

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of March 11, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 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 upcoming WSAC Timber County and Legislative Steering Committee meetings, restriction on Rock Creek access, emergency closure process, inventory, pros and cons of changing to bi-monthly voucher run, and graphing trends on expenditures and revenues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 11, 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.

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

1. Minutes of March 4, 2014.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, March 25, 2014 to receive public comments on the Planning Unit's recommended revisions to the Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 25-26 Watershed Management Plan.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to consider Resolution 2014-20 amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
4. Authorization to purchase a laminating machine to laminate food vendor/restaurant licenses.
5. Authorization to purchase a warranty on HP Data Center Components.
6. Certification of Cost Allocation Plan.
7. Contract with James A. Jensen to provide chemical dependency education and information presentation for Skamania County.
8. Contract with Southwest Washington Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities, amendment #1 to increase funding for Senior Nutrition Services for congregate meal services and home delivered meals.
9. Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide funding for promotion of Stevenson's Barnstorming Bluegrass, the Columbia Gorge Blue Grass Festival and Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending March 10, 2014 in the total amount of \$88,618.45.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Regional Transportation Committee, Legislative Steering Committee, encumbered lands, concept of a Gorge Regional Transportation Plan, and a meeting with Senator Cantwell's aide regarding financial and timber issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, 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, the Sheriff and Prosecutor regarding marijuana production, processing and retail sales in unincorporated Skamania County. Three options were presented for discussion 1) add a new chapter to Skamania County Code Title 8 Health and Safety that would provide guidelines and conditions for producing, processing and retail sales of marijuana; 2) reopen zoning to include criteria in land use regulations for producing, processing and retail sales of marijuana; 3) draft a resolution to clarify interpretations of the existing zoning. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement to move forward with Options 1 and 3, allow the current moratorium to expire on March 31, 2014, send out a press release encouraging the public to contact the Sheriff and/or Public Works with concerns or comments, and schedule a workshop within the next three weeks to review draft documents. Commissioner McKenzie requested to include language that would allow the Sheriff to charge a fee to the business owner if the Sheriff's Office receives excessive calls to the business.

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), from 11:16 a.m. until 12:17 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present.

Amanda Hoey, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) provided an overview of MCEDD, which included regional economic development and local technology planning, financial capital funds for businesses, Agora Investment Platform, and industry development.

Joel Madsen, Executive Director for Columbia Gorge Housing Authority and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation gave an update on activities and projects and gave an overview of how funds have been utilized. Karen Long gave an overview of the Family Self-Sufficiently Program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



[Signature]

 Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Absent

 Commissioner

[Signature]

 Commissioner Vice Chair

Robert Anderson

 Commissioner

Aye 2
 Nay _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent 1