

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
Meeting of December 23, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 23, 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 cancellation of the Financial Management Committee meeting, December 30 agenda, health insurance opt-out for non union employees, support letter for Bio Mass Project, and office space for Diana Perez from GPNF to meet with citizens twice monthly, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) from 9:12 a.m. until 9:17 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 23, 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.

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

1. Minutes of December 17, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewals for American Legion Coy-Catlin Post 137 and Simpers Family Estate.
3. Resolution 2013-51 Amending the ER&R Policy to temporarily suspend the 2014 Sheriff's replacement program due to budgetary constraints.
4. Resolution 2013-59 establishing new waste disposal fees and rescinding Resolution 2006-59.
5. Agreement with Department of Commerce to provide funding from STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program to support a portion of legal assistance position for domestic violence activities.
6. Agreement with Department of Social & Health Services to provide funding to coordinate and implement prevention programs to prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.
7. Agreement with Department of Social & Health Services, amendment #1 amending the statement of work for coordination and implementation of prevention programs to prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.
8. Agreement with USDA, Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to provide funding for law enforcement services on National Forest Service lands.
9. Agreement with Washington State Patrol for reimbursement of fire mobilization costs per the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan.
10. Agreement with Washington State Department of Health joint plan to delineate the responsibility of the Department of Health and Skamania regarding sanitary surveys and oversight of water systems.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included radio user meeting, unions, Southwest Washington Behavioral Health, IT Users Group, Hospital District, and an email to Senators King and Honeyford regarding the Governor's supplemental budget, with no action taken.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve an Interlocal agreement between the City of North Bonneville and Skamania County District Court to provide municipal court services for the City.

Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director submitted her resignation effective January 31, 2014.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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 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 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson and McKenzie present and Commissioner Brong present by phone.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to rescind the motion of December 30, 2008 that allows full time employees to opt-out of health insurance; and to allow all employees who have dual healthcare coverage to voluntarily opt-out of health insurance, with an option to request a \$200 stipend, providing the employee provides proof of healthcare coverage through another entity.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a request from Public Works to hire an on-call employee for the Solid Waste Division for various days in December and for January 2, 2014.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve four memorandum of agreements with OPEIU Local 11 to reduce the full time employment of five employees in four County departments due to budget reductions for fiscal year 2014.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2013-47 establishing a comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Tim Holmann, County Engineer gave a staff report. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-47.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-48 adopting the 2013 Annual Road Program.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2013-56 adopting the 2014 Final Budget. Helen Paulus urged the Board to continue to monitor expenses, keep being fiscally responsible, and thanked the Board and staff for their hard work. Sheriff Dave Brown thanked two members of the public for their involvement in the budget, thanked the Board and staff for their hard work, and stated his disappointment that the Board didn't address his letter requesting the creation of a current expense budget designated specifically for prevention efforts and transition the contracted position to a County position. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2014 Final Budget.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-57 setting Current Expense Property Tax Levies for 2014.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-58 setting County Road Property Tax Levies for 2014.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Certification of the 2014 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies to Assessor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Chris Brong
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____