

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 26, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 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 membership renewal for Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association, scheduling, agenda items, and new Personnel Pre-Hire Request Form, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 26, 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.

Public Comment:

1. Dave Prosser advised of his personal concerns with increased property taxes, asked what services he gets for his taxes, and advised of personal sacrifices made to pay his taxes.
2. Mary Repar gave an update on the community garden and advised of needing help with fencing and water, inquired about the status of the local Grange #121 acquiring the old Grange Building, advised of the need for pet potty stations at Rock Creek Park, and advised she would like to see some of the meetings of Southwest Behavioral Health be held in Stevenson.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Item #2 that was removed:

1. Minutes of February 20, 2013.
- ~~2. Resolution 2013-12 interfund loan from Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) to Current Expense and County Road Funds.~~
3. Resolution 2013-13 rescinding Resolution 2012-09 changing Noxious Weed from a fund within Current Expense to a Special Revenue Fund.
4. Contract with ChangePoint to provide interim prevention specialist related to prevention activities in Skamania County under the Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery Chemical Dependency Prevention guidelines.
5. Contract with Clarity Health Services for referral management services to allow client referrals and client records to be sent electronically from NorthShore Medical Group.
6. Contract with Darnell Jackie Strong to provide consultation with Community Health clinicians working with special populations.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve the Stevenson-Carson Senior Parents use of the Courthouse Lawn for promotional signage for three days in February 2013.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve contract amendment #2 with the Human Services Council to extend the term for one month, for providing Medicare reimbursement for non emergency Medicaid medical transportation, to allow for review and updates for a new contract based upon new laws and requirements.

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

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Legislative Steering Committee, Clark College presentation at Wind River Education Center, Carson Junction funding issues

with Senator Curtis King, Southwest Behavior Health Executive Director Connie Mom-Chhing, Economic Development Council luncheon, Homeless Housing upcoming open house for new transitional housing, Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group, and Port of Cascade Locks Bridge of the Gods issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 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 meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 10:22 a.m. until 10:42 a.m., with no action taken.

Safety Committee representative presented Safety Committee reports.

- Report #2013-01. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2013-E-21. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2013-E-22. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

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 25, 2013 in the total amount of \$90,268.37.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 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 approve personnel pre-hire requests from Community Health to replace a Public Health Nurse Manager position, Senior Services to add to the on-call pool driver position, and ten Noxious Weed Control positions for various projects county-wide. It is noted that all positions approved are grant funded.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group to discuss forest related issues. Discussion included a review of the following five subjects previously discussed and a brainstorming effort to open the forest to active forest management.

1. Commissioners' role in working with the U.S. Forest Service in GPNF management planning for forest health and County economic benefits, and recommendation that the Board should appoint

- a Commissioner or County representative who would engage the GPNF in key areas, such as Forest Leadership Team meetings.
- 2. Coordination of planning on forest-related issues with other affected GPNF counties.
- 3. Engage our WA Congressional delegation to require 25% funds for counties and schools within re-authorization of Stewardship contracting.
- 4. Begin the process of negotiation of a contract with the GPNF to perform forest road maintenance.
- 5. Re-establishment of Hemlock as the South Zone Ranger District Headquarters.

The meeting recessed at 2:27 p.m. and reconvened at 2:32 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss Group B Water Systems and draft zoning changes, with no action taken.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 3:36 p.m. until 4:09 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding real estate from 4:10 p.m. until 4:40 p.m., with no action taken.

The Board discussed terminating the employee vacation buy-out program for 2013 and advised they would be notifying union representatives of their intent.

The Board discussed directive #2 wage and salary freeze listed in Resolution 2013-11 establishing additional emergency budget directives, and requested an amendment to #2 to read "Wage and salary freeze, except step increases approved by an employee's supervisor".

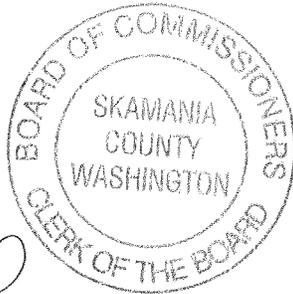
The Board discussed sending letters to W.D. Truitt of Cascade Sportsman Club regarding an indoor shooting range at Wind River Business Park and to Dave Processor regarding services provided from property taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

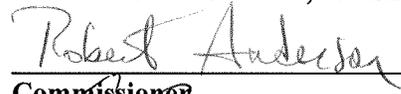
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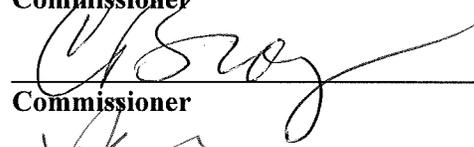
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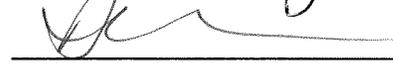
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 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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