

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of August 26, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 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 the Financial Management report, budget, questions from the State Auditors, scheduling, a letter of resignation from the Board of Equalization from Susan Krug, notice of the transfer of land from Washington State Department of Transportation to the Forest Service, banks used by the County, and local Republican Party to submit names for appointment as Treasurer after the resignation date of September 1, 2014, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 26, 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 McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of August 19, 2014.
2. Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2014.
3. Authorization to purchase an exhaust vent to replace an old, broken, unrepairable vent.
4. Appoint Nick Hogan, Stevenson City Administrator to serve on the Board of Directors for Mid-Columbia Economic Development District representing both the Cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville.
5. Resolution 2014-64 Repay and partially repay Current Expense Loans.
6. Agreement with Gifford Pinchot National Forest, amendment #3 to provide Title II funding for a correction work crew to work on Federal lands.
7. Agreement with Harris Recording Solutions to import digital images of recorded documents into OnCore recording software.
8. Agreement with Harris Recording Solutions for OnCore Web License to allow recorded documents to be linked to the County website for public search.
9. Memorandum of Understanding with Corporation Service Company to allow non-excite documents to be submitted electronically for recording.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to reappoint W.D. Truitt to serve on the Planning Commissioner for Position 2-A.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 25, 2014 in the total amount of \$340,222.64.

The Chair acknowledged a letter of resignation from Susan Krug from the Board of Equalization, effective August 21, 2014.

Todd Murray, WSU Extension Agent reported on administration, 4-H, economic and community development, natural resource, small farms and home gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson reported on attending an Economic Development Council meeting and meeting with the Port regarding water and infrastructure at Wind River Business Park. Commissioner McKenzie reported on business as usual and reviewing 2015 budgets. Commissioner Brong reported on a Financial Management meeting, reviewing

2015 budgets, and advised of meeting with the Saving Skamania County group to work on educational materials for the public.

The meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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.
- 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 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Safety Committee representative presented the Safety Committee report.

- Report #2014-E-07. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2014-E-08. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g), from 10:34 a.m. until 10:55 a.m., with no action taken.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to offer employment to Antonia Farris to fill the vacant Probation Officer position.

The meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board met with Audit Manager Tina Watkins, Audit Supervisor Paula McCoy, and Audit Lead Erika Turney from the State Auditor's Office for a State Audit Entrance Conference in which an overview of the audits to be performed this year were provided and discussed.

The Board discussed the need for legislation that would reduce the cost of state mandated audits for counties where there is a high degree of federal and state lands and with very limited revenues sources that allow for the flexibility of expenditures. Commissioner McKenzie will be addressing this with Senator Curtis King.

The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Iloba Odum, Vancouver Field Director for the Department of Ecology introduced Michelle McConnell, Shoreland and Environmental Assistance Program Manager with the Southwest Regional Office. Ms. McConnell gave an overview of the requirements for jurisdictions to update their Shoreline Management Plan, and advised of the availability of approximately \$100,000 of reimbursable funds available to Skamania County for this project.

The meeting recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to review revised guidelines for marijuana producing, processing and retail sales, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with General Services and Public Works regarding facilities and maintenance. Commissioner McKenzie advised of his proposal to move three facilities and maintenance employees from management under General Services to Public Works, and stated that it was his opinion based on previous experience that facilities and maintenance should be under the management of Public Works. Discussion included increased management responsibilities of the General Services Director and the need for the Directors of both departments to meet to discuss the proposal and report back to the Board.

The meeting recessed at 3:42 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 the Board of Commissioners attended a reception at Skamania Lodge hosted by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission in honor of local officials and the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Pamela Anderson*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

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Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_