

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 19, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 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 special occasion liquor license, proclamation, letter to Fish and Wildlife regarding elk hoof deformities, letter to senator and representatives regarding state shared revenues, Fire and Ice Scenic Loop Project, voucher approval, the need to respond to requests for comments from various agencies, and the need for a county representative to attend Forest Leadership Team meetings, with no action taken. Commissioner Brong advised he would representative the county for the Fire and Ice Scenic Loop Project.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 19, 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.

Curt Skaar advised of his concerns regarding County Road Department layoffs, the diversion of funds from County Road to the Sheriff, and questioned what authority allowed for the diversion of funds.

Scott Anderson, President of the Stevenson Business Association advised of webinars for the Stevenson downtown revitalization effort and branding program.

Dave Prosser commented on Commissioner Brong's letter to the editor, advised of difficulties with the planning and building process, and suggested that fees for various passes and permits be included in property taxes.

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

1. Minutes of March 12, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewals for Carson Ridge Luxury Cabins and Skamania General Store.
3. Authorize Director of General Services to dispose of surplus logs and wood at Big Cedars Park.
4. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, April 9, 2013 to consider Supplemental Budget #2.
5. Resolution 2013-17 Repay Current Expense Loans.
6. Resolution 2013-18 Interfund Loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan to Current Expense Fund, Non-Departmental Revenue.
7. Agreement between Washington State Department of Corrections and Skamania County Community Health to conduct chemical dependency screenings, intakes, assessments and treatment of offenders referred by the Department of Corrections under the Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative program.
8. Contract with Humane Society for Southwest Washington to provide animal preparation services related to rabies and other public health safety issues.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to award the bid to and execute a contract with Clean World Maintenance, Inc for custodial services at Rock Creek Hegewald Center, Courthouse, Juvenile Building, Courthouse Annex, and Employment Security offices.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service weed control, Knotweed Control Project, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Class A Project, Inventory & Survey

Regional Workshop, Columbia River Aquatic Weed Project, and Spring “Weed Watcher” Early Detector Trainings.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a special occasion liquor license for the Stevenson Business Association Iron Man Strong Ale Festival on April 6, 2013.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a proclamation for Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Centennial 2013 and recognition of Beacon Rock State Park.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding severe hoof deformities in Southwest Washington elk.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve letters to Senator Curtis King and Representatives Norm Johnson and Charles Ross stressing the importance of state shared revenues for the financial well being of Skamania County.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending March 18, 2013 in the total amount of \$88,067.28.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included the Chamber of Commerce, Port of Cascade Locks regarding the Bridge of the Gods, Unions, Department of Transportation regarding Wind River Road/SR14 Junction, Southwest Washington Area on Aging and Disabilities, Skamania County Emergency Medical Services/Hospital District, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group, Sterling Bank, and Gifford Pinchot Task Force, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, reports to Board members, general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- 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 Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding potential litigation from 10:57 a.m. until 11:16 a.m., with no action taken.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to authorize proceeding with two layoffs in the County Road Department, first a Road Forman and then a Road Maintenance Work III, and direct Human Resources to notify effected employees. Effected employees will be released from work effective March 19, 2013, and their last paid day is April 1, 2013.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 3:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

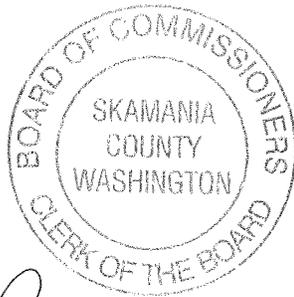
The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding potential litigation from 3:00 p.m. until 3:49 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:49 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a joint workshop with Community Development and the Planning Commission. Planning Commission members present included Tony Coates, Tom Waters, Dee Bajema, W.D. Truitt, Cyndi Soliz, and Cliff Nutting. Discussion included the role of the Planning Commission, 2013 Planning Commission Projects, and Commissioners Long-Range Project List, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 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 _____