

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 3, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 3, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair and Robert Anderson present and Commissioner Doug McKenzie present by phone. Discussion included scheduling preliminary budget workshops, the need for a loan from Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund, Prosecutor's request for a workshop regarding an agreement with the Stevenson Business Association, a letter from the Republican Central Committee recommending three names of individuals, Vickie L. Clelland, Saundra L. Willing and Gary M. Olson, to be considered for appointment of County Treasurer, letters to senators/congress regarding co-sponsoring H.R. 4319 and S. 2729, late fees on invoices, and the Financial Management report, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:15a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 3, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair and Robert Anderson present and Commissioner Doug McKenzie present by phone, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Minutes of August 26, 2014.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, September 30, 2014 to consider recommendations from the Hearing Examiner for Comprehensive Plan Map amendments and Zoning Map amendments for property owned by Bryon and Laura Weese in order to construct a recreational cabin; and from Pope Resources in order to potentially construct recreational cabins on twenty-acre lots and to facilitate a land conservancy scheme.
3. Resolution 2014-65 Community Development Land Use Guidance regarding Marijuana Production, Process and Retail Sales.
4. Agreement with New York Life Insurance Company to provide an optional Whole Life Insurance program for employees.
5. Contract with Washington State Military Department to provide funding for eligible E911 wireline and wireless cost that are reimbursable.

The Chair advised of receiving three names from the Republican Central Committee to consider for appointment to serve as County Treasurer. Board members advised that they were ready to appoint. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to appoint Vickie Clelland as Skamania County Treasurer.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler urging her to co-sponsor H.R. 4319 Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2014.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray urging them to co-sponsor S. 2729 the Private Landowner Protection Act.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 2, 2014 in the total amount of \$152,882.57.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson gave an update on a Congressional staff briefing held in Cascade Locks regarding the status of the Bridge of the

Gods, a Gifford Pinchot Roads Subcommittee meeting, and a Washington State Housing Finance Commission in honor of local officials and the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority held at Skamania Lodge. Commissioner Brong gave an update on the status of tree removal by the railroad to open the viewpoint at the Bridge of the Gods and a meeting with the Lead State Auditor regarding the financial situation of the County.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong and Anderson present and Commissioner McKenzie present by phone.

The Chair acknowledged a letter dated August 28, 2014 from County Treasurer Cherie Flood making a complete settlement with the county legislative authority and delivery to the successor all public money, books, and papers in her possession at the time of her resignation, pursuant to RCW 36.29.010.

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, Solid Waste, and Community Development.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m., with Commissioners Brong and Anderson present and Commissioner McKenzie present by phone.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Prosecutor to discuss a draft agreement with the Stevenson Business Association to secure commitment from the County for a proposed Courthouse Lawn Plaza Project.

The Board discussed a letter from Cowlitz County Commissioners requesting a meeting of the legal counsels of Cowlitz, Clark and Skamania Counties regarding complexities in the re-alignment of the Regional Support Network and remaining contract dollars. Commissioner Brong advised that he is not willing to act on this request at this time. The Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Executive Director has submitted a comment request to Washington State Health Care Authority/DSHS for clarification on the transfer of funding to Cowlitz County Health Department.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson

 Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Cherie Flood

 Commissioner

[Signature]

 Commissioner

Robert Anderson

 Commissioner

Aye 3
 Nay _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent _____