

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of November 19, 2013**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on November 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 scheduling a 2014 Budget workshop, payment of invoices for publication of hearing notices, appreciation of Commissioner Brong's response letter in reference to an Op Ed article by Bob Dingethal, Executive Director for the Gifford Pinchot Task Force regarding mining near Mount St Helens National Monument, and an upcoming workshop regarding emergency medical services, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

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

Dodi Jensen, owner of Camp Melacoma requested a meeting with Dr. Melnick regarding plans for opening a dry camp in 2014 due to natural occurring high arsenic levels in the water system and advised of timelines for approval of a new water system design.

Jennifer Jardee-Borquist submitted letters in support of Camp Melacoma.

Matthew Butron advised of his support for Camp Melacoma.

David Kelly, Executive Director for Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities congratulated Pat Culver for her dedication and commitment in serving on the SWAAD Advisory Board.

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

1. Minutes of November 13, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewal for Backwoods Brewing Company.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Educational Service District 112 and other community partners to participate in the ESD 112 Student Threat Assessment Program.
4. Memorandum of Understanding with Stevenson-Carson School District to provide funding from the Homeless Housing Assistance Fund to be used to help provide outreach services for homeless students/at risk students who lack resources that other children in the community are afforded.
5. Contract with Petersen Brothers Construction, Inc for the Skamania County Run-Off-Road and Intersection Safety Project.
6. Community Health personnel pre-hire request for replacement for the Registered Nurse and then Medical Assistant positions.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 18, 2013 in the total amount of \$82,363.17.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Senator Maria Cantwell and Senator Patty Murray asking them to sign on to a letter addressed to Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Murkowski regarding action to restore the health of both our National Forests and the gateway communities adjacent to them.

Emily Stevenson, Interim Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service weed control, Knotweed Control Project, Columbia River Shoreline Project, Butterfly Bush Survey Project, and Coldwater Lake Aquatic Weed Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included the 2014 Budget and a proposal to establish a nonprofit Skamania County Community Fund, to be administered through The Community Foundation, to fund various projects in Skamania County, with no action taken.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

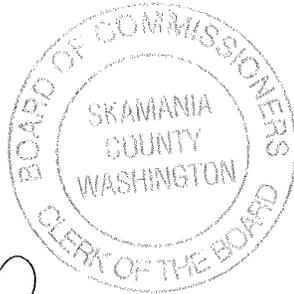
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- Scott Pineo, General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities management, 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 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), from 10:52.a.m. until 11:16 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

**ATTEST:**



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Adick  
Commissioner  
Chris Brong  
Commissioner  
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Commissioner

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