

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 10, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 10, 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 2014 Budget, Superior Court public defender contract, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendations, holiday office closure, health insurance opt out for non-union employees and elected officials, scheduling a workshop regarding the ER&R radio contract with fire departments and emergency medical services, and a change in Commissioner assignments, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 10, 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.

Larry Mulcihy advised of the need for a variance to set back requirements for his property located on Eyman Cemetery Road in Carson.

Bob Talent gave an overview of past snow plowing issues.

Gloria Howell inquired as to whether or not union negotiations would have any effect on the 2014 Budget.

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

1. Minutes of December 3, 2013.
2. Agreement with Department of General Administration, Facilities Division, amendment #2 for lease of office space to be used by the Employment Security Department on a month to month basis.
3. Agreement with Educational Service District 112 to provide consultation and guidance to the Skamania County Prevention Specialist.
4. Agreement with PacificCorp to provide supplemental funding to the County for the Snow Plowing Service Contract on the Forest Service 90 and 25 Roads.
5. Contract with the City of Bingen for Skamania County to provide incarceration services for City inmates.
6. Contract with the City of North Bonneville for Skamania County to provide law enforcement services for the City.
7. Contract with the City of White Salmon for Skamania County to provide incarceration services for City inmates.
8. Contract with Department of Social & Health Services Division of Area Agency on Aging to provide fee for service for client meals through the Home Delivered Meal Service.
9. Agreements with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Section 125 pretax health reimbursement and daycare expenses to allow a carryover of up to \$500 of unused Health Flexible Spending Account Funds remaining at the end of the current plan year to the next plan year for Plans 501 All Non-Union, 502 Law Enforcement Guild, 503 Public Works/Facilities Unit, 504 Manager's Unit, 505 Office & Professionals Unit, and 507 Commissioners Office Employees Unit.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending November 30, 2013 in the total amount of \$981,485.09.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 10, 2013 in the total amount of \$207,009.30.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Commissioner McKenzie's meeting with Senator King regarding Carson Junction, encumbered lands and County finances, One Prevention Alliance, and Commissioner Brong serving on the Board of Evergreen Magazine that is related to forest management, with no action taken.

Prosecutor Adam Kick, on behalf of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, presented Committee recommendations for Tourism Promotion Projects to be funded in 2014. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve funding for the following projects:

- Laura O. Foster, Travel Book, \$2,074
- Skamania County Senior Services, Public Transit (weekends), \$1,250
- Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, Big Foot Bash & Bounty, \$4,500
- Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Promotion, \$44,000

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.
- Scott Pineo, General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities, 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 approve a Public Health Nurse I (LPN) new job description and pay range and a Public Health Nurse II (RN) revised job description.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Community Health for an additional Office Assistant V position.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to instruct the Auditor to issue draws to employees who received layoff notices as if they were continuing employment with the County.

The meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Financial Management Committee to discuss the Budget, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Auditor and General Services to discuss accounting procedures and use of EDEN, with no action taken.

The Board participated in an interview with Sarah Present to serve as Skamania County Public Health Officer.

The meeting recessed at 4:24 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

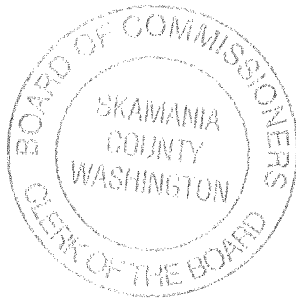
A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2013-46 Supplemental Budget #5 for 2013. There were comments from the public. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-46.

A public hearing was held to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2013-04, amending Skamania County Code Title 3.09, 9-1-1 Emergency System Excise Tax, Section .020 Tax Levied, Section .040 Tax Collection, and Section .050 Notice of Tax Imposed and Effective Date, to levy an excise tax of seventy (70) cents per prepaid wireless telecommunications service retail transaction conducted by consumers, occurring within Skamania County, as authorized by Section 105, Chapter 8, Laws of 2013, 2nd Special Session. Gloria Howell asked for clarification of the amendment. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2013-04.


The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


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Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____