

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of August 19, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 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 receipt of state forest board funds, 2015 budget requests, Financial Management report, requests from state auditors, grant tracking, appointments, proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness, an upcoming congressional staff briefing at the Port of Cascade Locks, an upcoming meeting between the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor, and a request from Commissioner McKenzie to schedule a workshop with General Service and Public Works to discuss facilities and maintenance, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:22 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 19, 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.

Don Stevens, North Bonneville Mayor stated his concern and frustration with the lack of seriousness of embracing the new marijuana laws and advised that Wind River Business Park was an ideal location for this product and commented about a proposed cost increase of the contract with the Sheriff for law enforcement services in the City of North Bonneville.

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

1. Minutes of August 12, 2014.
2. Authorization to purchase building extinguisher service to keep extinguishers operable and to meet legal requirements.
3. Authorization to purchase core drilling holes in Courthouse roof for power run to new HVAC.
4. Authorization to purchase picnic tables to replace damaged tables.
5. Grantee Closeout Performance Report for Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 13-65400-012.
6. Resolution 2014-62 Dissolving Internal Services Fund, Central Services.
7. Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts to provide funding for Court Appointed Special Advocates to be appointed in all dependency cases filed in Skamania County and overall program management costs.
8. Agreement with Department of Ecology, amendment #1 to increase funding for reimbursement of recycling costs and for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
9. Contract with Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington, amendment #1 to increase funding for Senior Transportation Services.
10. Contract with Links Custom Sheet Metal, amendment #1 to increase the payment for services due to needed modifications for the Courthouse HVAC Project.
11. Revised Memorandum of Lease and Ground Lease with Oregon RSA #2, Inc. for a long term ground lease for a cell tower at Wind River Business Park.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 18, 2014 in the total amount of \$188,017.26.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Anderson advised of attending Probation Officer interviews, meeting with a business operator on obtaining financing for operating capital, meeting with a Northwestern Lake cabin owner regarding the sale of Pacific Power &

Light Company property, and attending a Forest Stakeholders Round Table and Gifford Pinchot National Forest Tour. Commissioner McKenzie reported on business as usual, the Probation Department, meetings with the Interpretive Center Director, and attending the County Fair. Commissioner Brong advised of preparation for and attending a Forest Stakeholders Round Table and Gifford Pinchot National Forest Tour, and participating in Canvassing Board meetings.

The meeting recessed at 9:43 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, 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 meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a budget workshop regarding the Probation Department, with no action taken.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g), from 11:05 a.m. until 11:20 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger. A Wilderness Ranger from The Netherlands was introduced. Discussion included huckleberry season, moving the former Willard Ranger Station building to Peterson Prairie, Roads Committee meetings, an upcoming South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative meeting, fire season, a recent Forest Stakeholders Round Table and Gifford Pinchot National Forest Tour with Congresswoman Herrera Beutler and US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe, and the Wind River Watershed project.

The meeting recessed at 2:39 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the USDA Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest to provide funding for continuation for treatment of noxious weeds.

The Board participated in a workshop with representatives from the Stevenson Business Association (SBA) for presentation of a proposal for a Courthouse Lawn Plaza Project. Scott Anderson, SBA President gave a background report on the downtown revitalization project for enhancement of the Courthouse lawn area and advised of receiving \$30,000 from the City of Stevenson that will be used for the design process. The SBA asked for commitment from the County for use and availability of the property in the future in order to move forward with the project and design. The Commissioners all expressed their support with the concept. The next steps would be to approve an agreement between the County and SBA, design the conceptual drawing(s), and seek public input on the project. Contacts for

the project are Scott Anderson, SBA President and Casey Roeder, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



*Sameta Johnson*  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*Chris Brown*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
Commissioner

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