BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 1, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present. The meeting was not recorded for audio, due to a computer glitch. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager reported on Fair clean-up , X-Fest, yearly events, Lodging Tax Committee project proposals, and Economic Development Council contract amendment. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, discussed agenda workshop scheduling. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, updated the Board on Umpqua Bank extension, line item adjustments, State Auditor discussions, EMS annual report, the need for the Board to have a workshop with Kirby Richards, Community Health Director to discuss an employment contract.

The meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 1, 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 Sheriff Dave Brown.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident asked the Board to consider meeting with Roger Proctor, Veteran's Service Officer, from the VFW to discuss benefits for Veterans of Skamania County. Mary also mentioned water shortage issues to the Board, noting there are already issues north of Stevenson. Mary stressed the importance of water for humans and asked what is the "choke point".

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

1. Minutes August 25, 2015
2. Revised Medical Billing Specialist Job Description, Range 17 for Community Health
3. New MSAG Coordinator Job Description, Range 25 for Sheriff's Office
4. Cancel MSAG Professional Services Contract
5. Contract with LabTech Software for monthly network monitoring service
6. Contract amendment #4 with Lower Fish recovery Board to extend the duration of the interlocal agreement to provide for the operation, funding and support of the management board
7. Contract amendment #1 with State of Washington, Department of Corrections to conduct chemical dependency screening, intakes, assessments and treatment to offenders referred by the Department of Corrections under the Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative program
8. Contract renewal with Washougal School District #112-6 for Community Health to provide mental health services to Washougal School District students in Cape Horn-Skye Elementary and Canyon Creek Middle Schools. (SCCH/WSD School-Based Mental Health Program)
9. Contract renewal with Stevenson-Carson School District No. 303 to provide mental health services to Stevenson-Carson School District students in District Administration Office, Stevenson Elementary School, Carson Elementary School and/or Wind River Education Center. (SCCH/SCSD School-Based Mental Health Program)
10. Resolution 2015-41 Allocation of 2015 Title III Funding

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending August 27, 2015 in the total amount of $103,479.10 with $43,393.07 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on a meeting with the Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group. He also asked the Board for their approval to attend an American Lands Council conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Commissioner McKenzie voiced support of the proposed trip, and Commissioner Hamlin voiced disapproval of Commissioner Brong attending. Commissioner Hamlin met with Tova Cochran, of the Underwood Conservation District on a project to redo a culvert near Northwestern Lakes. Commissioner McKenzie reported he is on a subcommittee for the Regional Transportation Council working on a proposed dues increase.

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The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m and reconvened the same day at 9:46 a.m. with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present. Commissioner McKenzie asked the Board if they were in favor of a workshop with Roger Proctor, Veteran's Service Officer with the VFW to discuss veterans' benefits. The Board agreed to have a workshop scheduled to meet with Mr. Proctor.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m and reconvened the same day at 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported that blood draws are available through the Mental Health side of her department. She also reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste as well as Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fires Safety, Buildings & Grounds and Information Technology. .

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported that the requested information needed for the extension has been sent to Umpqua Bank, and the County will be making a $200,000 principal payment in mid-September.

The Board met in executive session regarding personnel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g), from 10:08 am a.m. until 10:28 a.m., with no action taken.

The Board recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 am with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

Casey Roeder, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director met with the Board to give a quarterly update. She reported on visitor counts, summer events, advertising, opening at Cascade Peaks, and a conference she attended with State Legislators in Seattle. She also reported on grants, the Oregon Tour and Travel show, and the wet bus schedule. She told the Board of a grand opening event of three local businesses, a Business After Hours event at Rock Cove and discussed attendance at the annual Big foot Bash.

Pat Albaugh, Executive Director of Skamania County Economic Development Council, met with the Board to give a quarterly progress reports. He updated the Board on local businesses, loans, contracts, and funding requests, He also reported on conferences, meetings and events he has attended.

