

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of May 29, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 29, 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 the use of on-call clerical help, commitment to contribute \$2,000 of Homeless Housing Assistance Funds for a proposed Homeless Student Assistance fund, update on Hospital District's vote to not renew their contract with North Country EMS for 2014, and Title III, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 29, 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.

Wayne Lease provided statistics regarding Group B public water systems, advised of concerns regarding mandates by the state and cost to the County to oversee the operation of Group B public water systems.

Bob Talent advised that he supported the Board's position with trails, advised of his concerns with laws and rules imposed on the County, and thanked the Board for doing a great job.

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

1. Minutes of May 21, 2013.
2. Liquor license application for Backwoods Brewing Company for microbrewery, beer and wine privileges.
3. Liquor license application for Terah Brice for microbrewery privileges.
4. Special occasion liquor license for Kelso Rotary Club to sell beer, wine and spirits during the Summer Concert at Johnston Ridge Observatory.
5. Acknowledge submission of a grant application to the Department of Commerce, Office of Crime Victims for funding to provide victim and witness assistance to those involved in the court system.
6. Resolution 2013-27 to repay current expense loans.
7. Letter to the County Road Administration Board issuing a statement of withdrawal from the Rural Arterial Program Project for Wind River Road and termination of the contract.
8. Agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County to provide funding for Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Program for weed control services near Swift Reservoir.
9. Agreement with North Country Emergency Medical Services for NCEMS St. Helens Title III Program for 2013.
10. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District for Firewise Education, Outreach and Fuels Reduction Title III Program for 2013.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 28, 2013 in the total amount of \$166,378.75.

The Board acknowledged a letter from Cowlitz County Commissioner James Misner, Chair for Southwest Washington Behavioral Health (SWBH) Governing Board, responding to the County's letter to Connie Mom-Chhing, CEO, SWBH regarding the County's severe budget situation and how it affects Community Health Services provided by Skamania County.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve Fiscal Year 2013 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a transfer to the Kaiser Senior Advantage retiree plan for LEOFF I retiree Dennis Warren and his spouse.

Sally Mansur, WSU Extension staff reported on administration, 4-H, community development, natural resource, small farms and home gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included union issues, Title III funding, .09 Sales and Use Tax funds, LEOFF I retiree insurance for long term care, Southwest Washington Behavioral Health, code violation issues with a religious group on the West End, Hospital District's vote to no longer contract with North Country EMS in the Swift area, Columbia Land Trust, Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler's Aides, Work Source, and Underwood Community Council, 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.
- 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.

Safety Committee representatives presented the Safety Committee report.

- Report #2013-E-01. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

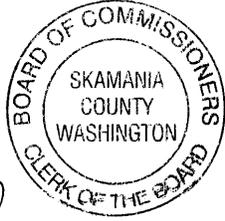
The Board met in executive session regarding personnel from 10:36 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. at the Rock Creek Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Financial Management Committee to discuss the 2013 Budget, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned 11:47 a.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner
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Commissioner
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Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____