

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of December 9, 2014**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 9, 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 Robert Anderson present by phone. Discussion included email profile setup for Commissioner Elect Hamlin, an upcoming South Central Workforce meeting, Financial Management report, update on the 2015 Budget, the need to review 2015 Budget provisos, OnCore software upgrade and training, scheduling, appointments to the Mosquito Control Board, funding request from Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation and concern with future property tax exemption, proposal for .09 Sales and Use Tax Funds for Cascade Avenue Improvement Project proposed by the City of Stevenson and the Port of Skamania County, an upcoming WSAC Regional Legislative Briefing meeting, and an upcoming Urban Area Legal Description meeting, with no action taken. The Chief Deputy Treasurer advised that the Treasurer's Office was ready to upload revenue numbers into Eden.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

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

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

1. Minutes of December 2, 2014.
2. Application for Group Membership and Authorization for Release of Insurance Data in the Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities.
3. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 30, 2014 to consider Supplemental Budget #6.
4. Resolution 2014-83 Repay and partially repay Current Expense Loans.
5. Resolution 2014-85 Loan payment from Solid Waste to County Road.
6. Property Damage Release for Claim # WATR214090033-00001 for replacement of carpet in the Hegewald Center damaged during a training exercise conducted by Skamania County Hospital District/EMS.
7. Letter of cancellation of contract with Bob Sady Painting, Inc. for painting and repair of the exterior of the Courthouse due to failure to execute contract.
8. Agreement with Harris Recording Solutions to upgrade the OnCore Recording System.
9. Agreement with the Office of Public Defense to provide funding to improve the quality of legal representation directly received by indigent defendants.
10. Contract with the City of Bingen to utilize the services of Skamania County Jail for inmate incarceration.
11. Contract with Wallis Engineering, amendment #2 amending the scope of work, increasing the payment for services and extending the term to perform engineering services on Wind River Road, CRP 2012-02 Project.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve 2015 Lodging Tax Committee Funding recommendations for tourism promotion projects.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of November 16-30, 2014 in the total amount of \$537,050.31.

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 9, 2014 in the total amount of \$82,746.85.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong advised of ongoing budget meetings and complimented Department Heads and Elected Officials in working closely with the Board in this process. Commissioner McKenzie advised of meeting with the City of Stevenson and the Port regarding a proposal to use .09 Sales and Use Tax Funds for Cascade Avenue Improvement Project, and advised of a joint proposal with Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties to contract with a forester to lobby on behalf of the counties for the encumbered lands program during the next legislative session. Commissioner Anderson advised of on ongoing budget meetings.

The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 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.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, and Community Development.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss their proposal to Umpqua Bank regarding the Note Fund to term out the line for 10 years, with the current agreement interest rate, with a 20 year amortization. Discussion included the Bank's request to secure the note with improved property and a review of improved properties owned by the County. The Board advised they would meet weekly, following Department Head reports, until the matter is resolved.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present and Commissioner Anderson present by phone.

The Board participated in a joint workshop with the Port Commissioners to determine the best use and ideas for development and management at Wind River Business Park. Present from the Port were Commissioners Tony Bolstad, Kevin Waters and Gail Collins, Executive Director John McSherry, and Finance Manager Randy Payne. The meeting was facilitated by Tony Bolstad, with participation by the Port, County and the public. Discussion included indentifying goals and concerns, business ideas, and business presentations. Commissioner Bolstad advised that the next step would be to compile a list to prioritize the business ideas and concerns, and establish a long term strategy.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m., with Commissioners Brong and McKenzie present.

The Board discussed the Clerk's 2015 Budget request and was in agreement to accept the budget revisions but not approve a proposed promotion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

ATTEST:



*Jamela 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  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_