

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 16, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2013 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair and Christopher Brong present. Discussion included letters of interest for Civil Service Commission appointments, State Auditors, surplus items, workshop request to discuss marijuana regulations, scheduling, and Bridge of the Gods weight restrictions, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 16, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Prosser advised that, due to the weight restriction on the Bridge of the Gods, he would like to see enforcement of truck traffic if they exceed the five vehicle limit for impeding traffic.

Michael Hamilton clarified that the five vehicle limit for impeding traffic applies to all vehicles.

Wayne Lease advised he would like an up to date profit loss for the County, a list of Group B Water Systems, the cost of the new well at Wind River Business Park, and feels the public should be allowed to call in for public comment.

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

1. Minutes of July 9, 2013.
2. Liquor License renewal for Gorge Crest Winery.
3. Resolution 2013-34 Repay Current Expense Loan.
4. Agreement with Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation to provide Affordable Housing Funding assistance for required replacement reserve deposits for White Cap Apartments.
5. Agreement with Lexis Nexis to provide online legal research for attorneys use in the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve a special voucher dated July 9, 2013 in the total amount of \$159.48.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending July 15, 2013 in the total amount of \$210,276.47.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service Weed Control Project, Knotweed Control Project, Washington Weed-free Hay and Mulch Certifications, Cowlitz PUD No. 1 Swift No. 2 Project, White Salmon River training, and Bonneville Lock and Dam Weed Control Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings, which included the Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Association of Counties Timber Counties meeting, meeting with the Sheriff regarding outdoor fires, Joint Port Meeting regarding the Bridge of the Gods, and forest issues, with no action taken.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- 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 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson and Brong present.

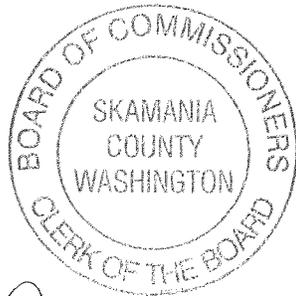
The Board discussed a draft resolution, presented by Commissioner Brong, declaring a local economic emergency due to the Bridge of the Gods weight restriction for truck traffic, with no action taken.

Commissioner Brong gave an update on his meeting with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group regarding active management of the forest. He will continue to work with the GPAG and other groups that support the Commissioners efforts.

Darren Nichols, Director for Columbia River Gorge Commission gave updates on the CRGC. Discussion included the budget, various projects, sharing of municipal resources between cities in the Gorge, economic development, Management Plan, and trails.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet J. Jensen
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Clay Brong
Commissioner

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay
Abstain
Absent 1