The meeting recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

The Board met with Executive Director for the Port of Skamania County, John McSherry, to discuss the Wind River Business Park. He discussed tenant issues, lease agreement between the Port of Skamania County and Skamania County for the Wind River Business Park, and the special use permit with the Forest Service for water. A plumber was hired and documented that a back-up of the septic tank into a rental house was caused by grease in the pipes and not a septic issue. Upkeep of properties by tenants was addressed and all but one were cleaned up by the tenants. Mid Columbia Housing Authority has done two inspection and the rentals have passed. Additional items discussed were at what price the property could be sold, and what should be done with excess revenue from operation of site. A committee will be formed of Larry Douglass, Public Works Director, and one Commissioner each from the County and the Port. Commissioner Hamlin will represent the County to discuss the water system, and net revenues.

The meeting recessed at 2:31 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2015-36, Supplemental Budget #4 for 2015, continued from august 25, 2015. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-36, Supplemental Budget #4.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments and for final review/or approval of Title III projects for funding. The following proposed Title III projects for 2015-2016 are:

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by the Skamania County Sheriff's Department. $66,030
2. North County EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North County EMS. $81,625
3. Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District. $99,549
4. Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and EMS, sponsored by Skamania County fires District #1. $17,695
5. EMS and Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Service. $24,475

Financial Management Coordinator, Debbie Slack read the project applications and amounts requested into the record. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner Brong asked that amounts for approval be announced. Ann Lueders, representing Fire District #1 and Skamania County Emergency Medical Service, asked that they be announced as well. The proposed contract amounts for award are:

1. Skamania County Sheriff's Emergency Services, sponsored by the Skamania County Sheriff's Department. $66,030
2. North County EMS St. Helen's Project, sponsored by North County EMS. $81,625
3. Skamania County Firewise, sponsored by Underwood Conservation District. $99,549
4. Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and EMS, sponsored by Skamania County fires District #1. $3,326
5. EMS and Rescue Response, sponsored by Skamania County Public Hospital District dba Skamania County Emergency Medical Service. $5,000

The hearing was closed with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 5:42 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

A workshop was held with Kirby Richards, Community Health Director to discuss a Grant Finance Specialist job description. The position is now a contracted position but due to a Department of Retirement Systems audit there is a need to cancel the contract and hire a part-time county employee to handle the projects and duties handled by the contracted position. Discussion included, requirements of the position to be on-site, specific experience and technical knowledge, monitoring of employee if off-site and alternatives for someone to do the particular job duties needed. The Commissioner would advised they would like research done on how much it would cost for a temporary hiring service to be used. Commissioner Hamlin and Commissioner Brong are open to the job description and pre hire request being on the agenda for next week as a separate item.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE BOARD

Debbi Stack

Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 9, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 9, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager updated the board on a new group, SDA Pathfinders, holding an event at the fairgrounds, and gave the Board a wrap-up on the X-Fest event recently held. Robert Waymire, Auditor gave the Board an update on the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

The meeting recessed at 9:04 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 9, 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 Dan Boyes..

There was no public comment.

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

1. Minutes of September 1, 2015
2. Resolution 2015-42 Amending Resolution 2012-38, as first amended by Resolution 2015-27, authorizing the issuance of a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note
3. Second Addendum to Business Loan Agreement
4. Contract Amendment with Skamania County Economic Development Council to provide business recruitment and retention and community development activities in Skamania County
5. Contract Renewal with Make Ends Meet, LLC for adult supported employment contractor who will work with eligible Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health clients to analyze available client benefits to assist in determining long-term employment goals.

Commissioner McKenzie excused himself and left for union negotiations at 9:33 a.m.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve the Job Description for Grant Specialist, at Range 21 on the Public Works Pay Scale, and authorize temporary appointment for up to 90 days while advertisement is completed. The Board authorized the position to be advertised for up to 3 weeks after consulting with Human Resources.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 3, 2015 in the total amount of $527,933.69 with $70,158.32 being Current Expense.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the pay period August 16-31, 2015 in the total amount of $431,880.84 with $246,783.17 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on his meeting with SW Behavioral Health. He also urged the other Board members to attend upcoming Health Care Authority public meeting for a presentation on the Early Adoption/Medicaid Waiver 1115 program.

