

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of February 3, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present. Discussion included Board attendance at Risk Pool Conference. General Services office scheduling, written reporting and attendance at Board of Commissioner meetings. It was decided that General Services personnel will attend staff meetings and submit a written report to the Board bi-monthly. The Financial Management report was discussed including work on the annual report, and Department of Retirement Systems audit. The Treasurer reported on property taxes and the Eden upload. Gabe Spencer, Assessor gave an overview of the EMS district in North County in regards to the upcoming Hospital District Levy. Commissioner Brong advised that he would be absent from the afternoon Commissioner meetings to attend meetings in Vancouver for Southwest Behavioral Health.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 3, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Gloria Howell, private citizen.

Richard Jessel, Stevenson noted that the meeting packet was not available on the Web site prior to the meeting for public review. He stated the public could have concerns with the Thomas Reuters contract, and law enforcement contracts with the City of North Bonneville. Mr. Jessel voiced his appreciation for receiving hard copies of some agenda items before the meeting started, and asked the Board to continue to make sure the meeting

Gloria Howell, Stevenson noted she will have questions to ask in written format at the meeting next week.

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

1. Minutes of January 27, 2015.
2. Resolution 2015-07 creating a new fund number for Public Works for Information Technology.
3. Resolution 2015-08 interfund loan from Special Revenue Fund, Cumulative Reserve Loan Fund to Current Expense Fund, Non-Departmental Revenue Fund.
4. Agreement with Thompson Reuters for access to background information needed for investigative purposes.
5. Contract with City of North Bonneville for the County to provide incarceration services for City inmates.
6. Contract with City of North Bonneville for the County to provide Law Enforcement services for the City of North Bonneville
7. Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State University Extension to provide for an extension program.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 2, 2015 in the total amount of \$250,437.24.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on Eastern Council of Government meeting and a Southwest Behavioral Health meeting. Commissioner Hamlin reported on a move South Central Workforce Council is making to a new building.

Commissioner McKenzie gave an update on the bank loan, a telephone call with Washington State Senator Curtis King, a meeting with Gloria Howell regarding the Interpretive Center annual dinner, Port of Skamania County meeting and phone calls and daily activities.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

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 the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported on discussion with Joe Storms of Umpqua Bank concerning documents needed for the renewal process and Commissioner McKenzie also reported the only viable plan is for a 12 month renewal, and that public buildings cannot be used for collateral.

The Board meet in executive session regarding real estate, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(c) and (d), from 10:20 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting reconvened at 10:31 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

A workshop was held on Forest Legislation with Tom Lannen, Paul Spencer, Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, and Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group members. Discussion included a resolution to be signed by the Board of Commissioners to send to Washington DC next week concerning forest legislation, including reference to the Emergency Resolution, contact all schools and counties on the National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition list to come up with legislation, write a grant to get forestry consultant, and send letters to State Senators and Representatives.

The meeting recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 11:13 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

Joel Madsen, Executive Director for Mid Columbia Housing Authority was present along with Jamie Tolfree and Paul Spencer of the Mid Columbia and Cascade Housing Authority Boards. Mr. Madsen discussed an ongoing request for Affordable Housing funds for investment to acquire property for future housing structure. The Board reiterated it is not in favor of the property in question being removed from the tax rolls at this time. It was agreed to keep the lines of communication open as they investigate options to keep the property on the tax rolls in some way after the structure is built.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 1:34 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, and Hamlin present.

Updates were presented from Lynn Burditt, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager and Darren Nichols, Columbia River Gorge Commission Director. Discussion included role of Scenic Area and Gorge Commissioner versus Forest Service, land acquisition, the One percent fund, Employee Orientation to be held at Skamania Lodge. Also discussed was House Bill 1453, participation in upcoming Oregon and Washington Legislative Sessions, financing of the Gorge Commission by Oregon and Washington states, staffing partnerships, permitting process revisions to the NSA Management Plan, Oregon Population Forecast Program, and Proposed Agreement with Klickitat County.

