

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of May 7, 2013**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 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 upcoming agenda items, slate wall, and surplus property sales, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 7, 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 commented about the need for a good environment and requested the Board to listen to public comments with an open mind.

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

1. Minutes of April 30, 2013.
2. Acknowledge a letter received from Kent Connaughton, US Forest Service Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, responding to the Board's letter 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.
3. Appoint Commissioner Doug McKenzie to the Disability (LEOFF) Board.
4. Authorize Public Works to negotiate the terms of a consultant services contract with Integrity Structural Engineering for BRAC funded bridge painting projects.
5. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, June 11, 2013 to consider Supplemental Budget #3.
6. Contract with Department of Commerce, amendment A to transfer National Scenic Area Grant funds between line item budget categories.
7. Contract with Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency, amendment D to increase funding to enhance capabilities of state, local and tribal government to assist with catastrophic and/or terrorist events.
8. Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11 Office & Professional Employees Unit to include Senior Services Cook position in the bargaining unit.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending April 30, 2013 in the total amount of \$955,695.72.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 6, 2013 in the total amount of \$105,762.78.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Columbia River Gorge Commission members, Courthouse grounds, upcoming meeting regarding the Grange Building, Pope Resources, Columbia Land Trust, Forest Youth Success Program, Budget Sub-Committee, Southwest Washington Clean Air, and Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 9:59 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.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The Board participated in a workshop with several Department Heads and Elected Officials to discuss indirect costs charged to Federal grants and contracts. The Board requested the Auditor to convene a committee to research options for direct/indirect costs to utilize the Current Expense Fund, and to report back at the next Commissioners meeting.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board briefly discussed a zoning/boundary line adjustment issue, with no action taken.

Keith Chamberlain, Columbia River Gorge Commissioner introduced Darren Nichols, CRGC Director and gave updates on the CRGC activities. Discussion included budget, priority projects, unauthorized trail development within the National Scenic Area, Management Plan review, and a proposed initiative to share municipal services between the Cities of Stevenson, North Bonneville and Cascade Locks.

The meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding potential litigation from 12:00 p.m. until 12:29 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to instruct the Commissioners Administrative Assistant to pay \$125,000, from proceeds of surplus property sales, to the principle of the loan with Sterling Bank.

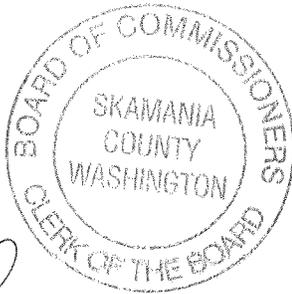
Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a Personnel Pre-Hire Request from the Sheriff to promote a corrections officer to the vacant position of corrections sergeant.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve letters to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Beutler regarding the financial position of Skamania County and requesting support for legislative proposals and solutions to provide long-term funding.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Connie Mom-Chhing, CEO for Southwest Washington Behavioral Health advising of the severe County budget situation and requesting an extension through the next contract period of the current crisis contract and funding formula.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Pamela Johnson*  
**Clerk of the Board**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Robert Anderson*  
**Commissioner**

*Christopher Boy*  
**Commissioner**

*[Signature]*  
**Commissioner**

Aye   3    
Nay         
Abstain         
Absent