

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 30, 2014

A special meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair, Doug McKenzie and Robert Anderson present for the purpose of holding 2015 Preliminary Budget workshops.

The Board participated in 2015 Preliminary Budget workshops with Public Works/Community Development and WSU Extension, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with General Services, which included Senior Services, Wind River Business Park, and Capital Improvements, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in 2015 Preliminary Budget workshops with the Assessor and the Prosecutor, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:57 p.m.

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 30, 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 contract renewal for real estate professional services, scheduling, WSAC Regional Legislative Briefing meeting on December 11, 2014, letter to Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor regarding acquisition of private lands, WSAC conference on November 18, 2014, Financial Management report, and loan status with Umpqua Bank, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.

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

Rachael Bryan, Community Outreach Specialist for Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault presented handouts to the Board. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a Proclamation declaring October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Lorraine Creon commented on the decision by the Hearing Examiner for Acadian Farms, advised that the County needs to learn from this and fix the process, and further advised she would like to be included in the process to fix the problems identified by the Hearing Examiner.

Dan Boyes agreed with Ms. Creon's comments and advised he would also like to be included in changing the process.

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

1. Minutes of September 23, 2014.
2. Reappoint Becky Anderson to the Human Services Advisory Board.
3. Resolution 2014-68 Extending Current Expense Loans.
4. Agreement with the Cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville for the preparation of a comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and a Moderate Risk Waste Plan.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 25, 2014 in the total amount of \$143,087.37.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor opposing any additional federal land acquisitions in Skamania County.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of meeting with the new director for Southwest Clean Air and preparing for preliminary budget workshops. Commissioner McKenzie advised of preparing for preliminary budget workshops and commented on the good job by the Financial Management staff. Commissioner Brong advised of attending a Council of Governments Board meeting for the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington in which he was elected as Chair, preparing for preliminary budget workshops, meeting with the regional state auditor regarding the recent audit, and advised that the audit report is available to the public online.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 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 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:34 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in 2015 Preliminary Budget Workshop for External Services with Senior Services, Inc., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with Superior Court, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with Community Health, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Preliminary Budget workshop with District Court, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:49 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2014-66 Supplemental Budget #4 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 2014-66.

A public hearing was held to consider a recommendation from the Hearing Examiner for approval of a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for tax parcel 07-06-23-1-0-0104-00 in the Swift Subarea from Swift Recreational to Mountain Recreational 10. The applicants Bryon and Laura Weese requested the amendments in order to construct a recreational cabin. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comments. Written comments were received from Friends of the Columbia River Gorge. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the recommendation from the Hearing Examiner based on the findings and conclusions.

A public hearing was held to consider a recommendation from the Hearing Examiner for approval of a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment for twenty tax parcels north of Swift Reservoir (10,961 acres) from Swift Commercial Resource Lands 40 to Swift Forest Lands 20, and three tax parcels south of Swift Reservoir (2,957 acres) from Swift Commercial Resource Lands 40 to Swift Mountain Recreational 20, subject to conditions set out in the recommendation. The applicant Pope Resources requested the amendments in order to potentially construct recreational cabins on twenty-acre lots and to facilitate a land conservancy scheme. Jessica Davenport, Planning Manager gave a staff report and recommended approval of the Hearing Examiner's recommendations with six conditions. Written comments were received from Richard Lonergan and Friends of the Columbia River Gorge. Comment from the public was from Jerry Sauer, who supported the project for Pope Resources, advised of several landowners, as well as himself, who were in the process of developing their property when the Swift Subarea moratorium was put into place, advised of zoning issues in the Swift Area, and requested the County to look at allowing cluster type development in the area. Jon Rose of Pope Resources advised that Pope Resources would remove certain tax parcels from the application with regards to concerns of the Swift Creek Estates community water system as stated in the comment letter from Richard Lonergan. The hearing was closed to public comments. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve the recommendations from the Hearing Examiner, with six conditions, based on the findings and conclusions; and to direct the Community Development staff to amend the zoning ordinance to reflect the changes, to be considered at a public hearing to be scheduled after the expiration of the 21-day appeal period, if no appeals are filed.

The meeting recessed at 5:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. on October 1, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair and Doug McKenzie present.

The Board participated in 2015 Preliminary Budget workshops with the Clerk and the Treasurer, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2014 Preliminary Budget Workshops for External Services with the following: Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Economic Development Council, Skamania County Food Bank, Underwood Conservation District, and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center.

The meeting recessed at 1:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in 2015 Preliminary Budget workshops with Noxious Weed Control, the Auditor, and Commissioners Financial Management staff, with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Christopher Brong
Commissioner

Commissioner
Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____