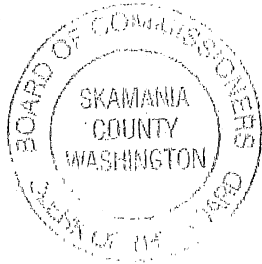
The meeting recessed at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, and Hamlin present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2014-92 Supplemental Budget #1 for 2015. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve to approve Resolution 2014-92 Supplemental Budget #1.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried to approve a special voucher run for the period ending February 3, 2015 in the total amount of \$15,380.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Alad  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Aye	<u>3</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of February 10, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present. The Financial Management report was discussed, including Emails/letters concerning various items of support to departments, processing AP voucher runs for County, Junior Taxing Districts and a special run for RGIT, and Supplemental Budget #1 problems. An email will be sent to Departments and Elected Officials addressing issues to be corrected in future Supplemental Budget requests. Other discussion included sending a follow-up letter to Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor, Janine Clayton, U.S. Cellular proposal for communication facility on County owned property on Woodard Creek Road, 2015 property tax billings, and on call position requests. It was decided that all requests to use on-call staff for the Clerk's office and Solid Waste will be approved by one Commissioner prior to use. Approval must meet budget authority and personnel policy requirements and may be approved by email or telephone with an email to Human Resources following such approval.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 10, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by former Skamania County Commissioner, Bob Talent.

Bob Talent, commended Larry Douglass, Public Works Director for his quick response in providing documentation to settle a road maintenance issue on Loss Bear Road.

Sandy Carlson, encouraged the Board to keep children in front during budget cuts. She informed the Board she would stand in line for other County services, to save important Community Events and Recreation programs, for children, such as prevention and 4-H.

Mary Repar, encouraged the Board to work with cities within Skamania County on Shoreline Management Plan. She would like them to think about shorelines, especially Rock Creek which she feels is losing its buffers on the east side of Rock Cove. She would like to the County to take care of what they are using, with landscaping and grass being implemented in the Rock Cove area.

Carolyn Yela, Public Hospital District #1 Commissioner, introduced Robert Victorino, Interim Superintendant/Chief. The Board was informed of a proposal from the Sheriff to charge for dispatch fees this year, which could amount to \$50,000-\$60,000, potential loss of Title III funding, the need for a levy, a professional services contract with a firm to help with resolving long and short term issues, and meeting with volunteers.

Teddi Midland, asked that Consent Agenda item #3, -Approval of the Use of On-Call staff by Public Works and Community Development- be removed. She stated the Financial Managers position should be tracking financial management and the Office Manager take on the duties the on-call staff would be assigned.

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

1. Minutes of February 3, 2015.
2. Special Occasion Liquor license #090091, March 14, 2015, for Cape Horn American Legion Post 122
3. Use of on-call staff by Public Works and Community Development for three days to help staff organize the file structure due to the acquisition of new departmental duties.
4. Revised Job Description and range 11 for Support and Operation Staff, Events & Recreation
5. Revised Job Description and range 11 for Events Staff – Admin, Events & Recreation
6. Agreement with Jim Bailey, Tear Drop Trailers/Gorge Gathering Event to continue hosting the annual retreat through June 2017 at reduced rental fee per County policy, which will provide scheduled revenue over the next three years, beginning May 2015.
7. Contract with Drug Free Communities Support Program, Department of Health and Human Services for One Prevention Alliance Coalition grant.
8. Contract with Berger ABAM for professional planning services for Shoreline Master Program and Skamania County zoning code and comprehensive plan updates.
9. Request to refill Mental Health Therapist due to employee resignation
10. Request to refill Public Works Office Assistant Position due to employee resignation

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending January 31, 2015 in the total amount of \$642,634.34. The Current Expense portion of the total is \$262,352.66.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 9, 2015 in the total amount of \$102,301.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie attended Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) meeting, and informed the Board of commitments from State legislators, McCabe, King and Johnson to work hard and come up with ways to help Skamania County financially. He reported on transportation, specifically the Highway 14 project, and the Discovery Pass issue. Commissioner McKenzie will be meeting with State Senator Ranker, February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Discovery Pass issue. He reported Paul Spencer attended meetings in Olympia during his last LSC session. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attendance at Mid Columbia Economic Development Division, and Southwest Clean Air meetings. A workshop will be held with Uri Papis, of SW Clean Air to discuss the County's continued participation with the Agency. Commissioner Brong reported on his meetings as Chairman of Southwest Behavioral Health. The SWBH Executive Director, Connie Mom-Chinnig has resigned and the Executive Board is in the process of finding a new director. He also reported on GPAG, Saving Skamania County and a letter to Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Janine Clayton. The letter is follow-up to correspondence sent by the Board on January 7, 2015 asking to "put a hold on offering all Stewardship Timber Sale Contracts, and to convert Stewardship Timber contracts that have not been awarded to Standard Timber Contract Sales until Secure Rural Schools legislation has been approved". No response has been received from the Forest Supervisor in regards to the January 7<sup>th</sup> letter. After Commissioner McKenzie read the letter in it's entirety into record, Commissioner Brong moved, Commissioner Hamlin seconded and the motion carried unanimously to sign and send the follow-up letter to Janine Clayton, Forest Supervisor.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities. A new position for a Mental Health Therapist was discussed.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, and Community Development. Also reported, was the possibility of a large ER & R bill due to a potential blown piston in a 2012 Kenworth Truck, and updates on indirect and direct cost allocations.
- Arlene Johnson, Senior Services was absent due to attendance at a Washington State Alzheimer's Plan committee meeting. She sent a report on Medicaid billings, Senior Advisory Committee, two new United Way grants written, and contract with Western Federal Lands for seasonal transit signage.

Commissioner McKenzie reported that the Bank requested more info which has been sent to them by the Financial Management Officer, Heidi Penner.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Paul Koch, Interim Director for the Port of Cascade Locks regarding One Gorge Program. Mr. Koch gave an overview of the group consisting of various public, private and non-profit entities within the Gorge to advocate for regional needs and a strong and sustainable economy. He invited the Board to become a partner.

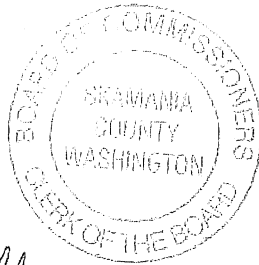
The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 1:49 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present. Commissioner McKenzie reported to the Board on a meeting held with Sheriff Dave Brown, Judge Ron Reynier, and Prosecutor Adam Kick of the potential for the County to bill Washington State Parks for administration of an unfunded mandate by the State, processing approximately 2000 citations without State support. Discussions will continue on this issue.

The meeting recessed at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

A public hearing was held to consider Ordinance 2015-01 amending Skamania County Code, Chapter 3.40 Drug fund, to add Section .040 Sources of moneys for fund by adding a new section D to read "Federal and State grant funds acquired by the County to support enforcement and prevention of drug related crimes and substance abuse." And to amend section .050 Disbursements from fund – Use of moneys by adding the following sentence to the end of the section to read "The Sheriff may also authorize disbursements to support drug enforcement and prevention efforts that align with state and federal grant requirements and are coordinated with revenue received and budgeted." Sheriff Dave Brown gave an explanation of the need for the amendment to align with requirements of three prevention grants. The Board opened the hearing to Public Comment. Mary Repar voiced her concern that she believes because of the increase in burglaries there are more drugs that she previously thought. She would like to see more education for situation awareness, with wider public involvement, people paying attention to what is happening within their community. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2015-01.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slaw  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of February 18, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present. Discussion included , supplemental budget hearing, upcoming conference, with no action taken. Ann Lueders, General Services, Manager of Programs and Administration submitted a report on department activities, Facilities, Information Services and transition of Facilities Maintenance to Public Works. She also reported on temporary seasonal staffing and website archiving. Jennifer Jackson, Manger of Recreation and Cultural Events submitted a report on Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival, Risk Management, and upcoming 2015 Fairground Events. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources Specialist/Safety Technician, submitted a report on job description modifications for Community Health Therapist II, position advertising for Mental Health Therapist, and Public Works Office Assistant position, Union issues, On-call staffing and Personnel Policy update. She also reported on advertising for Auditor's office position. No action was taken. Robert Waymire, Skamania County Auditor reported that the first election of the year, with new Election staff , went very smoothly. He also reported on scheduling of voucher runs and staffing issues for March. Commissioner Hamlin handed out Strategic Planning information to be discussed in an upcoming Board workshop. Commissioner McKenzie reminded the Board of a commitment to enter into an agreement with the City of Stevenson for use of \$60,000 of .09 dollars for the Cascade Avenue Upgrade project. He also told of a Department of Natural Resources planned lobby day being held in Olympia on encumbered lands on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board will attend. Commissioner Brong asked Board to support Resolution 2015-10, Federal Legislation. The Board agreed to sign the resolution in Board of Commissioner meeting after the Consent Agenda. Gabe Spencer, Skamania County Assessor gave an update on the Rock Cove restoration project. He reported that federal, state, city, county and private representatives will be in attendance at a gathering at the Rock Cove site on March 4, 2015 at 10 am.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 18, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brong.

