

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of November 25, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on November 25, 2014 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Vice Chair and Robert Anderson present. Discussion included Columbia Gorge Housing Corporation request for funds, District Court request to extend a Clerk 75% position to 100% through December 31, 2014, request from Bob Talent to borrow three old pictures, receipt of State Forest Board funds, Financial Management report, request from FMO to make final budget decisions on December 2 to allow departments and FMO to make changes and prepare final budget for the public hearing on December 16, and encumbered lands. Commissioner McKenzie stated, that in regards to a letter from Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands regarding the County's emergency resolution and offer to meet with the County, he would like to meet with Department of Natural Resources representatives in public meeting and not individually.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

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

Paul Spencer urged the Board to include former Commissioner Paul Pearce in their discussions with the Department of Natural Resources regarding encumbered lands due to his expertise on the matter, inquired about the date of a joint meeting with the Port Commissioners, and inquired about the status of establishing a liaison with the Forest Service.

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

1. Minutes of November 18, 2014.
2. Ratify Vice-Chair's approval of the notice of marijuana license application for Betty May's.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM December 16, 2014 to consider establishing a comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for road and bridge construction work for the years 2015-2020.
4. Resolution 2014-78 Repay and partially repay Current Expense Loans.
5. Approve an equal cost share for health insurance premium for non-represented employees, including elected officials, as is approved by contract with the Public Works and Office and Professional bargaining units, effective the same date as it is effective for bargaining unit employees.
6. Appointments to Human Services Advisory Board: Scott Brickely – position #10 and Kristin Thurnhofer - position #11.
7. Agreement with Washington State Military Department to provide Homeland Security Grant funds for emergency management preparedness activities in an effort to enhance emergency management.
8. Contract Cascade Amusements, Inc to provide a carnival for the 2015-2019 Skamania County Fairs.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve payroll for the period of November 1-15, 2014 in the total amount of \$441,392.90.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve vouchers for the period ending November 24, 2014 in the total amount of \$293,485.04.

Missy Cummins, WSU Extension staff 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. Commissioner Anderson reported on participating in a Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Loan Committee meeting, an Economic Development Council meeting, and a Water Resource Inventory Area meeting. Commissioner McKenzie reported working on the budget, various budget meetings, and gave an overview of his attendance at the Washington State Association of Counties Leadership Conference last week.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners 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, and Solid Waste.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

Safety Committee reports were presented as follows:

- Report #2014-E-10. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Report #2014-E-11. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Anderson present.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments and to consider adoption of the 2015 Preliminary Budget. There was no public present. Sheriff Dave Brown asked the Board to work with Elected Officials and Department Heads over the next three weeks to continue to prioritize functions of county government that are required by law and then continue to look at discretionary services. He stated that the budget situation is a very serious issue and advised of his frustration and disappointment with the lack of public involvement. The hearing was closed to comments. Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 16, 2014 to consider adoption of 2015 Final Budget and to consider setting 2015 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Pamela Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Robert Anderson  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
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Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_