Commissioner Brong also told the Board of meeting with residents of Washougal River Road on a rock quarry expansion. He addressed complaints with them about the quarry. The main complaint is noise. He will visit the quarry with Larry and Debbie Cazare. Commissioner Hamlin reported on a meeting with Southwest Clean Air Advisory Board. He inquired about a device being installed to measure smoke in Stevenson. He also reported on a Mid Columbia Economic Development Districy meeting and the discussion that will be held in the afternoon for two counties that are requesting membership in MCEDD. He also reported on a legislative meeting he attending in Yakima on fiscal sustainability. Tort reform, cost to Counties for medical care for incarcerated people and unfunded mandates were discussed at that meeting.

The Note Fund workshop was cancelled, due to Commissioner McKenzie's absence to attend union negotiations.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin, Vice-Chair in attendance.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported behavioral health, public health and developmental disabilities. She will contact Sarah Present, Health Officer to work with the Department of Ecology to get a meter to measure air quality in the Gorge. She also discussed with Health Care in Jails with the Board.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste as well as Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fires Safety, Buildings & Grounds and Information Technology. Larry also informed the Board that interviews for the Planner 3 position will be held tomorrow, September 10th and there will be a compliance inspection at Home Valley Park by the Corp of Engineers.

The meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin, Vice-Chair in attendance.

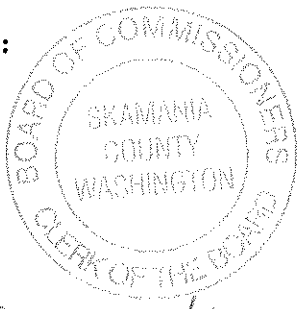
The Board participated in a workshop with Amanda Hoey, Executive Director and Board Chair, Mike Smith, Commissioner from Sherman County Board of the Mid Columbia Economic Development District to discuss membership request from two Oregon counties wishing to join MCEDD. Some issues discussed were the effects of having two more Oregon counties join, economic issues for Washington counties, hybrid membership, number counties belonging to MEDD that are in the Scenic area, and realignment of workforce training dollars. Other items discuss were MCEDD projects in Skamania County, One Gorge Group, and regional transportation. No action was taken

The meeting recessed at 1:56 p.m.. and reconvened the same day at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin, Vice-Chair in attendance.

The Board participated in a workshop with Brian Poehlein, State Lands District Manager and Eric Wisch, Region Manager to discuss revenue projections and planned harvest units for Skamania County. Revenue forecasts for the rest of calendar year 2015 and calendar year 2016 were discussed. Timber Sales sold in 2015 and ready to be harvested in 2016 are the Bunny Hill and South Rock Sales. The DNR will sell two more sales in the spring of 2016 for which Skamania County will receive revenue. Historical revenue receipts were discussed. The Weyerhauser permit process, road easements for public access and timber management access was also discussed. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slaven
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Commissioner

Commissioner

absent
Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 15, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator asked the Board to consider a Pre-Hire request to replace the vacant Information Technology Tech II position in their regular meeting, and asked the Board if they would like to hear a presentation on health care options from Jon Kaino, Washington Counties Insurance Fund in October. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer reported on the State Auditor's Office audit, a new recording system for the Board room, Budget proviso's for the Final Adoption of the Budget Resolution. Sophie Miller, Senior Services, updated the Board on Seniors budget and pending revenues to be received. She indicated they would know next week if they need to ask for a short term loan pending arrival of funds from WSDOT. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources, thanked the Board for the hiring of a position in her office and day to day activities. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager updated the Board on personnel in her office, events wrap up, and upcoming events. She also informed the Board she will present a formal letter of resignation for her position on the Lodging Tax Advisory Board, and asked that they consider appointing Alex Hays to the position. She also reported the kiosk at the Salmon Falls Park and Ride is up and going.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 15, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, and Bob Hamlin present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Monty Buettner.

Mary Repar, Stevenson Grange 121 invited the Board to a presentation "The Goodness of Worms" to be held at the Stevenson Community Library on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 2-4 pm. The session will be lead by Deanne Converse, local farmer who will exhibit vermicomposting. Mary also asked the Board to abolish Daylight Savings time in Skamania County.