Rick Jessel, Stevenson, spoke in support of the proposed Skamania Wedding Bill, being sponsored by Washington State Representative Gina McCabe and supported by County Commissioners, referencing #14 on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jessel commented he hopes passage of this bill will cause the media to pay more attention to Skamania County.

Mary Repar, Stevenson, also spoke in support of the Wedding Bill, encouraging the Commissioners' approval of the support letter, #14 of the Consent Agenda. She mentioned this will allow money to stay in Skamania County and not let it pass through to Portland/Vancouver. She also mentioned the One Gorge group that Skamania County has been invited to become a part of. She support alls groups the Board would like to join as long as there is no cost to the County.

Gabe Spencer, Stevenson, spoke in support of the Columbia Cascade Housing Authority project in Carson. County support from the Affordable Housing fund would allow for continued involvement with the mission of the Housing Authority. He mentioned other successful projects the County has contributed Housing funding to in the past, Assisted Living, and Hamilton Park.



Jamie Tolfree, Home Valley, also spoke in support of the Columbia Cascade Housing Authority project in Carson. She mentioned that document recording fees can be used for payment of property taxes and that Joel Madsen, CCHA, has included a formula in the agreement to insure the level of taxes being paid never goes below what is being on the property now.

James Kennedy, Skamania, commented on the County's involvement with One Gorge, and how success of the group would be measured.

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

1. Minutes of February 10, 2015.
2. Authorize creation of a new position in Mental Health for Mental Health Therapist II position
3. Interlocal Agreement with Washington State Department of Agriculture (Noxious Weed Control Board) for the Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board to control Class A noxious weeds on public and private land in Skamania County.
4. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide Legal Services
5. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide Incarceration Services
6. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide Probation Services
7. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stevenson to provide Jury Management and Courtroom Use
8. Interagency Agreement with Western Federal Lands Highway Division to provide funding for signage on the transit stops.
9. Contract Renewal with Infrastructure Software Services to provide software support for Skamania County Senior Services transportation database used for scheduling and dispatching rides for clients.
10. Contract Amendment #4 with Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, SAPT Grant (Prevention & Treatment), for County to provide coordination and implement prevention programs designed to prevent or delay the misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs. Grant total remains the same, amends language only.
11. Amendment #1 to CRAB Contract #3010-01, Rural Arterial Program project agreement between Skamania County and CRAB, reducing RAP funding from CRAB due to the escalated cultural mitigation costs on the Washougal River Road realignment project, at the official request of Skamania County to withdraw.
12. Contract Amendment #11, Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, contracting with Skamania County for Chemical Dependency Services, increasing the maximum contract amount, starting February 15, 2015 to program agreement end date, June 30, 2015.
13. Contract amendment #1, Department of Social and Health Services, Community Services Division, adding language about contract suspension in the event of a government shut-down.
14. Letter in support of a proposed Skamania Wedding Bill to be sponsored by Washington State Representative Gina McCabe

The Board discussed an invitation from Port of Cascade Locks Interim Director Paul Koch for Skamania County to join One Gorge, a collaborative group representing public, private and non-profit sectors to advocate for regional needs and a strong and sustainable Gorge economy. Commissioner Brong would support the group as a way to expand economic activity with the Gorge. Commissioner McKenzie remarked it seems like joining would be a duplication of support that the County receives from the local Economic Development Council. Commissioner Hamlin would like to continue to consider involvement.

