

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of June 10, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 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 a personnel pre-hire request from the Prosecutor, contract with Kodak Alaris, a request from Lower Columbia River Fish Enhance Group to sign a landowner acknowledgement form to attach to a grant application for a salmon enhancement project, vouchering for invoices for the Probation Office, Noxious Weed grants management, upcoming state audit, an error on warrant #145781 in the current voucher run, issues with the Eden Financial Management program, agreement to send a comment letter and to draft a resolution regarding the Definition of Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act, and preparation of a resolution and letter regarding acquisition of private lands by the Federal government, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. June 10, 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.

Numerous individuals expressed their support for Acadian Farms microbrewery, the need for small businesses in the community, and the need to find a positive solution to a recent complaint. Comments were received from Casey Roeder of the Chamber of Commerce, Spencer Dunn, Scott Anderson, Bob Sheffield, Mary Repar, Judy Bair, Tony Coats of Gator Creek, Gene Delbridge, Marvel Blouin, Martin Hecht of Martin's Gorge Tours, Connie Davis, Lorraine Creon, Kevin Waters of Backwoods Brewery, Jim Waters of Backwoods Brewery, Dan Boyes, Gloria Howell, Wayne Blouin, Benton Bernard owner of Acadian Farms, Robert Waymire of Skamania County Economic Development Council, and Dale Bybee.

Mary Repar advised of an upcoming Preserve the Harvest workshop sponsored by WSU Extension on June 14, 2014 at the Exhibit Hall.

Gloria Howell requested a copy of a proposed job description for the Financial Management Office and advised that newly elected officials should be included in changes.

Letters were received from Lorraine Creon regarding Acadian Farms and from Debbie Cazare regarding the Financial Management Office

The Board advised that they were not aware of the cease and desist letter issued by the Community Development Department to Acadian Farms, advised of their support local businesses, and further advised that they would review this issue with the Prosecutor for resolution.

The meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

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

1. Minutes of June 3, 2014.
2. Authorization to purchase 3 digital capable TV's for the jail
3. Resolution 2014-44 Repay and partially repay Current Expense Loans.
4. Contract with ABC Roofing Company for replacement of the Courthouse roof.

5. Contract with Department of Social & Health Services - Community Services Division to provide for reimbursement for mental incapacity evaluations.
6. Contract with Links Custom Sheet Metal for the Courthouse HVAC Modifications project.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a contract with Kodak Alaris to provide service for the ballot tabulation scanner.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Community Health for an Office Assistant position.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a request from District Court to increase a 75% Assistant Clerk position to 100% for 90 days while an employee is on leave.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from the Prosecutor to replace a Chief Deputy Prosecutor position, and to allow for advertisement of two weeks instead of three weeks due to the workload and the need to refill the position as soon as possible.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending June 9, 2014 in the total amount of \$487,457.25, minus warrant #145781 in the amount of \$404.00 that will be cancelled due to a clerical error.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending May 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$902,955.34.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from District Court to hire a temporary person with experience for up to 15 days during an employee's absence.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Ann Lueders, Acting 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 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:04 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board met with the Prosecutor regarding litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) from 11:04 a.m. until 11:21 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board met with the Prosecutor, Public Works/Community Development Director and staff to discuss a cease and desist order issued to Acadian Farms by the Community Development Department. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to rescind the cease and desist order for 60-days, and direct the Community Development Department to work with the owners to review the original application and make modifications.

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board discussed issues concerning payroll taxes.

The meeting recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Vyrle Hill, Executive Director and David Goldsmith, Member Services Manager for Washington Counties Risk Pool gave a presentation on risk management resources offered to Counties.

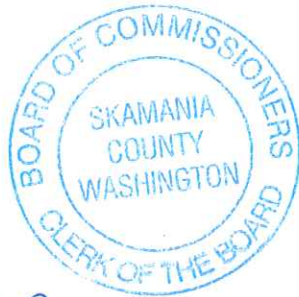
The meeting recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Anderson present by phone.

A public hearing was held to review Washington Gorge Action Programs and to receive comments on Skamania County and Washington Gorge Action Program's past performance and use of their CDBG Public Services Grant award for the contract period ending June 30, 2014. Linda Schneider, Executive Director and Jan Pearo, Staff for Washington Gorge Action Programs presented an overview of service programs provided for low-and moderate-income persons within Skamania and Klickitat counties which included the following services: housing and homeless, nutrition, employment and child care (after school teens). There was no public present. The hearing was closed with no action taken.

It is noted for the record that the Board would be participating in a tour of County Road Shops with the Public Works Director at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Chris Brong
Commissioner

Robert Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____