Larry Mulclhy, Carson, informed the Board of a small business owner he knows that has rented the Exhibit Hall in the past and the price has double for rental of the hall. He stated that he feels there are better ways to spend his money than footing the bill for a fair. He also mentioned the process for impeachment of Commissioners, that is it possible but cumbersome. Process could be made less cumbersome. He would like the County to get out of stealing property for roads but the taxpayer still having to pay taxes on it.

Commissioner McKenzie presented plaques for 25 years of service to Marlon Morat, and Rob Itzen, thanking them for outstanding service to the County.

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

1. Minutes of September 9, 2015
2. Liquor License Renewal for Barnstormer Brewing
3. Contract renewal #2 with Columbia Pacific Construction for snow plowing on Forest Service Roads 90 and 25

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approved the replacement of a vacant Information Technology II position and to make offer from applicant pool that was previously interviewed.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve Title III contract awards for 2015/2016 to:
North Country Emergency Medical Services for NCEMS St. Helens Title III Program for 2015/2016. $81,625
Underwood Conservation District for Skamania County Firewise Title III Program for 2015/2016. $99,549
Skamania County Emergency Medical Services for Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Response Title III Program for 2015/2016. $5,000
Skamania County Fire District #1 for Southern Gifford Pinchot and Columbia Gorge Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Title III Program for 2015/2016. $3,326

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 10, 2015 in the total amount of $70,635.81 with $26,931.55 being Current Expense.

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. Commissioner Hamlin reported that he met with Adam Brice of the Hospital District to discuss re-writing the resolution, hiring new chief, and the potential for a workshop to discuss the Fitch report. He also had a phone conversation with Curt Esch, PUD Commissioner concerning WRIA 29A, and participated in a MCEDD Loan board meeting. Commissioner McKenzie reported on attending union negotiations with the Guild, a meeting with Rock Cove Assisted Living director, and read a letter for the State Fair Commissioner commended volunteers, Fair Board President and Ann Lueders on a successful Skamania County Fair.

The Board participated in the Note Fund Workshop. Commissioner McKenzie reported that if the SRS and Encumbered Lands come in the Board could reach their goal of getting the loan paid in full.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste as well as Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fires Safety, Buildings & Grounds and Information Technology. He also reported on a water line break that was on the City's side and water was back on by 9:30 am this day. He also reported the need to purchase a UPS system to maintain power to the network during power failures from AC Power Technology, Inc.

The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin, in attendance.

Keith Chamberlain gave his report for the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Keith reported that the Director position has been filed. Krystyna Wolniakowski has been hired as the permanent Director. She ahs been serving as the Interim Director. He also reported on Gorge Days, MCEDD Bi-Legislative tour, permitting, the new work plan development, and budget.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m.and reconvened the same day at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin, in attendance.

Mike Reardon and Christina Marneris of Area Agency on Aging And Disabilities of Southwest Washington made a presentation to the Board on a four-year Area Plan. He discussed the planning and review process, population and target population profile, services provided by AAADSW, issue areas, budget and prioritization of discretionary funding, advisory council and staff plan.

The meeting recessed at 12:16 pm and reconvened the same day at 1:33 p.m.

The Board met in Executive Session with the Prosecutor, Public Works director and Human Resources Director to discuss litigation, per RCW 42.30.111(i) for 15 minutes. At 1:48 p.m. Commissioner McKenzie announced they would stay in session an additional 15 minutes. The Executive Session ended at 2:02 p.m.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger and Diana Perez of Mount St. Helens Monument . Mr. Jones-Yellin presented a packet of handouts that included a letter seeking comments regarding the Upper Lewis Roads Pilot Project, potential timber sales for the next 5 years, sales awarded in FY 15,and initial FY16-20 anticipated sales. He also had a handout with Washington Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnerships Pre-proposal information, a map showing the area of the Cougar Creek Fire, a Special Area Closure Order and map and hunting season dates for 2015. Diana Perez, reported on strategic plan for the monuments, Kalama Stock horse campground, Coldwater Lake and work on Spirit Lake, Road maintenance and upgrades, Northwood's Pancake breakfast, Big Pulse event, Big Foot 200 Run, Leave No trace, Junior Woman's Club event, National Public Lands Days, and reported on 4th graders being eligible for a free pass to the monument. She also reported on schedules for Cascade Peaks and Pine Creek, a Forest Leadership Team Camp O Rama, and the 35th Anniversary celebration of Mt. St Helens with retirees being head at the Monument Headquarters. She invited the Board to attend the event.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE BOARD