It was decided the Board will continue to assess the County's involvement, but not join at this time. Commissioner Hamlin will write a letter to Mr. Koch explaining the Board's position.

Commissioner Brong presented Resolution 2015-10, "Declaring a Proposal for Federal Legislation Involving Counties With A Majority Acreage Of The United States Forest Service Lands That Would Provide Revenue To The United States Treasury, Free The People Of The United States From Paying Yearly Secure Rural Schools Funding, And Provide For Healthy Rural Economic, Schools and Emergency Services". Commissioner McKenzie asked Commissioner Brong to read the resolution into record.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-10.

The Board discussed the Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation request for investment of Skamania County Affordable Housing Funds to acquire land for future development of affordable housing. Commissioner Brong moved to approve the proposal provided a caveat is added that the agreement and compensation shall be reviewed within 10 years of being executed. Commissioner Hamlin seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the contract with added caveat.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 17, 2015 in the total amount of \$90,135.38.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie reported on a letter he sent to Governor Jay Inslee and other State officials asking for funding support in the administration of Discovery Pass citations. He also met with Kathleen Arthur to discuss the proposed Skamania Wedding Bill, and Joel Madsen, Columbia Cascade Housing Authority concerning Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Carson project. Commissioner Hamlin talked to Underwood residents concerning the upcoming Underwood Community Council meeting. He also met with City of Stevenson officials, including Ben Shoemaker regarding upcoming projects, including the Well Head site. Commissioner Brong reported on various meetings such as Saving Skamania County and Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group. He also talked to Pend Oreille Commissioner, Karen Skoog, concerning forest legislation, an upcoming National Association of Counties conference, and Southwest Behavioral Health meetings. Commissioner Brong reported that Brian Cameron, will serve Southwest Behavioral Health as Interim Executive Director.

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 the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported that information requested by Umpqua Bank has been provided to them. He also reported he is waiting to see what additional information may be needed by the other bank he is working with.

The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

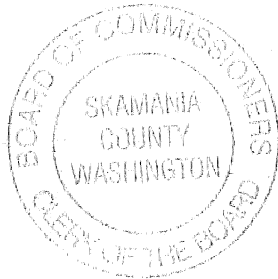
The Board participated in a workshop with Assessor Gabe Spencer, Sheriff Dave Brown, and Robert Victorino, Interim Chief of Skamania County EMS District regarding the EMS District and Hospital District Levy. County Assessor, Gabe Spencer informed the Board the deadline to run a property tax

levy in the general election is August 4, 2015. Discussion included, history of creation of North Country EMS District, intent of the Board to run a levy, responsibilities to provide services and how to fund those services, negotiations with Skamania EMS district for funding, and tax ramifications within the District.

Forest Service updates scheduled for 2:00 pm were cancelled due to lack of quorum.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slac  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye	<u>3</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of February 24, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present. Discussion included a workshop for March 10, 2015 with the Underwood Community Council concerning the Underwood Community Center, proposed by Commissioner Hamlin. The Board agreed that it will be scheduled on the agenda for March 10, 2015. Commissioner McKenzie mentioned that he would like to see the Underwood Community Councils proposals before the workshop. The Financial Management report was discussed, including updates on the annual report preparation and 1099 submittal to the IRS. Vickie Clelland, Skamania County Treasurer, reported that property taxes were mailed out. Robert Waymire, Skamania County Auditor, reported that they are finalizing the February Special Election. Commissioner McKenzie asked about what the cost could be if a metropolitan district put an issue on an upcoming ballot. The Auditor will have to get back to him concerning a potential cost. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources brought up the fact that she received a request from Community Health to promote a current employee to the Mental Health position that is currently open. The employee meets all the requirements, and once promoted, Community Health would like to fill the vacated position with someone new. All three Commissioners agreed with the promotion from within and filling the vacated position.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 24, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Boyes, Skamania, mentioned that he read through the packet this morning and was reminded that the current Board has spent a lot of time repairing mistakes from the past and he would like to make sure the upcoming fixes are going to be helpful in the future.

