

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of November 30-December 1, 2015

The Board met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015 for a special meeting to discuss Sheriff's office budgets. Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong were present. Discussion with the Sheriff included ER & R funding, carryover funds to the 2016 current expense budget, personnel, increases to revenues and expenditures. The Commissioners' agreed to changes the Sheriff presented in a letter to them and will discuss the budget again before the first Supplemental Budget in 2016.

The meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m.

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 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 if they will be responding individually or as a Board to a request from Eric Johnson of Washington Association of Counties to comment on collaborative groups. Commissioner Brong joined the meeting. Commissioners Hamlin and Brong will respond. Sophie Miller, Senior Services, reported Seniors have received a grant from Western Federal Lands for one year to incorporate a shuttle to Dog Mountain to alleviate safety concerns. It may be extended to two year if it is successful. Toni Farris, Probation reported she is always looking for new revenue. Alex Hays, Manager of Culture Events and Recreation, reported on Christmas in the Gorge to be held this week. He also introduced Sara Slack, newly hired Administrative Assistant to the Board. He reported on the Christmas Basket project, and scheduling for Ann Lueders. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, discussed the workshop to discuss Commissioner Budgets, changes to provisos for the resolution to adopt the final budget, balancing the 2016 budget and final adoption on December 22, 2015, The Board decided there will not be a Commissioners' meeting on December 15, 2015, except to approve vouchers. Debi VanCamp, Human Resources, hiring of position for Clerk's office was discussed. The Board agreed to allow an on-call person to be used in January until the permanent employee can be hired, however they did not support advertising or approving until the budget has been approved and signed on December 22, 2015. A change in policy for splitting leave to every two weeks instead of once a month was discussed. No changes will be made at this time.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 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 Alex Hays, Manager of Culture Events and Recreation.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident and Grange Master of Post 121 invited the Commissioners to the Community Harvest Feast, Saturday, December 5th from 5-7 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 325 NW Jefferson, in Stevenson. It is free and open to the public. It is being co-sponsored by Stevenson Grange #121, Farmers Market, Gleaners, Gorge Winds Grocery Coop and the Women's Gathering Group. Mary also thanked Commissioner McKenzie for spearheading the newly planted tree on the Courthouse lawn and said it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

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

1. Minutes of November 24, 2015
2. Contract with Integrity Structural Engineering for consultant services for BRAC Hatchery Bridge Painting Project

3. Contract amendment #2 with Department of Social and Health Services to set guidelines to transition from the existing payment system to the new Provider One System for Mental Health evaluations
4. Contract with TDJ CPA Incorporated to compile the County's annual report for the State Auditor and assist with the annual indirect cost allocation plan
5. Set public hearing for December 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to consider Supplemental Budget #6 to the 2015 Budget

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve a Pre-Hire request for promotion of one employee to Accounting Tech II position in Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending November 25, 2015 in the total amount of \$115,859.17 with \$99,337.50 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie attended to day to day functions. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending a Saving Skamania County meeting, a Coordination seminar and indicated he would like to schedule a workshop for the Board to hear about the Coordination vs. Collaboration from him and Tom Lannen. Commissioner Brong attended the Area on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington meeting and reported on a project where participants can have blood pressure, etc monitored on the internet. He will be seeing a demo of how it works at the next meeting. Commissioner McKenzie commented on the incredible job Saving Skamania County is doing, specifically Tom Lannen and Mike Mapes. Commissioner Brong is writing a letter to the Senators and Congresswoman asking for help in having the Forest Service get a Commissioner appointed to the Resource Advisory Committee in time for project selections in February.

The Board participated in workshop to discuss the Note Fund. No news, except waiting for funding to pay the loan in full.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m and reconvened at 10:00 a.m the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health and Developmental Disabilities. Weather related closures of County offices was discussed.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Roads, ER & R, Solid Waste, Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fire Safety, Building and Grounds and Information Technology. Also discussed was Sand Hill, employees on leave, Boat Launch resolution, Spillman lease, new computer ordering and the possibility of obtaining computers from Southwest Behavioral Health when they go out of business. Also discussed was the Mill Creek culvert project.

The Board discussed a Port of Skamania County letter being circulated for proposal of a marijuana processing plant at the Wind River Business Park. The Board will hold an Executive Session with the Prosecutor next week to discuss further negotiations in regards to the Wind River Business Park.

The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin, in attendance.

