

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 18, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 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 solicitation of Title III applications, attendance at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Road Analysis meeting and the South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative meeting, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 18, 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.

Dave Prosser expressed his concerns with the lack of work for local citizens and the lengthy time requirements for the issuance of permits.

Mary Repar stated that if the County was an economic hub zone it would allow more working opportunities for citizens.

Larry Mulcihy stated his concern with the County's permitting process and the possible closure of Hot Springs Avenue on Sand Hill.

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

1. Minutes of March 11, 2014.
2. Liquor license renewals for Carson Ridge Luxury Cabins, Beacon Rock Café, and Skamania General Store.
3. Contract with BTG Holding Group, Inc, amendment #1 to provide software support for fiscal, transportation and timesheet databases for Senior Services.
4. Contract with Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency, Amendment B to provide additional funding for emergency management planning purposes.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve a request from Public Works to hire an on-call employee for the front desk while an employee is on leave.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending March 17, 2014 in the total amount of \$228,786.15.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on various weed control projects, an upcoming 3rd Annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop, and an upcoming Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Workshop.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included meetings with various County offices, the Forest Service, and conference calls with the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 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 Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss a proposed resolution and zoning comparison related to recreational marijuana, and unspent 2013 diversion funds, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

Keith Chamberlain, Columbia River Gorge Commission representative for Skamania County gave an overview of meetings for January, February and March 2014, support for appropriation request for National Scenic Area economic development, and working on a plan to address urban area priorities and update the recreation section of the Management Plan.

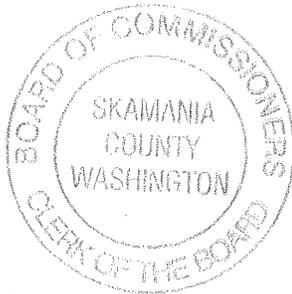
The meeting recessed at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger. Discussion included staffing, State Emergency Management Division contingency planning for Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams, roads systems public meeting, timber cuts and hauling, Forest Youth Success Program, and County budget.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to approve an authorization to purchase a new inverter box for the Sheriff's Command Bus that burnt out during a Search and Rescue Mission training exercise.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janella Johnson
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Cliff Gray
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____