

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of May 14, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 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 scheduling, contracts, and consent agenda item #5, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:03 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 14, 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 inquired about the County changing back to a five day work week and stated his concern with the cost of septic system fees.

Mike Hamilton advised of his concerns with no logging in the national forest.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Item #5 that was removed:

1. Minutes of May 7, 2013.
2. Special occasion liquor licenses for Coy-Catlin American Legion Auxiliary Post 137.
3. Authorize the ER&R Department to sell surplus vehicle #402 to Skamania County Hospital District for \$2,200.
4. Authorization to purchase a software module for the clinical Electronic Health Records Web-based System for Behavioral and Public Health clinical client records.
- ~~5. Authorization to purchase Annual Support for Data Center Equipment 24/7 Response, Sonic Wall Firewall Annual subscription license, and Barracuda Web Filter with 3 year updates.~~
6. Call for bids for Wind River Road Overlay Project.
7. Contract with Change Point, amendment #1 to extend the term and increase the payment for services with an interim Prevention Specialist to provide grant-funded prevention services training to a new Prevention Specialist contractor.
8. Contract with Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery amendment #4 to increase the amount of available grant funds for Chemical Dependency and Prevention Services.
9. Contract with Lori Wolford to provide community fitness programming/instruction through the General Services Department.
10. Contract with Washington State Military Department, amendment B to increase funding and change the expiration date for reimbursement of eligible E911 Wireline and Wireless costs.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week and to observe May 15, 2013 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 13, 2013 in the total amount of \$64,296.27.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included a meet and greet with Janine Clayton, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor, arbitration training, phone interview with KOIN regarding IT services, Grange Building, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Gorge regarding

Gorge Town to Trails project, Fire and Ice Scenic Loop, Mid Columbia Economic Development District, Board of Health, and Human Services Advisory Board, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 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.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 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 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 2:18 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve an authorization to purchase Annual Support for Data Center Equipment 24/7 Response, Sonic Wall Firewall Annual subscription license, and Barracuda Web Filter with 3-year updates.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve an amendment to the agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation to transfer funds from the transit program to the dial a ride program.

Forest Service updates were presented by Nancy Ryke, Mt Adams District Ranger and Diana Perez, Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included hiring for summer temporary help and vacant staff positions, timber sales, Fire and Ice project, grant for Children's Summer Adventures Program, Forest Youth Success Program, campgrounds, fire season, research projects, kids fishing derby, thinning and bow sales, training, Gorge Towns to Trails project, and emergency services.

The meeting recessed at 3:26 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Auditor to discuss the process for mid-year budget reviews, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding the following proposed Title III Projects for 2013:

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department. To continue to enhance and improve the level of search and rescue services in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge NSA, as well as reduce and improve response times to all types of emergency calls. The funds requested are to maintain 1 FTE Road

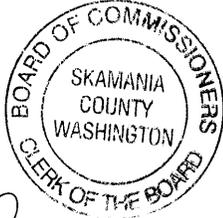
Deputy position, 1/2 FTE Road Deputy wage and 1/4 FTE Road Deputy and overtime. Capital costs requested are for MDC & Communications upgrade and to provide office space at Pine Creek. Total project cost \$222,502.

2. North Country EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country EMS. To continue to provide emergency medical services to visitors, recreationists, residents, and employees of the northwest area of Skamania County including Mt St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument located in Skamania County. This project requests funding for personnel to staff an ambulance and rescue vehicle for the months of June, July and August. Response in other months will be from Yacolt Station. Total project cost \$80,000.
3. Skamania County Firewise Education, Outreach and Fuels Reduction, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District is proposing funding to continue (a) implementation of the Skamania County Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP); (b) assist and coordinate with activities leading to the continued participation of all national recognized Firewise Communities including direct assistance with Community Events (c) direct technical and education assistance to land owners and managers in Skamania County in combination with (d) the implementation of the UCD Firewise Incentive Program to help put wildfire risk reduction work on the ground in Skamania County, and (e) the facilitation of the Skamania County Wildfire Prevention Local Coordinating Group. Total project cost \$96,160.47.

Representatives from Underwood Conservation District advised of the importance of funding for their project. The hearing was closed to public comments. The Board acknowledged a letter from Del Allen supporting funding for the Firewise project. Commissioner Anderson advised that available Title III funds for 2013 projects was less than funds requested by the applicants, and that award amounts for the three projects listed above would be announced on May 29. Sheriff Dave Brown and Ben Peeler, on behalf of North Country EMS, both advised they could make reductions in their budget requests if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Samuel Brown
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Del Allen
Commissioner

Ben Peeler
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____