

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of July 15, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 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 an upcoming Law & Justice meeting, application for the Fair parade for an elected officials float, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District invoice for annual dues, line item adjustment request from the Clerk, Financial Management report, recruitment for WSAC Legislative Steering Committee and Federal Issues Committee, letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell urging action on legislation to restore the health of our federal forests and rural communities through active sustainable forest management, an executive session regarding personnel set for 1:30 p.m. today to review the application for the Financial Management Coordinator position, with no action taken.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 15, 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.

Mary Repar, Grange Master for Stevenson Grange #121 advised of upcoming programs.

Bob Talent thanked the Board for representing the people of the county and advised of a questionnaire sent to various local entities in the county in the early 2000's regarding the priorities of governmental functions.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with the exception of Item #13 that was removed:

1. Minutes of July 8, 2014.
2. Personnel pre-hire request from the Sheriff for a temporary 120-day appointment of a lateral deputy while arranging for lateral testing to establish Civil Service eligibility list to hire from.
3. Resolution 2014-52 Interfund loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund, Non-Departmental Revenue.
4. Resolution 2014-53 Partially repay Current Expense Loans.
5. Resolution 2014-55 Consideration for formation of a Metropolitan Park District.
6. Agreement with Skamania County Sheriff for Sheriff's Emergency Services Title III Program for 2014.
7. Agreement with North Country Emergency Medical Services for NCEMS St. Helens Title III Program for 2014.
8. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District for Skamania County Firewise Title III Program for 2014.
9. Agreement with Skamania County Emergency Medical Services for Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Response Title III Program for 2014.
10. Agreement with Skamania County Fire District #1 for Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Title III Program for 2014.
11. Contract with Department of Social and Health Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities amendment #1 to increase funding for providing developmental disabilities services.
12. Contract with Daniel McCabe to provide mental incapacity evaluations to determine a client's eligibility for disability.
- ~~13. Contract with Educational Services District 112 to provide developmental disabilities services for Skamania County birth to age three eligible participants.~~
14. Contract with Tangible Systems, Inc to provide developmental disabilities supported employment services for eligible county participants.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending July 14, 2014 in the total amount of \$95,720.68.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed Coordinator reported on various weed control projects.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of a proposed letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell urging action on legislation to restore the health of our federal forests and rural communities through active sustainable forest management and suggested to ask all elected officials to consider signing the letter. Commissioner McKenzie advised of attending a Fair Board meeting and complimented the Fair Board and General Services staff for all of their hard work for the County. Commissioner Brong thanked North Country EMS and the Hospital District on resolving the Title III issues, advised of the award of Title III funding to applicants, and gave an overview of Saving Skamania County, a private effort to inform the public about schools, roads, county finances and access to the national forest.

The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 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 the Public Works Director and Solid Waste Supervisor to discuss updates to the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Public Works Director and Community Development Planning Manager advised of a regional review request to the Gorge Commission for an upcoming Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad project to move overhead power lines underground within their right-of-way.

Commissioner Brong advised of discussions with the Chamber of Commerce to seek removal of trees to open the viewing area at the pull out east of the Bridge of the Gods and to replace existing signs entering Washington from the Bridge to welcome visitors to Skamania County and provide direction to various locations within the County.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a Mid-Year Budget review with General Services.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:37 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) from 1:37 p.m. until 1:59 p.m., with no action taken.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger and Tom Mulder, Mount St Helens Monument District Ranger. Mosé Jones-Yellin reported on upcoming oral bids for the Goat Point Salvage, Smith Thin, timber sales, recreation activities, closing of contract bids for moving a cabin to Peterson Prairie, huckleberry season, scoping projects, firewood program, wild fire

update, a recent Collaborative meeting, and advised that the Gifford Pinchot Deputy Supervisor accepted a position in Idaho. Tom Mulder reported on timber sales, infrastructure projects, tourism sites, news articles regarding the Monument, and Fire and Ice project. Discussion included a letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell urging action on legislation to restore the health of our federal forests and rural communities through active sustainable forest management

The meeting recessed at 2:38 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Chair announced that Debbie Slack was selected to fill the new Financial Management Coordinator position, effective August 1, 2014.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Development to discuss proposed options for proceeding with zoning text amendments for Skamania County Title 21 Zoning, Section 70.040 Cottage Occupation/Light Home Industry. Option #1 would add criteria to the Code and option #2 would implement guidelines for policy review criteria. Following discussion, the Board directed to implement option #2.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Danella Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*Chris Brong*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

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