

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 7, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong and Doug McKenzie present. Discussion included 2014 Budget line item adjustments, Federal Forest funds, cancellation of voucher approval for next week, and moving election of chair and vice chair to 10:30 a.m. this morning, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:19 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. January 7, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Anderson, Chair, Christopher Brong and Doug McKenzie present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Repar asked the Board to think about balance when making decisions, wished the Board luck in the coming year, and requested public hearings be held when they consider zoning changes and critical areas updates.

Gloria Howell requested the Board to set public meetings where citizens can meet with the Board, before February 1st, to discuss a multitude of subjects.

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

1. Minutes of December 31, 2013.
2. Designation of Sterling Bank as depository bank for Skamania County funds for 2014.
3. Property Tax Refunds granted by Treasurer during 2013.
4. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to consider Supplemental Budget #1 for 2014.
5. Resolution 2014-02 Interfund Loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund, Non-Departmental Revenue.
6. Resolution 2014-03 Joint with Clark, Klickitat and Skamania Counties appointing Kate Maple to Position #6 as Klickitat County's designee to serve as trustee of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library.
7. Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide funding for reimbursement to Skamania County Senior Services for marketing and promotion of special seasonal public transportation for tourists and recreation users.
8. Contract with Wallis Engineering to realign a section of Washougal River Road to increase the clear zone distance between the roadway and an existing residence near the horizontal roadway curve.

The Board reviewed and discussed a contract with Susie Strom to provide prevention services related to the reduction of marijuana and alcohol use by youth. Discussion included Attachment A (II)(B) Payment for Services for travel expenses and other reimbursable expenses, the need to go through the competitive bid process, and setting a 90-day ending date. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the contract with Susie Strom with the following changes: change the ending date to March 31, 2014 to allow time for the Sheriff to begin the competitive bid process, and retain the language for Attachment A(II)(B) Payment for Services from the previous contract that expired December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending December 31, 2013 in the total amount of \$959,508.99.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 6, 2014 in the total amount of \$160,651.98.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Anderson, Brong and McKenzie present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on upcoming workshops, general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.
- Scott Pineo, 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, and Solid Waste.

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

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried to unanimously rotate the chair and vice chair appointments annually, and to review this policy when new Commissioners are elected. New appointments for 2014: Chris Brong, Chair and Doug McKenzie, Vice Chair.

The Board discussed and made changes to Commissioners assignments to various boards and committees for 2014. Assignments will be posted on the Commissioners page on the County web site.

Commissioner Brong advised of his proposed changes to public comment period for Southwest Washington Behavioral Health meetings. The Board discussed Commissioners comment period and agreed that citizens should not state their physical address, only their city and county. The Board also discussed a request to set public meetings with an open forum format for citizens to discuss various subjects, with no action taken.

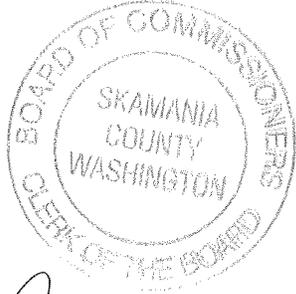
The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

As a result of discussions during a staff meeting this morning, the Board approved a letter to Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding 2014 Budget adjustments.

Updates were presented from Lynn Burditt, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager and Darren Nichols, Columbia River Gorge Commission Director. Discussion included the Federal government shutdown last fall, grant for recreational site transportation, revisions to the NSA Management Plan, vandalism at the Cape Horn area, Forest Youth Success Program, Bridge of the Gods repairs, an upcoming Gorge Ports Regional meeting, participation in upcoming Oregon and Washington Legislative Sessions, concern from the public regarding jet boat tours in the area of the mouth of Hamilton Creek, and concern regarding recreationalists parking along SR14 and Salmon Falls Park and Ride.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Patricia Johnson
Clerk of the Board

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____