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

1. Minutes of February 18, 2015.
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, March 31, 2015 to consider Supplemental Budget #2 for 2015.
3. Resolution 2015-09 Abolishing Swimming Pool Change Fund
4. Resolution 2015-12 Distribution of Federal Forest Fund receipts
5. Acknowledge receipt of Capital Asset Inventory list.
6. Liquor license renewals for license #406427, Carson General Store, LLC and license #404503, Aniche Cellars
7. Agreement with Margaret Hazard, Producer, Big River Fiber Fling to continue hosting an annual fiber festival through September 2017 in an effort to increase tourism, and support the economic vitality of the community at a reduced rental fee as allowed by County policy.
8. Agreement between Sheriff's Office and Juvenile Department to utilize Deputies and Corrections staff for juvenile transports.
9. Contract amendment #1 Day Wireless Systems; add additional funding to cover the 2015 cost of Radio Maintenance Contract.
10. Contract Access Geographic, LLC to complete aerial photography for portions of Skamania County

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending February 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$430,524.91.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending February 24, 2015 in the total amount of \$98,127.27.

Todd Murray, WSU Extension Agent reported on administrative planning, 4-H, Economic and Community Development, Natural Resources, Small Farms and Home Gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on the revision of the collaborative manual. He also met with Brian Cameron, Interim Director (through June 2015), of Southwest Washington Behavioral Health. Commissioner Hamlin attended the WIRA meeting and the Chamber meeting. He mentioned that the Chamber will invite the Forest Service to join their board. He also unofficially met with the Underwood Community Council about the Underwood Community Center. Commissioner McKenzie attended LSC last week where he met with Representative Johnson and David Taylor, at which time he gave them the Saving Skamania County information. He presented Representative McCabe with the Saving Skamania County information as well. He also met with Senator Ranker's staff and discussed the discovery pass tickets and the unfunded requirements they have on our District Court staff. Commissioner McKenzie met with Larry Douglass, Public Works Director and the PUD to discuss a billing error that is in the process of being finalized.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Brong present.

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, Planning, Environmental Health, Building and Fire Safety, and Facility Maintenance.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported that he requested some additional information from Gabe Spencer, Skamania County Assessor. The information was provided and sent onto the bank. We are currently waiting to hear back from the bank.

Commissioner McKenzie requested that Commissioner Hamlin take over his appointment to the LEOFF1 Disability Board because of a conflict. Commissioner Hamlin agreed. Commissioner McKenzie also mentioned that he spoke with Susan Krug about joining the LEOFF1 Disability Board as a Board member.

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

Safety Committee reports were presented as follows:

- Report #2014-E-13. Commissioner McKenzie stepped down and moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to agree with the Supervisor's findings and the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss Strategic Planning. Commissioner Hamlin proposed the workshop so the Commissioners could discuss their priorities and plans for the future. Commissioner McKenzie and Commissioner Brong briefly shared their thoughts about the future and the priorities that they have. Topics that were discussed included the Wind River Business Park, surplus properties, the Planning Department, the Bank Note, IT Services, a County Manager position, budget, legislation and the forest.

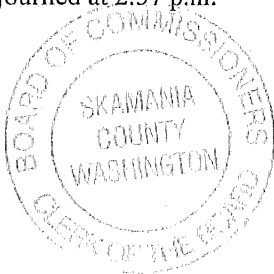
The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss a Land Partition. Adam Kick, Skamania County Prosecutor, discussed a letter he forwarded to the Commissioners from Scott Hogan, Attorney for Birkenfeld Heritage, LLC. Options presented by Scott Hogan, Attorney for Birkenfeld Heritage, LLC were discussed with no action taken at this time. The Commissioners were in agreement that option #1 was the preferred option, but requested that Adam Kick, Prosecutor, provide them with more information prior to making a formal decision.

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:56 p.m. in order to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.


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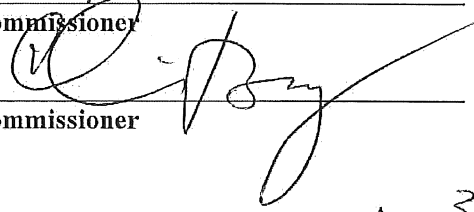


  
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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0