

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of January 22, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 22, 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 Rural Domestic Water Work Group conference calls, Noxious Weed Coordinator selection, proposed motion to accept hydrology reports as proof of water for processing land divisions, and an offer on surplus property on Nelson Creek. Commissioner Brong advised of a request from a citizen to meet with the Board in executive session to discuss the performance of a County employee, with Board members in agreement to not hold an executive session for this purpose.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. January 22, 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.

Rick Jessel presented a letter and advised of his concern with the County not following the hiring process set out in Skamania County Personnel Policy for the new Financial Manager Administrator position.

Gloria Howell advised of her request to meet with the Board in executive session to discuss the performance of a County employee.

Ole Helgerson advised of his concern with the process for establishing a Financial Management Office.

Helen Paulus advised that people should read the Sheriff's report concerning the past matter of the destruction of public records.

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

1. Minutes of January 14, 2014.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to consider an application from Prudence Schiefelbein for classification as Timber Land for Current Use Assessment for tax parcel #02070200090300.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to consider an application from Erik Holmes for classification as Timber Land for Current Use Assessment for tax parcel #03072400100000.
4. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to consider Ordinance 2014-01 amending Skamania County Code Chapter 10.04 changing speed zones on various sections of county roads.
5. Certification to the County Road Administration Board of the 2014 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue Produced.
6. Resolution 2014-06 removing the fees associated with all Site Analysis Level II and Level III permit applications.
7. Reappoint Gabe Spencer to Columbia Gorge Housing Authority representing Skamania County.
8. Contract with Day Wireless Systems to provide maintenance for the radio communication system.
9. Contract with Washington State Military Department, amendment A to increase the amount of funding provided and replace the existing Budget Sheet to support and enhance emergency management programs.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 21, 2014 in the total amount of \$308,002.88.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 21, 2014 in the total amount of \$144,661.12.

The Board acknowledged a letter from the Noxious Weed Control Board recommending the approval of Emily Stevenson for the position of Skamania County Noxious Weed Coordinator.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to rescind the previous motion action passed by the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners on October 29, 2008 which directed the Community Development Department to no longer accept hydrology reports as proof of water for processing land divisions; and in essence, by rescinding the previous motion action, the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners directed the Community Development Department to accept hydrology reports as proof of water for the processing of short plats and subdivisions, in lieu of drilling individual wells for each lot within the short plat or subdivision. This motion action does not authorize hydrology reports to be accepted in place of drilling a shared well, a well for a Group B System or a well for a Group A System during the short plat or subdivision process.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator reported on Forest Service weed control, Knotweed Control project, Class A Noxious Weeds project, an upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest workshop, and an upcoming Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management workshop.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Public Works and Planning staff, union, Public Health funding, multiple meetings with concerned citizens, staff evaluations, Forest Service, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, and an upcoming meeting with the Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor regarding the Wind River Watershed Project, with no action taken.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Karen Witherspoon, Community Development Director reported on general administration, planning information, environmental health information, and building and fire safety information.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste.

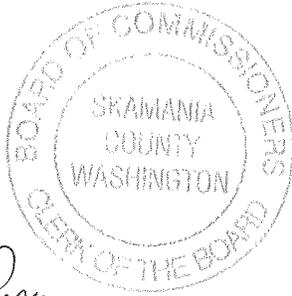
The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Undersheriff Dave Cox and Prosecutor Adam Kick to discuss the contract for Prevention Services. Undersheriff Cox advised of the need to set goals and deliverables to be met by the contractor, the need for accountability and structure over the program, and proposed the County create a FTE Prevention Specialist position at a salary Range 17-E. Discussion included the One Prevention Alliance Coalition, which department should be providing prevention services, and contractor versus employee for providing services, with no action taken.

The Board met with the Prosecutor in executive session regarding litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), and regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g), from 11:38 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chris Bray  
Commissioner

[Signature]  
Commissioner

Robert Anderson  
Commissioner

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