Debbie Clerk

Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Commissioner

Commissioner

absent

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 22, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. September 22, 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. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources Director gave a Department of Retirement systems audit update and said the Guild contract will be on the agenda next week. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager, Community Events & Recreation updated the Board on entertainment for the Blue Grass festival, a proposed expenditure from the Capital Improvement budget to upgrade electrical outlets at the fairgrounds in 2016, and told the Board Emily Stevenson and Larry Douglass will also attend the Preliminary Budget workshop for the Capital Improvement budget. She also mentioned she is happy to see the Park is being used frequently. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director, updated the Board on funding, cash flow, social media needs, and Holiday office closures. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, asked the Board to consider Resolution 2015-46, Washington Counties Risk Pool Designations on the consent agenda next week. She also asked if they are in support of sending a letter to the Washington Congressional Delegation from 12 Washington Counties asking for support of reforms to effectively fight wildfires, rehabilitate burned forests and actively manage federal forests to reduce the size and severity of future wildfires. The Board agreed to support the letter written by Evergreen Forest County Group. She also presented a letter from Skamania County Domestic Violence Council asking permission to place a banner on the Courthouse lawn for Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. The Board agreed to have the sign on the lawn. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, reported on interfund loans and transfers, line item adjustments, State Auditor's Office audit, and upcoming interviews with potential candidates for the temporary position in the Commissioners' office.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 22, 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 Chief Deputy, David Waymire.

There was no public comment.

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

1. Minutes of September 15, 2015
2. Set a public hearing for 5:30 PM Tuesday, October 27, 2015 to consider Supplemental Budget #5 for 2015.
3. Acknowledge receipt of letter of resignation from Ann Lueders from the Skamania County Lodging Tax Committee (LTAC)
4. Appoint Alex Hayes as a non-voting representative to the Skamania County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)as required by RCW 67.28.1817.
5. Re-Appoint Richard J. Doster to Position #14 on the Human Services Advisory Board.
6. Contract with Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidel LLP to work on behalf of Skamania County Community Health in reviewing and negotiating participation agreements with Managed Care Organizations for Fully Integrated Physical and Behaviroal Healthcare.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 17, 2015 in the total amount of $573,681.88 with $26,272.06 being Current Expense.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried to approve payroll for the pay period September 1-15, 2015 in the total amount of $431,223.63, with $246,980.16 being Current Expense

After a report from Larry Douglass, Public Works Director , Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin, and motion carried to authorize Public Works to purchase an UPS system to maintain power to the network during power failures from AC Power Technology, Inc.

Commissioner Hamlin, reported to the Board that he had reviewed all the scale certification numbers and invoices on the cost of road building, interest charges on upfront money and had discussions with Chilton Logging on their management of the Birkenfeld Heritage, LLC Project. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried, that the Board sign off on the Deed of Trust, return funds being held by the Treasurer and process necessary paperwork to clear title to the property.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed, reported on projects wrap ups, including Bonneville Dame, Gifford Pinchot, National Scenic Area, Knotweed, and Fall applications. She also reported on Farm Bill funding and upcoming Fall events. The Washington State Weed conference will be held in November, Data collection on summer projects, report writing and review and management reports/plans for Coldwater lake and Bonneville Dam will be worked on this fall.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on attending the HCA/Counties Public Meeting on Early Adopter/Medicaid Waiver held in Vancouver. Commissioner Hamlin also reported on attending the same meeting and commended Commissioner Brong and Kirby Richards, Community Health Director on their hard work on this project. Commissioner Hamlin also met with Karen Douglass, Stevenson-Carson School District Superintendent, to discuss the proposed levy. He attended the, MCEDD full Board meeting, and the Skamania County EDC meeting. Commissioner Hamlin also told the Board of upcoming Underwood Community events, that include a picnic on Sunday, Music Festival, and business workshop. He also reported on work being doing to the Community Center and a garage sale the Underwood Community Council held. Commissioner McKenzie reported business as usual.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported the documents have been signed on the loan extension that comes due in 2016.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported Behavioral Health, Public Health and Developmental Disabilities. She also thanks Commissioners Brong and Hamlin for attending the HCA/Counties Public Meeting. She also reported on potential grant funding for Underwood and Stevenson Community gardens.

