

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 12, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 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 supplemental budget, July revenue report, response letter to Ole Helgerson, WRIA 25/26 joint meeting minutes of June 17, 2014, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group meeting, upcoming Forest Stakeholders Round Table and Gifford Pinchot National Forest Tour with Congresswoman Herrera Beutler and US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe, WSAC recruitment for Federal Issues Committee, and interviews for Probation Officer, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 12, 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.

Teresa Robbins, Cape Horn Conservancy President, introduced Eagle Scout Tim Seaman who is a key player in a the project to build an information kiosk/bus stop shelter at Salmon Falls Park and Ride at the Cape Horn Trailhead to fulfill both his scout and senior project requirements.

Dan Boyes thanked the Board for their hard work and for calling on experts for advice when needed.

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

1. Minutes of August 5, 2014.
2. Authorize surplus of the 2014 ER&R equipment list with recommended minimum salvage value.
3. Agreement with Clark County to provide administrative or engineering services, construction and maintenance services to Skamania County, and for Skamania County to provide the same services to Clark County.
4. Agreement with the Department of Revenue, replacing the agreement approved on April 15, 2014 to include language approved in the 2010 E911 agreement, for administration of County enhanced 911 excise taxes.
5. Agreement with the Port of Skamania County to enable the Port to use Skamania County Public Works services on a reimbursable basis.
6. Contract with Larry Barker, amendment #1 to extend the term and increase the payment for providing temporary interim probation services.
7. Contract with William Nix, amendment #1 to extend the term and increase the payment for providing temporary interim probation services.
8. County Road Administration Board Rural Arterial Program Final Prospectus for funding for Wind River Road overlay project from MP 0.98 to MP 1.99.
9. Increase hours for three Noxious Weed Control Natural Resource Aides from 500 hours up to 900 hours maximum due to additional funding received to provide weed control.

Commissioner McKenzie requested to remove the amendment to the exception of the Call Back Pay Policy for mental health clinicians, that was approved on July 17, 2008, to change the amount of compensation for standby time, pending review by the Union.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the June 17, 2014 meeting minutes of the Grays-Elochoman and Cowlitz Watershed Planning (WRIA 25/26) Joint Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Ole Helgerson responding to three questions presented to the Board on August 5, 2014.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 7, 2014 in the total amount of \$120,135.44.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson reported on attending meetings with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group in preparation for an upcoming meeting with Congresswoman Herrera Beutler, Gifford Pinchot Road Subcommittee, a kickoff meeting of the Scenic Area Urban Area Boundary Legal Description Work Group, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Senior Advisory Council, Southwest Washington Clean Air Board, and the Forest Youth Success end of the year luncheon. Commissioner McKenzie advised of tending to business as usual, attending a Regional Transportation Council meeting, attending the Forest Youth Success end of the year luncheon, and interviews for Probation Officer. Commissioner Brong advised of attending a meeting with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group to review details for an upcoming meeting with Congresswoman Herrera Beutler and a Gifford Pinchot National Forest tour and attending Southwest Behavioral Health pre-Board and Governing Board meetings.

The meeting recessed at 9:53 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, events and 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 Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss County Road ER&R Facility status and needs, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2014-58 Supplemental Budget #3 for 2014. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2014-58.

A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2014-03 amending Skamania County Code, Chapter 2.80 Office of Hearing Examiner, Section 060(A)(5&6) and 060(B) Authority and duties and Section 140(A) Appeal of hearing examiner decision, to require the Hearing Examiner to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for final decisions on comprehensive plan amendments and rezone requests. Jessica Davenport, Planning Manager gave a staff report. The Board acknowledged receipt of comment letters from Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Save Our Scenic Area. Comments

from the public included concern with sidestepping involvement of the Planning Commission, suggestion to allow the hearing examiner to send recommendation to the Planning Commission, and concern that there should be citizen involvement. The hearing was closed to public comments. Prosecutor Adam Kick provided an overview of RCW 36.70.970 Hearing examiner system and advised that there was no legal authority for interpretation of this statute. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2014-03.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chris Brown
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____