

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 23, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 23, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair, Doug McKenzie and Robert Anderson present. Discussion included an upcoming supplemental budget, interfund loan, 2015 contracts, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority workshop request to discuss affordable housing investment opportunity, and sending a letter to the Pacific Crest Trail Association, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 23, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair, Doug McKenzie and Robert Anderson present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Traci Bowlby advised of filing a nuisance complaint on property proposed for a church on Kanaka Creek Road, advised of concerns with potential water run-off due to draining a pond and requested county supervision of the project.

Bob Talent congratulated the Commissioners on their ability to make decisions to take care of the county.

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

1. Minutes of December 16, 2014.
2. Liquor license renewals – American Legion Coy-Catlin Post 137; Simpers Family Estate.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, January 13, 2015 to consider Supplemental Budget #1 for 2015.
4. Resolution 2014-91 Interfund loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense, Non-Departmental Revenue Fund.
5. Resolution 2014-93 Creating new fund numbers for Community Development and rescinding Resolution 2014-84 in its entirety due to errors in two fund numbers.
6. Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxing Districts for Collection in 2015.
7. Award bid to Intech Contracting, LLC for the Wind River Bridge Painting Project.
8. Contract with Cowlitz-Skamania Fire District #7 for use of the fire hall in Cougar for sleeping quarters/office for North County patrol.
9. Contract with Granite Construction Company for Wind River Road Resurface and Safety Improvements Project.
10. Contract with Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc, amendment #16, to revise the scope and schedule of work, extend the end date, and increase funding for the Blue Lake Rock Quarry Mining and Reclamation Plan.
11. Contract with Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for projects promoting the assets of Skamania County and encouraging visitation.
12. Contract with Skamania County Historical Society and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center for marketing and general operations to drive tourism to the museum and surrounding communities.
13. Contract with Stevenson Farmers Market to provide a seasonal outdoor market focusing on supply of locally grown produce and farm products sold by local farmers.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of December 1-15, 2014 in the total amount of \$454,617.97.

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

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of attending a Skamania County Economic Development Council meeting and a retirement party for Auditor Tim Todd. Commissioner McKenzie advised of meetings regarding the loss of SRS funds and meeting with the Pacific Crest Trail Association. Commissioner Brong advised of participating in a conference call with a Benewah County, Idaho Commissioner regarding the Skamania County's emergency resolution and issues with the Forest Service, and attending a South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- 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 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Safety Committee reports were presented as follows:

- Report #2014-09 and 2014-E-12. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner Anderson advised that the County's real estate broker would be looking at surplus parcels and he would be getting pricing on parcels for the Board to consider. He further advised that Umpqua Bank would not accept real property as collateral and that the Board would need to move forward with Option #3 to extend the line for 12 months to allow more time to sell real estate or set up General Obligation bonds for repayment.

The Board advised they would be sending a memo to Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding 2014 Christmas Eve office closure and use of employee leave.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board



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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____