

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 10, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 10, 2013 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present. Discussion included applicants for appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, comment letters from the Board to Forest Service Rangers regarding several projects and Commissioner Brong's request to schedule a semi informal workshop on September 18, 2013 at Hegewald Center to discuss Forest Service issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 10, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Minutes of September 4, 2013.
2. Notice to contractors call for bids for Skamania County Run-Off-Road and Intersection Safety Project.
3. Resolution 2013-38 decreasing solid waste disposal fees for loads over 10,000 pounds (5tons) at the Stevenson transfer Facility.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending August 31, 2013 in the total amount of \$931,528.20.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 10, 2013 in the total amount of \$117,305.49.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve comment letters to Mount St. Helens District Ranger/Monument Manager regarding the Coldwater Campground/Residential Project, and to Mt. Adams District Ranger regarding Goat Point Salvage Project, Coyote Stewardship Timber Sale, Young Stand Thinning Project, and Smith Butte RNA Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included salary negotiations with Superior Court defense attorneys, new Mt. Adams District Ranger Mosé Jones-Yellin, former Gifford Pinchot Forest Service Supervisor Ted Stubblefield, upcoming site visit with Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group, and Garth Smelser, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.
- Scott Pineo, General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities management, events & recreation, human resources, risk management, senior services and information technology.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

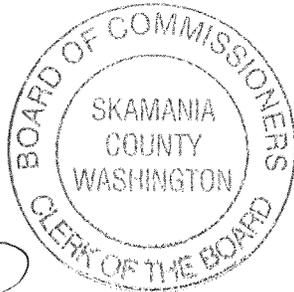
The Board met with the Financial Management Committee to discuss the 2013 Budget, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Brian Enslow, Senior Policy Director for Washington State Association of Counties gave a presentation on the background of the Fiscal Sustainability Initiative, and advised of WSAC leading an effort to advance new revenue generation and cost containment options to improve the fiscal health of county governments to give counties greater local control and flexibility to be able to address their needs and restore and maintain essential public services. Discussion included the financial status of Skamania County, the need for a Forest Service turnaround for timber management, and the need for a full time federal grant management coordinator for the County. Assessor Gabe Spencer advised that the County should utilize all revenue options before seeking help from the State. Mr. Enslow asked for feedback from elected officials for the 2014 Legislative Session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Samela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____