

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 15, 2013

A special meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present for the purpose of holding a 2014 Preliminary Budget workshop.

The Board participated in a 2014 Preliminary Budget workshop with General Services, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong and McKenzie present.

The Board continued in a 2014 Preliminary Budget workshop with General Services, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:20 p.m.

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 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 the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Public Defense Fund, corrected Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia Gorge Housing Authority, and BOCC decision options for the 2014 Preliminary Budget for a prevention contract with DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (federal grant funding), BOCC administrative staff budget planning and monitoring capability, and Current Expense revenue shortfall.

The meeting recessed at 9:11 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. October 15, 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.

Mary Repar advised of her concern with two Commissioners attending the Sheriff's Principles of Liberty Event on September 26, 2013 and compliance with open public meeting requirements. She further advised of concerns regarding how the Sheriff coordinated the event.

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

1. Minutes of October 8, 2013.
2. Appointments to Planning Commission: Susan Krug – Position 2-B, Tony Coates – Position 3A, Lesley Apple Haskell – Position 3-B.
3. Authorization to purchase a Cisco ASA 5505 10-User Bundle (IT hardware) to replace a failing appliance to State IGN connection.
4. Community Health Behavioral Health Case Coordinator new job description and salary range.
5. Agreement with North Country Emergency Medical Services, amendment #1 to amend the responsibilities in compliance with Title II funding requirements, for providing emergency medical services in the northern portion of Skamania County.
6. Contract with Ginger Swanson, amendment #1 to extend the term for one-year to provide real estate professional services for the listing and sale of County-owned surplus real property.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending October 14, 2013 in the total amount of \$219,229.19.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Senator Maria Cantwell and Senator Patty Murray urging them and the full Senate to begin moving legislation that requires the Forest Service and BLM to accelerate the pace and scope of forest management, and to work closely with local government.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to assign contract administration to the Sheriff for federal grant funding for the prevention contract with DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery and to subcontract for services.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to transfer appropriate funding and one staff position from the Auditor's Office to the Board of County Commissioners Office for the purpose of providing additional financial management for budget, grants and monthly expenditure monitoring and establishing a financial department.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included the budget, WKO, Inc. regarding Hot Springs Avenue slide area, Ken Daugherty from Skamania Lodge, preliminary budgets with the Sheriff and Community Health, IT Users Group, Finance Subcommittee, and Columbia River Gorge Commission Director Darren Nichols, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:48 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.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.
- 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 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works for a presentation on proposed speed limit changes on various county roads, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

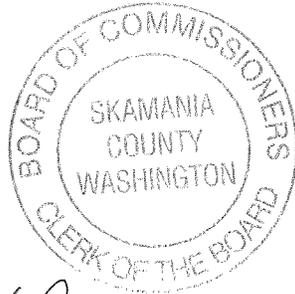
The Board participated in a workshop with Superior Court Judge Altman to consider a proposal to create a Klickitat-Skamania Juvenile Department, share resources between the Counties, and reduce staffing in Skamania County, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Bob Dingethal, Executive Director for the Gifford Pinchot Task Force. An overview of the purpose and history of the Task Force to protect and restore public lands was presented by Mr. Dingethal, and an overview of the state of Skamania County and the declining health of the national forest was presented by Commissioner Brong. Discussion included Ascot Mining, collaborative groups, National Forest Plan, and a consensus of the need to work together and identify and move forward with a forest management proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Samela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Chris Brong
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 5
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____