

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of May 21, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 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 receipt of state forest board funds, supplemental budget, upcoming NCEMS Board meeting, Title III funding for 2013 and indirect costs for 2012 and 2013, scheduling, costs for dumping garbage/debris from Cleanup Day, Department of Health contract, National Scenic Area funding, and complaints regarding an ongoing religious event on the West End, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:19 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 21, 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 Anderson requested a moment of silence for those affected by the tornado disaster in Oklahoma.

Paul Spencer advised of an upcoming Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group meeting in the Swift area on May 29, 2013.

Dave Prosser advised that he appreciated the letter the Board sent to state and federal representatives regarding the financial position of Skamania County.

Wayne Lease advised of water issues in the Northwestern Lake area due to the removal of Condit Dam and of his concerns with state mandates for Group B water systems.

The Board presented of a Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board to Tim Homann, County Engineer.

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

1. Minutes of May 14, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewals for Zeek's Bar & Grill and White Salmon Vineyards.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, June 11, 2013 to consider an application from Pope Resources for a change of classification from Forest Land to Open Space Land for portions of tax parcels 07060000030000, 40000, 80000, 90000, 100000, 120000 & 130000 totaling approximately 2,330 acres.
4. Reappoint Ken Cole to serve in position 3 on Skamania County's Noxious Weed Control Board.
5. Contract with Brasher's Portland Auto Auction to sell ER&R surplus vehicles.
6. Contract with Credible Wireless, Inc, amendment #2 for Behavioral Health Electronic Records Software to increase the payment for services and amend the Scope of Work to add consulting services for specialized training.
7. Contract with J2 Blueprint Supply Company for equipment repair and maintenance for Assessor/Auditor and Public Works printers and scanners.
8. Contract with Yaritza Berrios to provide community fitness programming/instruction through the General Services department.

John McSherry gave a brief presentation regarding the Port's request for \$8,000 from the County's .09% Sales and Use Tax fund for matching the Community Economic Revitalization Board grant for a Technological Feasibility Study of Woody-Biomass Cogeneration at Wind River Business Park. Commissioner McKenzie requested the Port to contribute \$2,000 of the \$8,000 required grant match. Following discussion, Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve \$8,000 from .09% Sales and Use Tax fund for the grant match, with Commissioner McKenzie voting nay.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 20, 2013 in the total amount of \$175,832.92.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service weed control, Knotweed Control Project, State Noxious Weed Control Board Class A Project, Cowlitz PUD No. 1 Swift No. 2 Project, White Salmon River Training, and an upcoming Inventory and Survey Regional Workshop.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included unions, long term health care for LEOFF I retirees, US Fish and Wildlife, Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities, a Salmon Recovery Conference, Skamania County Economic Development Council, and Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group, 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.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to contribute up to \$500 of the transfer station fees for dumping garbage and/or debris for a Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 18 organized by the Stevenson Business Association, with the assistance of the City of Stevenson.

On behalf of the Indirect/Direct Cost Committee, Auditor Tim Todd reported on how the cost rate is currently applied to grants, the need to identify costs that are not eligible, and advised that the Committee will prepare a task list at their next meeting for mid-year budget reviews.

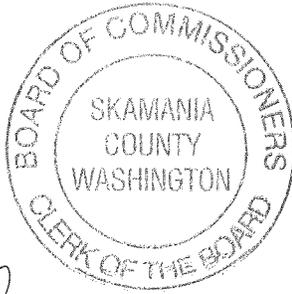
The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session from 10:37 a.m. until 11:03 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Cherie Kearney, Forestry Initiative and Special Projects and Ian Sinks, Stewardship Manager for Columbia Land Trust gave updates regarding privately owned conservation property. Discussion included an overview of the purpose and work of the Trust, history of working with Pope Resources, the need to raise awareness of issues in Skamania County, and the County's concern with private land being taken off the tax role.

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 Berg
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay
Abstain
Absent