

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 25, 2014

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair and Doug McKenzie present and Commissioner Robert Anderson present by phone. Discussion included receipt of state forest board funds, caller ID phone issues, and clarification of off agenda items submitted for consideration, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 25, 2014 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Chair and Doug McKenzie present and Commissioner Robert Anderson present by phone, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Jessel inquired about the proposed employment contract for the Financial Management Administrator position, commented on the Public Comment Policy for Commissioner Meetings, and requested the Board to strike comments from the record made by the County Auditor during last week's public comment period.

Ole Helgerson submitted a letter regarding the financial difficulties of the County.

Sandra Bacus advised of concerns from senior citizens with the proposed financial management office and the need for better management of the budget.

Dan Boyes advised that he concurred with Sandra Bacus and cited RCW 42.56.30 from the Public Records Act.

Mary Repar advised of the need for coordinated efforts with the City of Stevenson for landscaping and advised that the fairgrounds were in need of improvement.

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

1. Minutes of February 19, 2014.
2. Notice of Liquor License Application for Elkridge Golf Course for added privilege.
3. Accept the State Health Regional Service Area #5 designation for Skamania County.
4. Authorization to purchase hardware and software maintenance for Sentio Pro 2T-12000.
5. Resolution 2014-15 amending the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) Program and Policy.
6. Resolution 2014-16 rescinding Resolution 2010-47 eliminating free waste disposal to non-profits groups and other groups previously recognized by the County for trails and roadside cleanup in Skamania County.
7. Resolution 2014-17 final loan payment from County Road to ER&R per Resolution 2013-24.
8. Contract with Clark County Public Health, amendment #1 to amend the services and deliverables schedule for providing In-Patient Assister Services for the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to Skamania County residents who are newly eligible for Medicaid.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 24, 2014 in the total amount of \$46,009.39.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve an employment contract for the Financial Management Administrator position.

Commissioner Brong addressed the audience with a statement detailing why the Board of Commissioners should move forward with the selection of a Financial Management Administrator. Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson agreed and supported Commissioner Brong's statement. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve the selection of Heidi Penner for the Financial Management Administrator.

Todd Murray, WSU Extension Agent reported on administration, 4-H, economic and community development, natural resource, small farms and home gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings which included Legislative Steering Committee, South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative, Wind River Business Park, Southwest Behavioral Health, and encumbered lands issues, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Commissioner Anderson present by phone.

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, and Solid Waste.

The Safety Committee representative presented the Safety Committee reports.

- Report #2013-E-03. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2014-E-01. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2014-E-02. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2014-E-03. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Commissioner Anderson present by phone.

The Board participated in a workshop with Community Health, General Services, Public Works and the Chief Deputy Treasurer to discuss credit card services for County departments and the need to provide new credit card capability for Community Health. Discussion included an overview of the current Official Payments (OPAY) system and review of available credit card payment options.

The meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:13 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Commissioner Anderson present by phone.

The Board continued in the workshop to discuss credit card services for County departments, with all present in agreement to continue with the OPAY system until March 31, 2014 to allow time for OPAY to resolve issues that departments have experienced and to meet the needs of departments in processing payments. The General Services Director was designated as the lead, with the Chief Deputy Treasurer as second lead, to work with OPAY and report back to the Board.

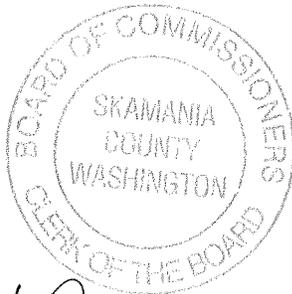
The Board participated in a workshop with General Services to discuss proposals for maintenance services related to all county facilities, parks and grounds, facility fees, and rental policies, necessitated by impacts of reduction in staff due to budget reductions, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:52 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Commissioner Anderson present by phone.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works, the Sheriff and Prosecutor to discuss the moratorium on the establishment of marijuana-related facilities and uses within unincorporated Skamania County that is set to expire on March 31, 2014. Discussion included rule changes by the Liquor Control Board, the lack of data for retail sales, concern for increased use of marijuana by juveniles, concern with security for processors and growers, and whether or not additional rules should be imposed for marijuana related business or be allowed under current zoning. All were in agreement that Public Works, Sheriff and Prosecutor would prepare a plan to present to the Board by March 11, 2014 in order for the Board to make a decision whether to extend the moratorium for an additional 6-months to complete a plan to address marijuana-related facilities and uses or include marijuana-related facilities and uses in the current zoning.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

Bob Anderson
Commissioner

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Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____