Courthouse painting project has a little cleaning and gutter work to do and then will be done with the project. He discussed his schedule with the Board and also informed them that JT Doesch was offered and accepted the IT position.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong, and motion carried to cancel Resolution 2015-32, that added recreational fires to the summer burn ban. The burn ban is still in place until October 1, 2015, but backyard campfires are allowed now. Commissioner Brong cautioned that there still hasn't been a lot of rain and to keep an eye on the amount of rain in the next couple months when deciding to have a fire.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Financial Management Officer, Auditor and Treasurer to discuss Count Finances. Financial Management Officer, Heidi Penner presented the Board with a sample resolution, Establishing a Minimum Current Expense Fund Balance, revenue and expenditure reports, with supplemental budgets included, showing the percentage of budgeted revenue received and percentage of expenditures spent. She also prepared a spreadsheet for the Board that showed revenue and expenditure history for the last four years.

The meeting recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present for a workshop with Iloba Odum, from the Department of Ecology to discuss various County projects and/or issues. Mr. Odum recognized how far the County has come on the Shoreline Management Plan this year. He also discussed RAC funding, and the possibility of an air quality station to be mounted on the Courthouse. Other items discussed were WRIA 29A, and interfacing with private timber companies before harvest.

The meeting recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss hiring a County Manager and to discuss Commissioners office personnel. Various ideas were mentioned in regards to hiring a County Manager including ways to fund the position, job duties of a County Manager, process to search for candidates, and engaging public in the decision. The Board will continue the workshop next month after they have talked to the Prosecutor. The Board also discussed Commissioners office personnel. Discussion included hiring a part time person year around, hiring a part time person for a few months a year, and filling the Clerk of the Board position. No action was taken

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE BOARD

Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 29, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 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. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator reported on State Forest Board funds received. She also discussed, workshop scheduling, upcoming State Auditor's Office roundtable training, Timber Counties meeting, and Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director reported on grants and the need for a Dog Mountain Safety Committee meeting. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager, Community Events & Recreation, reported on events including a Dog Show, Pumpkin Patch and Youth Sports Basketball. She also discussed contracts, and building rental. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources Director reported on that several items she was working on are wrapped up. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, reported on the State Auditor's Office exit conference, audit report, and indirect cost rate. She reported to the Board that the State Auditor has ok'd using the indirect cost rate for Title III expenditures. She also reported on meeting with the Sheriff to discuss revenue discrepancies. Gabe Spencer, Assessor, reported to the Board that the inflationary rate on property tax collection for 2016 is 0.251%, and a property tax resolution of substantial need can be approved.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. September 29, 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 Stevenson-Carson School District Superintendant, Karen Douglass.

Mary Repar, Grange Master and Stevenson resident, reported that attendance was good at the recent presentation "The Goodness of Worms" held at the Stevenson Community Library on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 2-4 pm. Mary also asked that the Community Garden in Stevenson be part of a grant that Kirby Richards reported on at a previous board meeting. She said that the funds could be used for needed locks and fencing, and more plots, so that much needed fresh food can be grown for area residents and hopefully donate to senior citizens.

Karen Douglass, recently selected Stevenson-Carson School District Superintendant introduced herself to the Board and said she is a team player and is available for collaboration and conversation at any time.

