

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 15, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 15, 2013 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present. Discussion included loan resolutions, supplemental budget #1, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group workshop request, and a draft resolution for surplus property, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. January 15, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

George Kolin presented a copy of a letter he sent to Prosecutor Adam Kick regarding Skamania County Code Title 21.

Sandra Bacus presented a letter regarding Skamania County Code Title 21.

Ila Mae Thompson advised of concerns regarding the budget and made critical comments regarding a county employee.

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

1. Minutes of January 8, 2013.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM February 12, 2013 to consider Resolution 2013-03 Supplemental Budget #1 for 2013.
3. Certification of Property Tax Levy Rate for Fort Vancouver Regional Library District.
4. Intergovernmental agreement with Department of Enterprise Services, amendment #2 to extend the co-op membership for six months, allowing the ability to purchase goods and services through the state contract process.
5. Authorize the purchase of a replacement vehicle for County Road and for the Sheriff through the Department of Enterprise Services, as approved in the 2013 Budget.
6. License agreement with Skamania County PUD to allow the County to attach fiber optic line on PUD poles.
7. Memorandum of Agreement between Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency and Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties for continuation of Emergency Community Notification System.
8. Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State University Extension to provide cooperative extension services for Skamania County.
9. Memorandum of Understanding between Skamania County Community Health and Skamania County Probation to reimburse administrative costs related to Court Coordinator support services.
10. Contract with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health RSN to provide funding for mental health and crisis services to Non-Medicaid clients.
11. Contract with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health RSN to provide Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan funding for emergency and outpatient mental health treatment for Medicaid eligible clients.
12. Resolution 2013-04 Repay Loans
13. Resolution 2013-05 Loan from Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund.

Justin Bush, Noxious Weed Coordinator reported on Forest Service Weed Control, Knotweed Control Project, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Class A Project, Condit Dam Decommissioning

Weed Control, 2nd Annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop, and presented a 2012 Annual Programmatic Report.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports, which included discussion regarding the SR14 road project near Marble Road, needed maintenance at Wind River Boat Dock, out of area purchases, facilities maintenance plan, Salmon Falls Park & Ride, and a forest practice application for logging along Sand Hill.

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on general administration, Planning Division, Environmental Health Division, and Building Division.
- Scott Pineo, General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities management, events & recreation management, human resources, risk management, senior services and information technology.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering and County Road projects, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 10:48 a.m. until 11:07 a.m., with no action taken.

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

The meeting recessed at 12:39 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Nancy Ryke, Mt Adams District Ranger, Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger, and Ruth Tracy, Acting Mt. St. Helen's Deputy District Ranger. Discussion included snow plowing and bridge damage, management of the Monument, road analysis update, timber programs, forest health issues, stewardship sales, timber salvage from Cascade Creek fire, huckleberry habitat enhancement, winter recreation programs, continuing budget resolution and staffing.

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:04 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 14, 2013 in the total amount of \$383,456.53, excepting voucher #138088 in the amount of \$20,000.

The Board issued a formal apology to the county employee who was subjected to critical comments during the public comment period this morning, and stated that all activities of this employee are performed at the direction of the Board.

The meeting recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

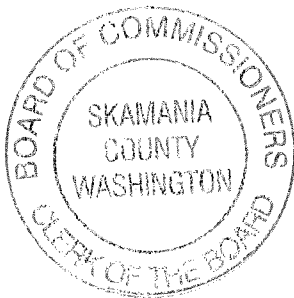
Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a special voucher dated January 15, 2013 in the total amount of \$30,568.50.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to either not publish or redact a portion of the audio of the January 15, 2013 Board of Commissioner public meeting on the county website due to critical comments made by Ila Mae Thompson directed at a county employee, and to post the following statement on the website in place of the audio: "January 15, 2013 audio will not be published or a portion to be redacted due to critical comments regarding an employee."

A public hearing was held to consider declaring four properties surplus to County needs and the County's intention to sell said properties. Commissioner Anderson gave a brief overview of properties to be considered. Comments from Debbie Cazare', local property owner and county employee, included her opposition to selling county property, advised that property values are still at an all time low, that selling properties is a quick fix to long term revenue issues, and that the county is wasting money. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-01 declaring four properties surplus to county needs and intent to sell said properties.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christopher Brong
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent 1