

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 17, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 17, 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 an update on revenue, archived audio on website, potential code violation, and clarification of the 2013 Budget Directive regarding pre-authorization of travel, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 17, 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 Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of September 10, 2013.
2. Liquor license renewal for Acadian Farms for microbrewery and domestic winery privileges.
3. Resolution 2013-40 updating the 2013 Community Action Plan.
4. Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts to provide funding for Court Appointed Special Advocates to be appointed in all dependency cases filed in Skamania County and overall program management costs.
5. Agreement with Department of Ecology to provide Coordinated Prevention Grant funds for waste reduction and recycling.
6. Contract with Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc, amendment #15 to increase the amount for services to complete the Pika Mitigation Plan for Blue Lake Quarry.
7. Appointments to Skamania County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:
 - Two representatives of businesses required to collect lodging tax - Astrid Diek, Wind Mountain Resort and LeRoy Anderson, Timberlake Campground.
 - Two representatives involved in activities authorized to be funded by lodging tax revenue - Casey Roeder, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce and Jennifer Jackson, Skamania County General Services.
 - One elected official from municipality authorized to collect lodging tax – Skamania County Prosecutor Adam Kick.
 - One non-voting member who is an employee of the municipality and serves as fiscal advisor to the Committee – Debbie Slack, Administrative Assistant to Skamania County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Community Health to replace the Medical Assistant position.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to authorize submission of a Consolidated Homeless Grant application by Washington Gorge Action Programs.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 16, 2013 in the total amount of \$207,967.33.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service Weed Control Title II Project, Knotweed Control Project, Cowlitz PUD No. 1 Swift No. 2 Project, Bonneville Lock and Dam Project, and Columbia River Shoreline Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included general operations of departments, Chamber of Commerce, Lodging Tax Fund, and State Auditor exit conference, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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.
- 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 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Chair announced that Columbia River Gorge Commission updates were cancelled due to the representative being out of town.

The meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works and Solid Waste to discuss discontinuing trash pickup service at the Hegewald Center and Courthouse Complex, placing trash container boxes at each facility to be picked up by Solid Waste employees, and household hazardous waste management, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:34 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger, Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger, and Diana Perez, Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included Forest Leadership Team, Forest Service 90 Road repair, timber harvest, Forest Priority Summary, road projects, Gifford Pinchot Task Forest and Forest Youth Success partnership, motorized trails, pilot biomass project, campgrounds, winter recreation closures, facilities projects, Pine Creek water/power line replacement, new Information Center at Cascade Peaks, Public Land Day, trail projects, Spirit Lake Tunnel annual maintenance, timber sales, and an overview of the sales process on the Gifford Pinchot.

The meeting recessed at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Gabe Spencer, Chair for Columbia Gorge Housing Authority, on behalf of Ruby Mason, Director for Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, presented a request for \$17,000 from Affordable Housing

Funds for rental assistance vouchers for housing units that are affordable to very low-income households with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve the request for \$17,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund, noting that the Affordable Housing Fund is restricted specifically for the use of affordable housing.

The meeting recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2013-36 Supplemental Budget #4 for 2013. There was no public present. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-36.

The meeting recessed at 5:32 p.m.

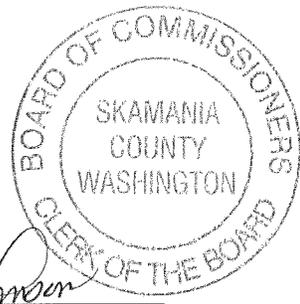
The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m. on September 18, 2103 at the Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, with Anderson, Brong and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) Management Plan. Those present included Jay McLaughlin, Executive Director for Mt Adams Resource Stewards, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group (GPAG) members, Port Executive Director John McSherry, Assessor Gabe Spencer, Prosecutor Adam Kick, Director of General Services Scott Pineo, and several local citizens. The purpose of the workshop was to review each Commissioner's plans and efforts that concern GPNF action and to review all plans and efforts of the GPAG, including the proposed Biomass facility. Commissioner Brong presented a list of goals, which included 1) the need for Commissioner presence at all Forest Service meetings and tours, 2) the need to make complete notes of all forest Service meetings, 3) Commissioner's written response to all GPNF proposed actions, 4) identify the GPNF role with the Commissioners in national forest issues, 5) hold regular Commissioner workshops on GPNF efforts, 6) communications list of all parties, 7) implement the proposed pilot project for the Wind River Watershed. Discussion included funding issues, forest management issues, the need to keep pressure on State and Federal representatives, and a presentation by GPAG members on the draft pilot project for the Wind River Watershed.

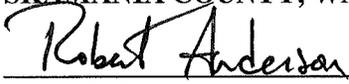
The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

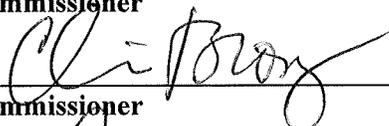
ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


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Abstain _____
Absent _____