

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of August 20, 2013**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 20, 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 a request from Mid Columbia Housing Authority for a workshop to discuss rental assistance vouchers, contracts on the consent agenda with Carol McClung and Susie Strom, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group pilot project, and the importance of continuing to send letters to congressional senators regarding the importance of supporting Secure Rural Schools, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 a.m.

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

Dave Prosser advised of a building permit issued to his client that expired 10 years ago and advised that very little construction was completed due to the death of his client's husband. He requested a \$2,500 credit or to subtract the cost of site visits from the cost of a new building permit for Kathy Caldwell.

Mary Repar asked if there would be a cost benefit study for us with regards to the Affordable Care Act and advised of the need for high speed, reliable, affordable broadband available in the community for businesses.

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

1. Minutes of August 13, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewal for Acadian Farms for microbrewery and domestic winery.
3. Authorization to purchase herbicide to spray road shoulders and right of way for vegetation control.
4. Authorization to purchase HP Printer for payroll and accounts payable checks.
5. Select \$600,000 level of maximum coverage for LEOFF I retirees and authorize Human Resources to work with the insurer and the applicants to get long term care coverage for LEOFF I retirees.
6. Agreement with Local Government Personnel Institute to provide labor relations services for collective bargaining and other union issues.
7. Contract with Carol McClung to perform fiscal and grant support for Skamania County Community Health.
8. Contract with Department of Social & Health Services to provide funding for continuation of youth services through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.
9. Contract with Home at Last Humane Society to provide dog impoundment services.
10. Contract with Susie Strom, Prevention Specialist to attend DSHS-Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Prevention training.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 19, 2013 in the total amount of \$69,234.25.

Commissioner McKenzie expressed his thanks to everyone associated with the Fair and Fair events, with Commissioners Anderson and Brong concurring.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings, which included the Fair, Red Carpet Committee, Superior Court Administrator regarding defense attorney contract, PUD meeting regarding strategic plan and long term planning, Todd Olsen from Pacific Corp regarding Swift Area responsibilities, Forest Youth Success luncheon, State Audit, Sustainable Northwest local pilot project for forest management, Garth Smelser, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest regarding various forest related issues, and South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- 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.

The meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board discussed their meeting of August 13, 2013 with Superior Court Judge Brian Altman regarding contracting for public defender services. Commissioner McKenzie advised that he would be meeting with public defenders to negotiate a contract and report back to the Board.

The Board discussed their meeting of August 13, 2013 with One Prevention Alliance regarding I-502 Marijuana Regulations and their request to impose a one-year moratorium to ensure proper and responsible zoning, community safety, and enforcement. Commissioner Brong advised he would request Community Development to move forward with imposing a moratorium.

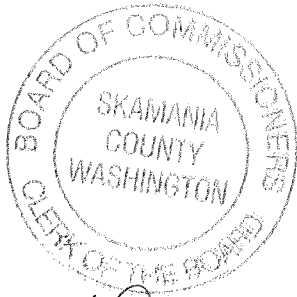
Commissioner McKenzie advised of his ongoing concern with current weather conditions and fire danger. Commissioners Anderson and Brong agreed with Commissioner McKenzie's concerns.

The meeting recessed at 11:37 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger, Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger, and Diana Perez, Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included staffing transition, campgrounds, anticipated timber sales, bow contracts, huckleberries, transition plan for Mount St Helens to be managed by the Mt Adams District, funding for Forest Youth Success, the need to increase timber harvest and financial stability for the County, housing federal agencies in the Gorge, moving Mt Adams Ranger Station back to Stabler, fire funding, State Road 504 Powerline to Cowlitz County PUD project, Fire and Ice Scenic Byway project, Spirit Lake Tunnel maintenance, Ape Caves bat issue, opening of Ape Cave Vista Trail, Marble Mountain Shelter, Pine Creek water line replacement, Cascade Peaks concessionaire building replacement, fish projects, Back Country Horsemen working on Fossil Creek Trail Bridge reconstruction, and road maintenance and brushing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson  
Commissioner

Cheryl Brown  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 5  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_