

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 2, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 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 request for funding from Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation and removal of property from tax rolls, request from the SWAAD Council of Governments Board to select an alternate member, which will be done in January 2015, and the Financial Management report. Treasurer Vickie Clelland advised that Grays Harbor County was billing the State Parks Commission for the processing of Discover Pass parking tickets.

The meeting recessed at 9:11 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 2, 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 wished the Board the best for the upcoming New Year, expressed her concerns with the need to protect our environment, and advised of her concerns with impacts on the environment and cumulative impacts regarding the proposed biomass plant at Wind River Business Park.

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

1. Minutes of November 25, 2014.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 30, 2014 to consider Resolution 2014-79 completing the County's Periodic Review of the Growth Management Act Critical Areas Regulations.
3. Set 2015 payroll dates.
4. Agreement with Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to provide funding for the FFY 2014 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.
5. Contract with Christopher R. Lanz and the firm of W. Todd Pasco, PLLC to provide public defender representation for indigent adults for certain cases filed in Skamania County Superior Court.
6. Contract with Southwest WA Behavioral Health RSN to provide funding for mental health treatment and crisis services to residents.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 25, 2014 in the total amount of \$45,044.64.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson advised of working on the budget. Commissioner Brong advised of working on the budget, attending a SWAAD Council of Governments Board meeting and acceptance of chairmanship for 2015, gave an overview of his attendance at the Washington State Association of Counties Leadership Conference, and reported on the Collaborates recommendations on stewardship sales.

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 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 10:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner Anderson presented the following options from Umpqua Bank for consideration: #1 Renew line for 24 months with interest only payments to be made on current semiannual basis, with possibly up to 4 principal curtailments to be made during that period of some amount. #2 Term out the line for 3 years with a reasonable amortization of up to 20 years, which would require collateralization with real estate. #3 Extend the line for 12 months to allow the County to outright sell real estate or set up General Obligation bonds for repayment. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement to request a variation to option #2 to term out the line for 10 years, with the current agreement interest rate, with a 20 year amortization. Commissioner Anderson advised he would present this to Umpqua Bank.

The meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Health and District Court to discuss Mental Health Court. Discussion included an agreement with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health to provide \$15,850 for a .25 FTE support staff position and a one-time amount of up to \$7,500 for mental health court training for the Mental Health Court Judge, Clerk and Attorney, Judge Reynier's request of the need for full time staff in order to take on additional responsibilities, and the uncertainty of revenues for 2015. The Board advised that they did not want to accept funding at this time due to budget issues, advised of the need to operate within the County's means, and stated they would revisit this proposal in the first quarter of 2015.

The meeting recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board participated in 2015 Budget workshop to review Commissioners recommendations and discuss reductions in the Current Expense portion of the 2015 Budget. The Board advised that the 2015 Preliminary Budget had a \$1,282,348 shortfall in revenue in Current Expense and that the 2015 Final Budget was required to be balanced, including the Current Expense portion. Changes were made to several budgets to be in line with or close to 2014 expenditures. The workshop was continued to 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 4, 2014 to make final changes to the 2015 Budget.

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

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2014-80 declaring any and all of the County's interest in parcel #03060000190080 surplus to County needs and the County's intention to sell said property. Commissioner McKenzie announced for the record that the notice of public hearing related to tonight's hearing was published, as required by law. However, the notice contained one (1) error and requires clarification prior to proceeding with any comments from the public. The notice indicated that the Board of County Commissioners would consider declaring surplus, and intent to sell 50% of the County's interest in parcel #03060000190000. To clarify, the Board is considering declaring any and all interest as

surplus to county needs. The County's interest in the property the Board is considering is recorded in the tax rolls as parcel # 03060000190080, and the parent parcel is 03060000190000. Comments from the public included the need for a thorough title search and timber cruise and support to surplus the property. Assessor Gabe Spencer advised that the parcel was created by the Assessor in 1980 for administrative purposes, that the County holds 25% interest of 160 acres, and that there have been two title searches by separate title companies who both refuse to insure the property due to a clouded title. Ann Lueders, on behalf of the Birkenfeld Family, advised that they have spent eight months pursuing clearing title to their property, they have paid taxes on the entire parcel for the past 30-years, and the clouded title was discovered when settling her father's estate. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve Resolution 2014-80 to surplus and intent to sell parcel #03060000190080.

The meeting recessed at 5:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. December 4, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair, Doug McKenzie and Robert Anderson present.

The Board participated in a 2015 Budget workshop, continued from December 2, 2014, to review and discuss changes made to various budgets within the Current Expense portion of the 2015 Final Budget on December 2, 2014, and to finalize changes to the Current Expense portion of the 2015 Final Budget.

The meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Anderson present.

The Board continued in the 2015 Budget workshop to review and discuss changes made to various budgets within the Current Expense portion of the 2015 Final Budget, finalized changes, and balanced the Current Expense portion of the 2015 Final Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Johnson
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Christopher Brong
Commissioner

Doug McKenzie
Commissioner

Bob Anderson
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____