, and for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services at 0.1%, effective April 1, 2012.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-71 reorganizing the existing Facilities & Recreation Department to incorporate additional duties and renaming it the General Services Department

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2011-66 adopting the 2012 Final Budget. 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. Comments from the public included concern with a proposal to increase property taxes and suggestions to increase revenue to the county from the federal government. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2012 Final Budget.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-67 Setting Current Expense Property Tax Levies for 2012.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-68 Setting County Road Property Tax Levies for 2012.


Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Certification of 2012 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies to the Assessor.

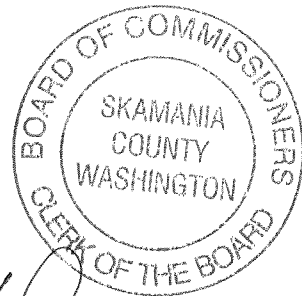
Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-69 to partially repay Current Expense Loans.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-70 interfund loan from Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____