

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 5, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on August 5, 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, Treasurer's retirement, upcoming Board of Health meeting, probation services contracts, letter from Green Pacific Distributors, LLC, request from Bob Talent for a workshop on development ideas on his property, no quorum on September 16, 2014, comment letter to Mt. Adams District Ranger on the Chinquapin, Off-Road Wheel Tracks and Cascade Creek Fire Planting projects, Sierra County Fire Emergency Resolution, behavioral health transition/early adopter, and working with the railroad to open view points.

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. August 5, 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.

Ole Helgerson read a letter into the record regarding a June 5, 2014 cease and desist order and a June 10, 2014 letter rescinding that cease and desist order regarding Acadian Farms and presented questions regarding that matter.

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

1. Minutes of July 29, 2014.
2. Resolution 2014-60 Update the Community Action Plan.
3. Resolution 2014-61 Amending Skamania County Personnel Policy Section 12.7 Holidays to add new subsection 12.7.5 Unpaid Holidays for Reasons of Faith or Conscience, per RCW 1.16.050 Legal Holidays.
4. Request from Public Works to hire an on-call employee to monitor document inspection for two large public records requests.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending July 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$909,377.17.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 4, 2014 in the total amount of \$96,779.90.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a comment letter to Mt. Adams District Ranger regarding the Golden Chinquapin and Hairstreak Butterfly Project, Off-Road Wheel Tracks Project, and Cascade Creek Fire Planting Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie advised of attending meetings regarding a vacancy in the Probation Office, Union issues, and meeting with Public Works and General Services regarding moving buildings and grounds facilities under the Public Works Department. Commissioner Anderson advised of attending a Forest Service Annual Work Plan and Forest Leadership Team meeting and attending the Sheriff's Principle's of Liberty forum. Commissioner Brong gave an update on meeting with railroad personnel to open the viewpoint at the Bridge of the Gods and advised of a Columbia River Gorge Commission resolution opposing the transport of coal and oil trains through the Gorge.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 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, Solid Waste, and Community Development.

The meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Undersheriff to discuss a proposal to establish a search and rescue fund for private and other donations to be used for search and rescue expenses, with no action taken.

The meeting recesses at 11:08 a.m.

The Board met at 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 8, 2014 at Stevenson High School for the Forest Youth Success Annual Luncheon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Samuel Johnson
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____