

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 12, 2013

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 12, 2013 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present. Discussion included scheduling, agenda items, WSAC proclamation, letter from Del Allen, signage for wall board, expenditures and labor costs, support of NSA funding for Gorge Commission, and development fee process, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 12, 2013 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong, and Doug McKenzie present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Prosser thanked Commissioner McKenzie for his letter and requested to know what he gets for his property taxes, not what he pays, and advised of his appreciation of the job the Commissioners are doing.

Tom Linde advised of the need to include a 25% rule to the stewardship operation for all commercial activity on the forest.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Item #7 that was removed:

1. Minutes of March 5, 2013.
2. Set a special meeting for the purpose of holding a public hearing at 5:30 PM, Monday, March 25, 2013 to receive public comments on past performance and use of 2012 CDBG Public Services Grant award, and to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant for 2013, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low- and moderate-income persons residing in the areas of Skamania and Klickitat Counties.
3. Resolution 2013-16 call for bids for the purchase of one (1) Herbicide Spray Tank.
4. Authorize the surplus of ER&R vehicle #418 a 1979 Mack cab and chassis to Skamania County Emergency Medical Services.
5. Contract with the Offices of Sharon Rice, Hearing Examiner to provide land use hearing examiner services.
6. Contract with PacifiCorp to provide funding for law enforcement services upon PacifiCorp property in and around the Lewis River Projects.
- ~~7. Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement Amendment #1 with the Port of Skamania County to extend the expiration date to May 3, 2015 to allow more time to determine the feasibility of the Port's acquiring the Wind River Business Park property.~~
8. Trust Subscription Agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Section 125 pretax health reimbursement and daycare expenses for Plans 501 All Non-Union, 502 Law Enforcement Guild, 503 Public Works/Facilities Unit, 504 Manager's Unit, 505 Office & Professionals Unit, 506 Chief Deputies Unit, and 507 Commissioners Office Employees Unit.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge an email from Scott Pineo, Director of General Services, and approve his request to voluntarily relinquish his right to use a county vehicle for commuting purposes.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings, which included Legislative Steering Committee, Regional Transportation Committee, meet and greet with Union representatives, Southwest Washington Behavioral Health, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Budget Sub-Committee, Senior Advisory Group, and Gifford Pinchot Task Force, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Scott Pineo, General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities management, events & recreation, human resources, risk management, senior services and information technology.
- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation from 10:23 a.m. until 10:28 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending March 11, 2013 in the total amount of \$117,465.27.

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

The meeting recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:38 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve letters to Senator Andy Hill and Representative Ross Hunter supporting the Columbia River Gorge Commission's budget request to the Governor.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to acknowledge that Skamania County has come to an agreement with Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) to settle the lawsuit and grant authority to the Prosecutor to move forward to formalize the agreement between Skamania County and the WCIP.

The meeting recessed at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

Proposed Title III Projects for 2013 were presented by the applicants as follows:

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department. To continue to enhance and improve the response capabilities of law enforcement services including search and rescue in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Provide initial response to medical calls, reported wildfires and provide other emergency services. Objectives include decreasing response times to emergency calls on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, improving the response and ground activities of Search and Rescue volunteers, and to provide necessary and adequate equipment and vehicles to properly transport volunteer search and rescue emergency personnel and equipment to an incident scene.
2. North Country EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country EMS. To continue to provide emergency medical services to visitors, recreationists, residents, and employees of the northwest area of Skamania County, including Mt St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument located in Skamania County. This project requests funding for personnel to staff an ambulance and rescue vehicle for the months of June, July, and August, and will respond from Yacont station in other months.
3. Skamania County Firewise Education, Outreach and Fuels Reduction, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District. To continue planning and implementing collaborative projects, including on-the-ground wildfire hazard-reduction and landowner outreach/education. Implementing projects to reduce wildfire hazards for residents, homeowners and land managers requires a long-term coordination between private landowners, agency representatives, municipalities, homeowner associations and other stakeholders.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, May 14, 2013 to receive public comments regarding proposed 2013 Title III Projects.

The meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

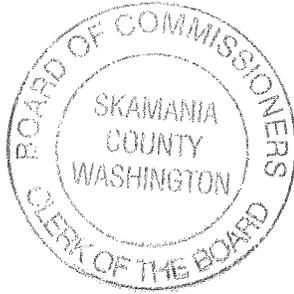
The Board participated in a workshop with representatives from the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group to discuss forest related issues. Discussion included talking points for a 25% rule to stewardship operation for all commercial activity on the forest, the need to participate in the forest planning process as an equal partner, current timber management activities and proposals for increased timber management and harvest on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and the need to draft a resolution to affirm the County's position, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 4:53 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong, and McKenzie present.

A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2013-01 amending Skamania County Code Title 10, Chapter 10.08 Parking Restrictions to remove Sections 10.08.081 Old Hatchery Road and 10.08.082 Drano Lake Boat Launch in their entirety; amending Skamania County Code Title 12, Chapter 12.04 Public Parks and Recreation Facilities, Sections 12.04.010 thru 12.04.280 to address the implementation and adoption of current or future policies related to facility use and fees for Skamania County Fairgrounds, Rock Creek Hegewald Center and County parks; and adding new Section 12.04.290 Boat Launch and Parking Facilities. Scott Pineo, Director of General Services gave a staff report. Public comments included safety hazard concerns with pulling boats out of the water during the nighttime closure, limited parking, access to SR14 from the launch, and parking along SR14. The hearing was closed to public comments. Deliberations by the Board included National Scenic Area restrictions on camping at the launch and the need to address hazardous parking issues with the Sheriff and Department of Transportation. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2013-01.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

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Aye _____
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____