

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of July 8, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 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 weekly Financial Management report, Eden update, temporary loan to Senior Services, line item adjustment for the Sheriff's Office, 2015 budget calendar and guidelines, receipt of State Forest Board Transfer funds, proposed resolution supporting WSAC Fiscal Sustainability Initiative, an upcoming GOP meeting regarding the process of appointing a new Treasurer, variance application for the Courthouse Roof HVAC Project, researching estimated costs for painting the Courthouse, and a request from General Services to hire an Event Staff Leadworker or increase the hours of the Event Staff Crew positions due to the retirement of an employee.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. July 8, 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 Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of July 1, 2014.
2. Resolution 2014-48 Initiating County Road Project for Wind River Road from milepost 0.98 to 1.99 for full grind, asphalt, paving, striping and other work.
3. Resolution 2014-49 Initiating County Road Project for Wind River Road from milepost 16.57 to 20.41 for asphalt grinding, paving, shoulder rock, striping and other work.
4. Resolution 2014-50 Authorizing a Cash on Hand Fund for the Treasurer's Office.
5. Resolution 2014-51 Partially repay Current Expense Loans.
6. Project proposal to 2014 Washington Federal Lands Access Program for funding for paving and road base or surface course from milepost 16.568 to 20.412 for Wind River Road Rehabilitation Project.
7. Contract with Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington, amendment #2 to increase the funding for Senior Services congregate meals and home delivered meals.
8. Contract with Department of Social and Health Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities to provide funding for developmental disabilities services to eligible residents.
9. Contract with Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs outlining specific terms and conditions and providing funding for the Registered Sex Offender Address and Residency Verification Program.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from the Auditor to hire two individuals from the On-Call list to work intermittently from June through December to assist with elections due to conflicts of interest of two staff members.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending June 30, 2014 in the total amount of \$913,127.68.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending July 7, 2014 in the total amount of \$101,974.76.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from General Services to hire an Event Staff Leadworker position and waive the advertising deadlines as noted in the Personnel Policy, or if a suitable candidate is not

found, or if work load requires, increase the amount of hours currently available to the Event Staff Crew positions due to the retirement of an employee.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2014-54 interfund loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Special Revenue Fund, Senior Services Fund.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve a Variance Application to the City of Stevenson for the Courthouse Roof HVAC Project.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie advised of participating in the Mill A Fourth of July Parade and attending a Community Action Team meeting. Commissioner Brong advised of attending a meeting regarding Title III with various applicants and attending a Southwest Washington Behavioral Health meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:42 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.
- 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 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Gabe Spencer and Robert Waymire to discuss a proposal for formation of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) to generate funding through property tax collection and to reopen the swim pool. Discussion included approval of a resolution by the City of Stevenson to form a MPD following the boundaries of Stevenson-Carson School District #303, with the exception of the City of North Bonneville, a request for the County to consider approving a resolution prior to July 31 in order meet requirements for placing the proposal on the General Election ballot, and the estimated amount of property taxes to be assessed and collected for operation of the pool. The Board was in agreement to approve a resolution.

The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Commissioner Anderson advised that members of Congress that serve on the House Appropriations Subcommittee would be voting on July 9, 2014 to provide FY 2015 funding for PILT and on language in the bill that would prevent EPA from implementing the “Waters of the U.S.” proposed rule.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Prosecutor and Community Health Director to discuss incorporation of the Cowlitz Tribe as a South Washington Behavioral Health Governing Board Member and equal voting rights for all SWBH Governing Board members.

The meeting recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2:13 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve a personnel pre-hire request from Community Health to replace a contracted mental health therapist, who is leaving, with one full time employee.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss 2014 Title III applications.

The Board met in executive session regarding real estate, pursuant to RCW 4.230.110(c), from 3:18 p.m. until 3:40 p.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding the following proposed Title III Projects for 2014:

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by Skamania County Sheriff's Department.
2. North Country EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North Country EMS.
3. Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District.
4. Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and EMS, sponsored by Skamania County Fire District #1.
5. EMS and Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Services.

There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comments. Carol Shields, Chief for Skamania County EMS presented revised figures for funding. The Board acknowledged a letter from Ole Helgerson. The hearing was closed with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



*Samela Johnson*  
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 Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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 Commissioner

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 Commissioner

*Robert Anderson*  
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