

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 1, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on July 1, 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 scheduling a mid-year budget review for Superior Court, receipt of State Forest Board funds, repayment of interfund loans, draft resolution for Treasurer's cash on hand fund, public records requests, loan with Umpqua Bank, proposed letter to Doc Hastings regarding H.B. 3992, and a draft motion regarding Southwest Washington Behavioral Health/Cowlitz Tribe/equal voting rights for SWBH Board members, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 1, 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.

Joanne Alway advised of her concern with a recent accident on Old Detour Road involving a vehicle that hit her daughter's house, speeding vehicles on the road and asked if the road could be gated.

Elizabeth Scott advised of her concern with drug activity in the area and speeding vehicles on Old Detour Road, asked if the road could be closed, advised of a recent accident resulting in damage to her house, and the need for the Sheriff to patrol the area.

Mary Repar, Grange Master for Stevenson Grange 121 advised of July programs.

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

1. Minutes of June 24, 2014.
2. Commissioners Financial Management Coordinator new job description.
3. Letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell regarding Workforce Innovation and Opportunity, H.R. 803.
4. Resolution 2014-46 Distribution of PUD Privilege Taxes.
5. Resolution 2014-47 amending the credit policy to include the issuance of a debit card for Superior Court.
6. Contract with Christenson Electric to provide electrical work related to the Courthouse Roof Replacement and HVAC Modifications Project.
7. Contract with Department of Ecology – Water Resource Program, amendment #1 to extend the term for providing funding to administer and enforce well sealing, tagging and decommissioning.
8. Contract with J2 Blueprint Supply Company for repair and maintenance for the Assessor/Auditor OCE TDS 320 printer/scanner and maintenance of Public Works HP 1100 printer/scanner.
9. Contract with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Regional Support Network to extend the term and modify the statement of work for providing mental health treatment and crisis services to county residents.
10. Contract with Northwest Treatment Services to provide intensive outpatient treatment for youth placed on the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative referred by the Court.
11. Contract with Steve Norton to continue to provide polygraph services to youth placed on the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative by Juvenile Court.
12. Contract with Truth Verification Service, LLC to provide polygraph services to youth ordered by the court.

13. Contract with Vancouver Guidance Clinic to provide evaluation services for youth referred by Juvenile Court to determine if youth is amenable for treatment under the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative.
14. Memorandum of Understanding between Community Health and Juvenile Department to provide intensive outpatient treatment services for youth placed on the Chemical Dependency Disposition Alternative by the Court.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a special voucher for the period ending June 24, 2014 in the total amount of \$4,647.52 and vouchers for the period ending June 26, 2014 in the total amount of \$54,213.10.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a notice of marijuana license application from Washington State Liquor Control Board, submitted by Tim and Mary-Ellen Essex, Bradley and Lori Abeson, Larry Wasilenkoff and Shauna Wallace, for license number 417324 – 7A under the trade name SOG, and a letter outlining the land use designation under the County's Zoning Code advising that Marijuana Producer Tier 3 would require a conditional use permit and that Marijuana Processor is not an allowed use.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11 to allow two Senior Services employees to work a four day -10 hours a day schedule for 90 days from July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014. Commissioner McKenzie voted nay.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Congressman Doc Hastings requesting his support to sign on to H.R. 3992 to provide for wildfire suppression operations and other purposes.

Commissioner Brong presented a proposed motion with regards to Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Governing Board to:

1. to include the Cowlitz Indian Tribe as a voting member on the Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Governing Board;
2. revise the voting structure to one equal vote for each county (Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania) and one vote for the Tribe;
3. define unanimous and majority vote, identify what decisions require a unanimous or majority vote, and what can break a tie vote;
4. define a quorum; and,
5. direct the respective attorney for Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, the Tribe, and SWBH to amend the Interlocal Agreement and Bylaws to reflect items 1 through 4.

Commissioner Brong moved to approve the above motion. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Commissioner McKenzie advised of his concerns with liability of the County and requested a workshop to further discuss the matter, with Commissioner Anderson agreeing with Commissioner McKenzie.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie advised of meeting regarding Title III, attending an Interpretive Center meeting and tending to business as usual. Commissioner Anderson reported on a South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative meeting with a Department of Natural Resources Forester regarding landscape designations with forest health issues.

The meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 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.
- Ann Lueders, Acting 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, Solid Waste, and Community Development.

