

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of August 27, 2013**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 27, 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 cancelling the September 24<sup>th</sup> Financial Management Committee meeting due to 2014 Preliminary Budget workshops, scheduling contractors paid from External Services for a budget workshop, Resolution 2013-37 establishing a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, surplus property sales and principle payment on loan with Sterling Savings Bank, Current Expense Fund balance, support letters for H.R. 1526, timer for speakers at meetings, letter to State Auditor, and an upcoming meeting regarding a pilot project to increase forest health and local economic development, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 27, 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 commented on the matter of a building permit issued to his client Kathy Caldwell's husband that expired 10 years ago and advised that very little construction was completed due to his death. Ms. Caldwell asked for a \$2,500 credit and to allow her to pay the difference of approximately \$800 of the cost of a new permit.

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

1. Minutes of August 20, 2013.
2. Surplus two Senior Services buses referenced in a letter from the General Services Director and authorize the sale said vehicles.
3. Resolution 2013-37 Establishing a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
4. Agreement with WA State Department of Transportation to provide operating funding assistance to Senior Services for the Dial A Ride Program and to sustain the transit service to Fisher's Landing Transit Center.
5. Contract with Washington State Military Department to provide funding for reimbursement of eligible E911 Wireline and Wireless costs.
6. Interlocal agreement between the Cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville and Skamania County for allocation of funds from the Federal Surface Transportation Program to the Skamania County Region.
7. Memorandum of Understanding with Washougal School District No. 112-6 for Skamania County Community Health to provide mental health services for students in Cape Horn-Skye Elementary and Canyon Creek Middle Schools.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 26, 2013 in the total amount of \$201,248.08.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to ratify the Chair's approval on August 22, 2013 of contract amendment #1 with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to provide additional funding for Sheriff's Work Crew Title II Project, and on August 26, 2013 for contract amendment #9 with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to provide additional funding for Noxious Weed Control Title II Project.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to direct Debbie Slack, Administrative Assistant to submit a principle only payment on the loan with Sterling Savings Bank in the amount of \$100,000 from the proceeds of surplus property sales.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Congressman Doc Hastings and Congressman Peter DeFazio supporting H.R. 1526 regarding sustainable forest management.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Beutler requesting support of federal legislation for sustainable forest management and US Forest Service direction.

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

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings, which included Swift area, paving project at Old Man Pass on Wind River Road, Building Department, Public Works, union, and a meeting with congressional aides regarding federal funding for the Bridge of the Gods repairs and economic distress issues in Skamania County, with no action taken.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The Board discussed the matter of a building permit issued to Kathy Caldwell's husband that expired 10 years ago, and the fact that very little construction was completed due to his death. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried, based on special circumstances, to allow a credit of \$2,500 towards the cost of a new permit and to allow Ms. Caldwell to pay the difference of approximately \$800. Commissioner McKenzie voted nay.

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

Iloba Odum, Vancouver Field Director for the Department of Ecology, met with the Board to discuss various County projects and/or issues which included and overview of services provided, removal of Trout Creek Dam, Rock Creek slide, City of Stevenson project to extend the wastewater treatment outfall pipe, Condit Dam removal, sediment buildup from dam removals and slides, Resource Advisory Committee, Wind River Business Park well, Shoreline Master Plan for Skamania County, and coordination prevention grants.

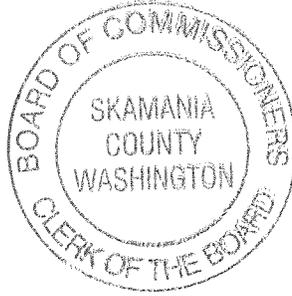
The Board discussed timers for speakers at meetings and directed the Clerk of the Board to purchase one.

The Board discussed their meeting of August 20, 2013 with Mt. Adams District Ranger Mosé Jones-Yellin and possible interest in the Hemlock site. Commissioner McKenzie advised he would follow up with another meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of relocating the rosary collection housed at the Interpretive Center to a more popular site. Commissioner McKenzie stated his opposition to this concept, advised that the collection is a Skamania County treasure that attracts visitors, and care of the collection could be paid from Hotel-Motel Funds.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Janet Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

*Chris Boy*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_