

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 21, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Vice Chair and Robert Anderson present. Discussion included appointments to the Human Services Advisory Board, Treasurer's request to use on-call help, letter from the Forest Supervisor regarding the emergency resolution, an upcoming Legislative Steering Committee meeting in December, and the Financial Management report, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:06 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. October 21, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Vice Chair and Robert Anderson present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gloria Howell asked if the County had sold any surplus property, and asked for clarification of consent agenda item #6 as to whether or not Ginger Swanson worked under Windermere and, if so, why Windermere was not included in the language of the contract.

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

1. Minutes of October 14, 2014.
2. Notice to Contractors – Call for Bids for the Wind River Bridge Painting Project for the Conrad Lundy Bridge No. 207 and the Moore Bridge No. 210.
3. Personnel pre-hire request to hire eight Temporary Winter Road Maintenance Worker II employees to work from December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 in various winter maintenance activities.
4. Resolution 2014-72 repay and partially repay Current Expense Loans.
5. Resolution 2014-73 relating to a change in payroll pay days from monthly to semimonthly, effective October 1, 2014.
6. Contract with Ginger Swanson, amendment #2 to extend the term for providing real estate professional services for the listing and sale of County-owned surplus real property.
7. Memorandum of Agreement between Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties regarding the conditions of a 5-year contract for continued maintenance and service on a regional information management tool with HyperReach for Emergency Community Notification System.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve payroll for the period of October 1-15, 2014 in the total amount of \$466,757.96.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending October 16, 2014 in the total amount of \$56,369.38.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve a request from the Treasurer to use an on-call employee for October 22, 2014 due to only one staff member in the office on that day.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of participating in a second round of 2015 preliminary budget workshops and participating in a Columbia River Gorge Tourism Summit in The Dalles. Commissioner McKenzie advised working on 2015 preliminary budgets and attending various meetings.

The meeting recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- 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 meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a financial meeting with elected officials, department heads and program managers. The Financial Management Administrator presented a priority list of issues/concerns and possible solution with regards to the State Auditor findings and management letter that was discussed with those present.

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with the Sheriff, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with the Auditor, with no action taken.

Forest Service updates were presented by Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger. Discussion included completion of the Cascade Peaks building, outreach for outside food concessionaires, vandalism at the Ape Caves, dispersed camping, Forest Service 90 Road, designation of Coldwater and Johnson Ridge as “dark sky” areas , and High Lakes. The Board advised of their outreach to Senators regarding the need for changes in forest management and continuation of Secure Rural Schools funding.

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Linda Schneider, Executive Director for Washington Gorge Action Programs to review draft Temporary Guidelines for the Local 10-Year Homeless Housing Plan.

The meeting recessed at 3:32 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to consider the County Engineer’s report and recommendation regarding the request from Cory Henning to vacate a portion of Washougal River Road right-of-way between Mileposts 9.83 and 9.86. Tim Homann, County Engineer presented his report on the examination of the road right-of-way segment proposed to be vacated and recommended denial of the request and maintain the right-of-way. Comments from the public included the presentation of photos of the area, concern about the dumping of garbage in the right-of-way area, unbuildable lot due to current setbacks, and the need to improve the area. The hearing was closed to public comments. A letter from Kaye Masco was read into the record supporting the recommendation of the County Engineer to deny the vacation.

Deliberations by the Board included clarification of the location of the easement, costs to the county if they would need to reacquire the right-of-way, and clarification from the Public Works Director that the lot was buildable. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to accept the County Engineer's recommendation and deny the request.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____