Proposed Title III Projects for 2014 were presented by the applicants as follows:

Continuing Projects

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department. Continue to enhance and improve emergency response capabilities of law enforcement services, including search and rescue in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, initial response to medical calls, reported wildfires and other emergency services. This project requests funding to maintain Road Deputy wages and overtime, including supporting equipment and services to adequately provide response to emergencies.
2. North Country EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country EMS. Continue to provide an ambulance and rescue service staffed with trained emergency medical service personnel to visitors, recreationists, residents, and employees of the northwest area of Skamania County, with special emphasis on certain Mt. St. Helens recreational areas during the months of June, July and August, and response from other stations as needed and available.
3. Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District. Continue an ongoing program designed to reduce wildfire hazards to the lives and property of county residents and carry out the Community Wildfire Protection Plans by planning and implementing collaborative projects to reduce fire fuels in vulnerable locations.

New Projects

4. Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and EMS, sponsored by Skamania County Fire District #1. Provide response to areas that border taxing district boundaries of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Forest Service owned lands in the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area for fire, rescue and medical emergencies, including calls for trail rescue, rope rescue, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials, and public assistance calls.
5. EMS and Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Services. Provide emergency medical services, rescue and ambulance transport services on Forest Service lands, including calls for motor vehicle extrication, low and high angle rope rescue, and reach, treat and extrication to injured people on trail systems.

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

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development and Community Health to discuss administrative review criteria for Zoning Code Chapter 21.70 Light Home Industry and proposed text amendments to allow small businesses while protecting the residential character of the residentially zoned areas. Discussion included recommendation for immediate action regarding Acadian Farms and long term action regarding text amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 21.70 Light Home Industry, and a proposed letter and educational packet to be sent to breweries, distilleries and wineries in Skamania County.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to direct the Community Development Department to proceed with recommendations for immediate action for Acadian Farms and long term action for text amendments to Skamania County Code Chapter 21.70, as previously discussed in workshop.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Updates were presented from Lynn Burditt, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager and Darren Nichols, Columbia River Gorge Commission Director. Discussion with Mr. Nichols included Urban Area boundaries project, continued support to help keep states focused on the importance of the Bridge of the Gods and other bridges crossing the Columbia River, the need for a regional transportation plan in the Gorge, and the Gorge Commission budget. Discussion with Ms. Burditt included Multnomah Falls parking issues, Gorge West End Transit bus, Forest Youth Success Program, trail flagging, parking situation in the Cape Horn area, hiring and training of summer staff, update on Dog Falls Fire, Aldrich Butte parcel acquisition, and potential relocation of a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail.

The meeting recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board met in executive session regarding real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(c) from 2:33 p.m. until 2:40 p.m., with no action taken.


The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), from 2:41 p.m. until 3:06 p.m., with no action taken.

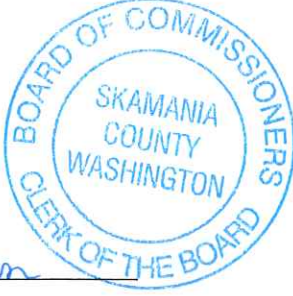
The Acting General Services Director advised of the potential retirement of a facilities maintenance worker and the need for additional help for scheduled events. The Board was in agreement to increase On-Call Event Staff hours and/or use temporary help from a part-time Solid Waste employee, pending consultation with the union attorney for the County.

The Board met with the Prosecutor to discuss the need for a decision on a Comp Plan amendment pending before the Health Examiner for an application from Pope Resources. The Prosecutor presented two options to consider Option #1 - make an emergency rule to the County Zoning Code to allow the Hearing Examiner to make recommendations on a Comp Plan amendment for Pope Resources, with final decision by the Board; Option #2 - prepare a memorandum delegating authority to the Hearing Examiner to make Comp Plan decisions. The Prosecutor recommended Option #1. The Board was in agreement to have the Prosecutor work with the Community Development Department to institute an emergency rule to the Zoning Code, as recommended in Option #1 and to have the Community Development Department proceed with text amendments to Skamania County Code Chapter 2.80 as recommended in Option #1.

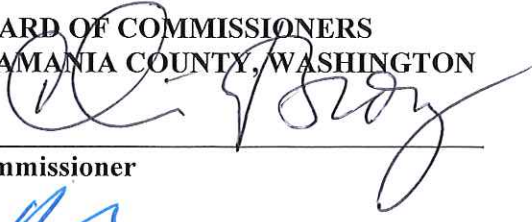
The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____