

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of June 17, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 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 an authorization for volunteer individuals to drive a shuttle for the Gorge Blues and Brews event, request from District Court Judge to set an hourly wage for a temporary hire, special occasion liquor license for Kelso Rotary, scheduling mid-year budget reviews and supplemental budget, line item adjustments, and a weekly report from the Financial Management Administrator, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:19 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. June 17, 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.

The Board presented a plaque to Sheriff's Office employee Monte Buettner for 25-years of service to Skamania County.

Comments expressing concern at Acadian Farms regarding public safety, public health, property rights, noise, traffic and non-compliance with the existing approved use were received from Ole Helgerson and Bob McCollum. Comments expressing support for Acadian Farms were received from Nicole Bernard owner of Acadian Farms, Lorraine Creon, Alice Meyers, Tracy Bowbly and Kay Strong. Letters regarding Acadian Farms were received from Ole Helgerson, Carrie Munz, Kevin Waters of Backwoods Brewing Company, and Alice Meyers co-manager of the Stevenson Farmers' Market.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Vanessa Gaston, Director for Clark County Community Services gave a presentation on Washington State's 5-Year Health Care Innovation Plan Medicaid Integration Models. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to participate in the Regional Healthcare Alliance, direct staff to actively work toward Early Adopter and to submit a joint letter with Clark County to the Health Care Authority requesting a meeting to discuss criteria.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.
- Ann Lueders, Acting 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.

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

1. Minutes of June 10, 2014.
2. Agreement with TomTom Government at Carahsoft for maintenance of GIS mapping software for 911.
3. Resolution 2014-45 Opposing Expansion of Federal Control under the Clean Water Act.

4. Landowner Acknowledgement as legal owner of property described in grant application to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board by the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for the Dougan Confluence Restoration Project.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending June 17, 2014 in the total amount of \$45,557.31.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to authorize Paul Pearce and Larry Sampson to drive county owned vehicles to support shuttle service for the 2014 Gorge Blues and Brews event.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an hourly wage at Range 16, Step 1 for the District Court temporary employee position that was approved on June 10, 2014.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a special occasion liquor license for Kelso Rotary for events at Johnston Ridge Observatory Amphitheater.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie reported on the Regional Transportation Council and the Legislative Steering Committee. Commissioner Anderson reported on the Resource Advisory Committee Title II project awards, a visit from Senator King and Representative Johnson regarding Sand Hill and the Carson Junction, Senior Advisory Council, and Southwest Clean Air. Commissioner Brong reported on Southwest Behavioral Health, Mental Health Advisory Board, a meeting with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group and Mount Adams District Ranger regarding the Wind River Watershed Program, a proposal to realign a section of the Pacific Crest Trail, and acquisition of private lands using federal funds.

Keith Chamberlain, Columbia River Gorge Commission representative for Skamania County gave an overview of meetings for March, April, May, and June 2014 and provided minutes for each of the meetings.

The Auditor requested to cancel the workshop regarding payroll taxes to allow him to work with individual offices before moving forward.

The meeting recessed at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board discussed a recent decision by Southwest Behavioral Health Mental Health Advisory Board to not include the Cowlitz Indian Tribe on the SWBH Governing Board.

The meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:09 p.m. at the Hegewald Center, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive, with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a joint public meeting with Cowlitz, Lewis, and Wahkiakum Counties, via teleconference from the Hegewald Center, to consider proposed revisions to the Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 25-26 Grays-Elochoman and Cowlitz Rivers Watershed Management Plan, adopted by the Planning Unit in November 2013. Commissioners present: Lewis County – Edna Fund, Bill Schulte, Lee Grose; Cowlitz – Michael Karnofski, Dennis Weber, James Misner; Wahkiakum – Daniel Cothren, Blair Brady. Commissioner Grose was unanimously elected Chairperson. Jeff Breckel, Executive Director for Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board gave a staff report of Washington's Watershed Management Act, the

2006 Management Plan Water Supply and Stream Flow Provisions and proposed revisions to the 2013 Management Plan that address water supply and stream flow provisions set forth in the original plan adopted by the counties in 2006. Tom Loranger, Water Resources Program Manager for the Department of Ecology addressed questions from Commissioners. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Brady moved, seconded by Commissioner Schulte and motion carried unanimously to approve the Plan as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Parrella Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Absent*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

Aye   2    
Nay         
Abstain         
Absent   1