

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of March 26, 2013**

A special meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair and Doug McKenzie present, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to receive public comments on past performance and use of 2012 CDBG Public Services Grant award, to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant for 2013, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low- and moderate-income persons residing in the areas of Skamania and Klickitat Counties. Information regarding the availability of CDBG funds, eligible uses, and income guidelines was available for distribution to interested parties in attendance. Linda Schneider, Director for Washington Gorge Action Programs reported on 2012 services provided, which included housing programs, weatherization, nutrition programs, and energy assistance, and advised that services to be provided in 2013 would be focused on housing and homeless, nutrition, employment, and an after school youth center for teens. There was no public present. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve Resolution 2013-20 certifying compliance with certain conditions as part of the application requirements and applicable state and federal laws, and accompanying required documents for the submission of the grant application.

The meeting recessed at 5:37 p.m.

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 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 the need for a revenue forecast for state forest board funds, funds for Forest Youth Success Program, updated ER&R surplus list, proclamation, request from South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative to use a county van for an overnight field trip which was agreed upon by the Board, support for continued mineral exploration in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, letter to US Forest Service Regional Forester regarding forest issues and concerns, E-Verify Program, agreement to support Wolf Management Policy Bills, and an issue paper for a brief forest plan for increased forest health and local economic development and land ownership map, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:23 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 26, 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.

Mary Repar, Grange 121 Master advised of seeking monetary backing to get the old grange building up and running for community meetings and activities.

Carol Shields, Skamania County EMS thanked the Board for the surplus vehicles.

Judith Lanz from Farmers Insurance asked the Board to request employees to not park on Russell Street so the parking spaces can be used by local businesses.

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

1. Minutes of March 19, 2013.
2. Authorize surplus of the recommended vehicle list with estimated salvage values.
3. 2012 Annual Reports and Submittal Certification to the County Road Administration Board.

4. Agreement with Simplifile LC to provide electronic submission of non-excite documents for recording, with all fees paid by the submitter.
5. Agreement with USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest to provide funding for the Skamania County Corrections Crew Title II Program.
6. Memorandum of Understanding setting terms and conditions and reporting requirements regarding diversion of County Road Funds to the Sheriff's Office to be used for traffic policing and enforcement activities.
7. Agreement between the Sheriff and County Engineer to provide accountability for an appropriate diversion of County Road Funds for the sole purposes of providing traffic policing and road related services.
8. Contract with Human Services Council to provide funding for reimbursement of non-emergency medical transportation.

Lisa Alexander and Rachel Bryan from Skamania County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault gave a brief presentation regarding sexual assault awareness. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a Proclamation for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month for April 2013.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending March 25, 2013 in the total amount of \$202,587.75.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-21 supporting continued mineral exploration in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Skamania County.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Kent Connaughton, US Forest Service Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region requesting an "accelerated restoration" multiyear program of tree thinning and forest restoration on the "wet" side of the Cascades on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Scott Pineo, Director of General Services presented a recommendation for managed IT services. This matter was tabled until April 2, 2013.

Todd Murray, WSU Extension Agent reported on administration, 4-H, community development, natural resource, small farms and home gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Legislative Steering Committee, new county land ownership map, emergency preparedness with west end resident, new homeless transitional shelter, joint workshop with the Planning Commission, Ascot Mining, South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, and the Forest Service regarding Wind River Business Park, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, reports to Board members, 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.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. at the Rock Creek Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

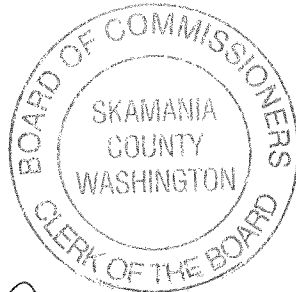
The Board met with the Financial Management Committee to discuss the 2013 Budget, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with representatives from Columbia Gorge Housing Authority to discuss the current status of projects and services. Discussion included funds used in Skamania County, Family Self Sufficiency Program, housing development projects in Skamania County, and rental assistance, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Parrella Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Robert Anderson*

Commissioner

*Chris Brong*

Commissioner

*[Signature]*

Commissioner

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Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_