

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

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 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 the need to rescind a resolution that created a special revenue fund for Noxious Weed, amendment to real estate purchase and sale agreement with the Port, resolution for additional budget directives, and Commissioner Assignments, changing Lower Fish Recovery Board to Commissioner McKenzie due to a scheduling conflict for Commissioner Brong, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 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.

Renee Tkach gave an overview of the Gorge Towns to Trails and how the trail system benefits Gorge economy by connecting trails to communities.

W.D. Truitt, President of the Cascade Sportsman's Club asked for a letter of permission from the County to operate a shooting range for Club members at the Wind River Business Park to be located in the tunnel under the former seedling processing plant building at 1111 Hemlock Road.

Dave L'Hommedieu advised of his support for a shooting range.

Dave Prosser advised of his personal concerns with increased taxes and no increase in services.

Keith Brown advised that the Cape Horn Trail is focused on fostering economical benefits for the County and expressed his appreciation of the involvement of the Commissioners.

Mr. Bulota advised that the County should have discussions directly with the Federal government and not with the Forest Service to get the forest opened up to harvest.

Teresa Robbins representative for Cape Horn Conservancy advised that they would like to have a kiosk at the Salmon Falls Park and Ride to post information for tourists, which would help promote economic development in the Gorge, and presented a copy of the Conservancy's Annual Report for 2012.

Curt Skaar encouraged the Board to consider wants versus needs with regards to what economic return comes back to the County from investments for trails.

Dave L'Hommedieu advised that the County should contact Congress about opening up the forest for harvest.

Commissioner Brong advised of the importance of the public coming to public comment period and stated that if person wants a response to their comment, they need to specifically request a response.

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

1. Minutes of February 12, 2013.
2. Liquor License Renewals for Carson General Store and Aniche Cellars.

3. Authorization to purchase cellular phone and monthly service plan for General Services crew due to current network being disabled in our area.
4. Agreement with the City of Stevenson and Prosecutor for the purpose of engaging the services of a Deputy Prosecutor for prosecution services for crimes over which the City of Stevenson has jurisdiction.
5. Agreement with Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus to provide funding for bridge painting projects for Conrad Lundy, Jr. Bridge and Moore Bridge.
6. Contract with Cynthia Olivier to provide specialized mental health consultation with Community Health clinicians working with special populations.
7. Contract with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health to provide funding to Skamania County for Regional Services Network County Liaison representing Skamania County.
8. Contract with Wire Works, LLC to accessorize a new patrol vehicle.
9. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 to consider Ordinance 2013-01 amending Skamania County Code Title 10 Traffic and Title 12 regarding boat launch/parking permits at Old Hatchery Road and Drano Boat Launch.

The Board acknowledged letters from Skamania County Emergency Medical Services and North Country Emergency Medical Services regarding the formation of an Emergency Medical Services District in the Swift/North County area.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on general administration, Planning Division, Environmental Health Division, and Building Division.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering and County Road projects, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-11 Establishing Additional Emergency Budget Directives.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings, which included Emergency Medical Services, upcoming Legislative Steering Committee, Port of Skamania County, Lower Fish Recovery Board, Washington Gorge Action Programs, County Road Administration Board training, Bridge of the Gods Little League, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, and surplus property sales update, with no action taken.

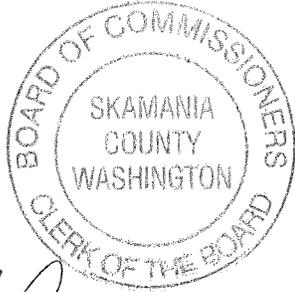
The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Financial Management Committee to discuss the 2013 Budget and various options for 2013 cost reductions, with no action taken.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 19, 2013 in the total amount of \$145,007.10.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

**ATTEST:**



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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Robert Anderson*  
**Commissioner**

*C. Brown*  
**Commissioner**

*[Signature]*  
**Commissioner**

Aye   3    
Nay         
Abstain         
Absent