

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of May 20, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 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 changes/additions to the agenda to include presentation of 25-year plaques, proclamation for EMS Week, and changing the time of the Forest Service report to 2:00 p.m., scheduling of a joint counties meeting regarding WRIA 25/26, and consent agenda item #3 a contract with E&L Appraisals with regards to budgeted funds, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 20, 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 plaques to Sheriff's Office employees Nancy Doherty and Tina Anderson and Commissioners employee Pam Johnson for 25-years of service to Skamania County.

Teresa Robbins advised of her support for an upcoming memorandum of understanding between the County and Cape Horn Conservancy for an Eagle Scout Project to construct an information kiosk at Salmon Falls Park and Ride.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Carol Shields, Chief for Skamania County Hospital District advised of upcoming events on May 31, 2014.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of item #3 that was removed, pending discussion with the Assessor:

1. Minutes of May 13, 2014.
2. Authorization to purchase maintenance for County generators.
3. ~~Contract with E&L Appraisals to inspect and value properties for new construction and for physical revaluation area in Carson.~~
4. Contract with Wasco County Landfill, amendment #2 for on-call transportation and disposal services for the Solid Waste Division.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously 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 unanimously to approve a request from Public Works to hire an on-call employee to monitor document inspection for a large public records request.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Senior Services for a weekend transit driver position.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a letter to Washington State Health Care Authority supporting Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance's efforts to become the Community of Health for the Southwest Region.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 15, 2014 in the total amount of \$104,260.78.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Community Health to fill a vacant licensed practical nurse position.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on the Noxious Weed Control Program, Class A Noxious Weed Project, Coldwater Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan Project, Cooperative Indigobush Control Project, Cowlitz County PUD Project, Title II Forest Service Projects, and a proposed agreement with USACE/Bonneville Lock and Dam.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie advised of attending a meeting with Ben Peeler of North Country EMS and participating in union meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of attending the following: Chamber of Commerce special meeting, IT User Group meeting, Human Services Advisory Board, Columbia Gorge Consortium, and Mid-Columbia Fish Enhance Group. Commissioner Brong advised of meeting with the Financial Management Administrator and Administrative Assistant, meeting with the South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative, and attending a Saving Skamania County meeting.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste and Community Development.
- Ann Lueders, Acting General Services Director reported on department activities, facilities, events and recreation, human resources, risk management, senior services and information technology.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Tom Mulder, Mount St. Helens Monument District Ranger and Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger. Tom Mulder reported on road conditions, vandalism, 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens, opening of Pine Creek Information Center, timber sales, climbing permits, Coldwater Lake camping sites, and replacement of Marble Mountain snow shelter. Mosé Jones-Yellin reported on campgrounds, vandalism issues, preliminary process of developing sequence of water sheds, and Wind River Water Shed. Discussion included public camping sites at Coldwater Lake, Wind River Watershed, and Forest Service staffing needs for timber pre-sales and contract administration.

Commissioner McKenzie asked Commissioner Brong to investigate the possibility of using some of the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% tax dollars, designated for mental health from Community Health funds, in an appropriate manner through subplanting into drug court, prosecutor, etc. which could help the Current Expense Fund, and provided an email from the Prosecutor showing some possible uses of the funds.

Commissioner Anderson advised of the possible upcoming vacancy of the Probation Officer position and stated that the Sheriff advised him that he was no longer willing to manage the program. The Board discussed the need to research options for this program. Commissioner McKenzie advised that he would research options.

Norm Ward of the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group provided comments on the Forest Service's overview of forest management and road analysis.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



*Danella Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

Aye *3*  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_