Commissioner McKenzie read a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for October 2015. Commissioner Brong made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Hamlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Representatives from Skamania County Domestic Violence, Lisa Alexander and Karishma Ditzler were in attendance and thanked the Board for supporting Domestic Violence Awareness and reported statistics of domestic violence in the County.

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

1. Minutes of September 22, 2015
2. Liquor License Application Washougal River Mercantile
3. Pre-hire request for a Deputy Prosecutor to handle Support Enforcement functions at 60% and special projects at 40%.

4. Pre-hire request to partially re-fill vacant Administrative Assistant position part time (60%) in the Prosecutor's office
5. Resolution 2015-45, Establishing a Minimum Current Expense Ending Fund Balance
6. Resolution 2015-46, Washington Counties Risk Pool related appointments and designations
7. Contract with Skamania County Youth Basketball to outline cooperative registration, advertising and facility scheduling
8. Contract Amendment #1 with WA State Parks & Recreation Commission for snow plowing Wind River Road Snow Parks
9. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stevenson for promotion of tourism services
10. Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania County Law Enforcement Guild, resolution of contract reopener
11. Modification of Agreement with USDA Forest Service for noxious weed control on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and in Skamania County
12. Ratify Community Health Contracts with MCOs

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending September 24, 2015 in the total amount of $96,748.55 with $30,732.71 of the total being expended from Current Expense.

The Board reported on various meetings they are attending. Commissioner McKenzie was out of the office the previous week. Commissioner Hamlin reported on meeting with Dena Horton and Byran Stebbins, Senatorial Aides for Senators Murray and Cantwell and an upcoming meeting with Shari Hildreth, Aide to Congresswoman Jamie Herrara-Beuttler. He also reported on the State Auditor's Exit Interview, and attendance at the Washington Gorge Action Programs meeting in their new headquarters in Bingen. Commissioner Brong reported on meeting with Larry Douglass, and staff at the rock quarry to discuss a noise issue and attendance at a Area on Aging and Disability of Southwest Washington (AADSW) meeting. The Board continued discussion on obtaining a device to measure air quality in the area. Commissioner Hamlin will follow up with the Southwest Clean Air Agency and Department of Ecology on obtaining the device for the courthouse roof.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. The Board directed Debbie Slack to contact the Pioneer and ask that clarification be printed concerning an article in the newspaper that stated the loan extension is approved until April 30, 2016. The extension is actually approved until December 31, 2016.

The meeting recessed at 9:55am and reconvened at 10:00 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair and Chris Brong and Bob Hamlin present.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried to extend the small debris burn ban. Small Debris Fires permits will not be available on October 1st due to continued dry weather conditions. No date has been set at this time when permits will be available. Notification will be made at time of decision.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, and Solid Waste as well as Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fires Safety, and Buildings& Grounds. He also gave an update on the Conrad Lundy Bridge project, a vehicle surplus list, sound study at rock quarry, Home Valley Park least agreement with US Army Corp of Engineers and the Wind River Business Park Lease.

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director was not in attendance as she was attending mandated training. She submitted a written report.

The meeting recessed at 10:13 am and reconvened at 10:30 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Auditor, Treasurer and Clerk budgets, with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:53 am and the Board went into Executive Session for 10 minutes citing RCW 42.30.110 (g) "to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee." The Board ended the Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Public Works and Community Events and Recreation budgets with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:56 pm and reconvened at 3:46 pm with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Prosecutor budgets with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 4:33 pm and reconvened at 9:01 am on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Assessor budgets with not action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 am and reconvened at 9:30 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Human Resource budgets with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 am and reconvened at 10:00 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Juvenile budget with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:11 am and reconvened at 10:31 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Seniors with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 am and reconvened at 11:31 am with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Chris Brong and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for District Court with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:49 am and reconvened at 1:32 pm with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, and Bob Hamlin, present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Community Health with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:55 pm and reconvened at 2:30 pm with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Probation with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:34 pm and reconvened at 3:01 pm with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Washington State Extension with no action taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:03 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2015 with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in 2016 Preliminary Budget workshops for Superior Court with no action taken. The Board presented a plaque to Superior Court Administrator, Lizbeth (Beth) Hermansen for 25-years of service to Skamania County.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0