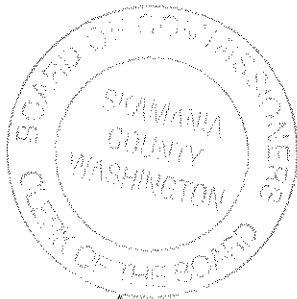
Casey Roeder, Skamania County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director met with the Board to give 4th quarter updates. She reported on the Bigfoot Bash and Bounty, Christmas in the Gorge, re-opening of a fitness center in North Bonneville, and the Gorge Tourism Studio. She invited the Board to the Holiday Open House on December 17th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. at the Chamber and EDC offices and also reminded them of the annual Chamber dinner at Skamania Lodge on January 15ht.

John McSherry, Port of Skamania County Executive Director was scheduled for updates on the Wind River Business Park at 1:30 p.m. the same day, but the Board agreed to change his updates to 10:45 am because of weather related problems. John presented the 2016 Port budget to the Board. Revenues and Expenditures were discussed as well as the proposed marijuana processing plant.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss Commissioner Office budgets, and to balance the 2016 budget. It was decided not to hire a part time position for the Commissioners' office at this time, but to re-visit the proposal in January of 2016. Also discussed in the future workshop will be having fewer Commissioner Meetings, and Salary Surveys being done County wide by an independent Human Resource company. Commissioner McKenzie commended Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer on very well done budget presentation. Also discussed were changes to the provisos for the Resolution adopting the 2016 Final budget.

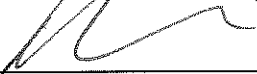
The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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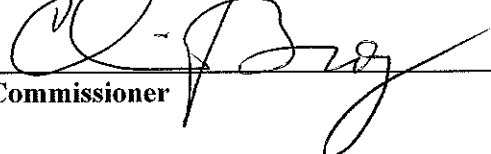



Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 8, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 8, 2015, 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. Sophie Miller, Senior Services told the Board there are two more contracts coming from Area on Aging and Disabilities of SW WA for nutrition and senior transport. Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation gave a wrap up on Christmas in the Gorge, a water fowl show and also said his department is now working on the Christmas Basket Program. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources, told the Board a representative from AFLAC is at the County for end of year sign ups, and the American Fidelity representative will be at the County on December 9th for a second trip to meet with interested employees. She also informed the Board that Noxious Weed had tires, wheels and gas taken from one of their vehicles. The Noxious Weed vehicles have been moved to a safer location. Payments to LEOFF retirees were also discussed. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator asked the Board if they want to take public comment at the short meeting on December 15th. The Board agreed to take Public Comment, but not have a 9:00 a.m. staff meeting. The December 15, 2015 meeting will consist of Public Comment and the last voucher run for 2015. Debbie also informed the Board that she is preparing year end Resolutions for Property Tax levies and will have them to the Board for review next week. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officers, discussed journal entries and having the time to do them. She also told the Board the Preliminary Budget is balance but doesn't match by the penny to Eden. She will adjust the spreadsheet to nearest penny. She also told the Board of spending 6 hours just to process line item adjustments, and glad that the Board has suggested they not be done next year.

The meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 8, 2015, 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 County Commissioner and Stevenson resident, Bob Talent.

Bob Talent, Stevenson, thanked the Commissioners for their leadership and service.

John McSherry, Port of Skamania County Director, invited the Board to a meeting at the Port office at 3 p.m. the same day in regards to a lease at Wind River Business Park for a marijuana production facility.

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

1. Minutes of November 30-December 1, 2015
2. Liquor License Application from Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Whiskey Tree Distilling
3. Resolution 2015-58 Re-Pay and partially Re-Pay Current Expense Loans
4. Resolution 2015-57 Amending Boat Launch Fees and Operations
5. Ratify pre-hire request for up to 8 Temporary Road Maintenance Workers to work from December 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016
6. Contract Amendment #2 with USFS Gifford Pinchot National Forest to provide law enforcement for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest
7. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District to facilitate construction of a fish passage barrier removal project
8. Contract with Area Agency on Aging and Disability Services of Southwest Washington to provide a Disease Prevention/Health Promotion Activities.

9. Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania County Fire District #1 to give restricted Eden access to Fire District #1 for posting of invoices, and budgets directly into system and the ability to print financial reports for Fire District.
10. Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania County Public Hospital District #1 to give restricted Eden access to Public Hospital District #1 for posting of invoices, and budgets directly into system and the ability to print financial reports for the Hospital District.
11. Contract with Brasher's Portland Auto Auction to sell ER & R surplus vehicles
12. Contract with Area Agency on Aging and Disability Services of Southwest Washington to provide a Powerful Tools for Caregivers class
13. Contract with Area Agency on Aging and Disability Services of Southwest Washington for home delivered meals to Medicaid clients

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 3, 2015 in the total amount of \$151,052 with \$51,341.28 being Current Expense.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the pay period November 16-30, 2015 in the total amount of \$481,708.71 with \$273,982.56 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie reported on attending a meeting to discuss Encumbered Lands with Columbia Land Trust, and Wahkiakum and Pacific County Commissioners. Possible new legislation may be introduced. Cherie Kearney, Columbia Land Trust representative will meet with the Board individually in the near future. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending the Washington Association of County Officials dinner at Skamania Lodge. He also has the Fish Recovery Plan from the Lower Fish Recovery Board and invited the Board to read sections pertaining to our area. Commissioner Brong reported on weekly conference calls with National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition. He will also meet with Tom Lannen of Saving Skamania County on a coordination training workshop to be held in January.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. . Commissioner McKenzie reported still waiting on the Encumbered Lands funds and Secure Rural Schools funding to pay the note off. He also gave clarification on how much the amount received from Encumbered Lands is calculated.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director was on annual leave.
- 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 the Wind River Business Park water system and lease. He also updated the Board on weather related information for Sand Hill, Carson Creek on the Old Depot Road, Canavina Road. And downed trees and high water in many places. He also reported on a comparison to other years for permit applications. All Community Development permits came out on top in 2015 for revenue. He informed the Board the Spillman lease agreement has been transferred and commented on shoulder work that will be done county

wide as a result of recent storms, and cutting down the Butternut tree will be done after the storm work is completed.

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

The Board participated in a workshop with the Financial Management Officer, Financial Management Coordinator, Auditor, Assessor, and Treasurer to discuss County finances. The November revenue and expenditure reports were presented to the Board by the Financial Management Officer, Heidi Penner. Current Expense and Special revenues, and expenditures, Private Harvest Tax funds, PILT revenue, marijuana revenue and the Preliminary Budget were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works Director, Larry Douglass, and Ron Shultz, Policy Director for the Washington State Conservation Commission to discuss the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Mr. Shultz provided background information for Counties on the Voluntary Stewardship Program. Included were a summary of county obligations, program background, County responsibilities, work group responsibilities, state agency responsibilities, and the job of the technical panel. Also a work plan implementation was discussed, appeals of VSP decisions, and funding implementation. Opting-out, failing out and insufficient funding of the program was also discussed.

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present.

The County Assessor, Gabe Spencer updated the Board on the Community Wide Assessment grant application. The Board acknowledged the ad hoc committee and the Community Wide Assessment grant application.

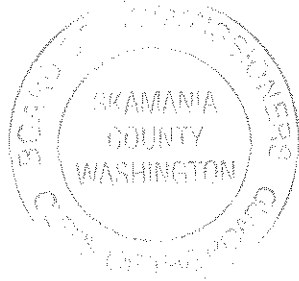
Commissioner McKenzie told the Board he may not vote on the final budget for 2016 should a raise for the Community Health Director be left in. Commissioners Brong and Hamlin would like it left in at this time.

The meeting recessed at 1:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Bob Hamlin present.

The Board met in Executive Session with the Prosecutor to discuss Wind River Business Park per RCW 42.30.110 (b) (i) for 30 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

ATTEST:



Debbie Staul
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 December 15, 2015

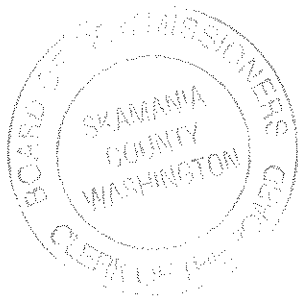
The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 15, 2015, at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Repar, Stevenson.

Mary Repar, representing Grange 121, asked the Board to consider budgeting more for the WSU Extension agent as things improve. She would like to see the Extension agent be in Skamania County more in 2016 to help more and more people that are trying to grow their own food, and also to help with the large 4-H program in Skamania County. She also asked the Board to recognize Sandy Bacus for time spent in the past 6 years volunteering on the Senior Services Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending December 10, 2015 in the total amount of \$439,303.68 with \$102,951.31 being Current Expense.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slace
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 December 22, 2015

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on December 22, 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 Robert Hamlin present. Commissioner McKenzie thanked staff for their hard work in 2015. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources reported on Christmas Basket program, Affordable Care Act, personnel, and health insurance. Ann Lueders, Community Events and Recreation, reported as secretary of the Christmas Basket fund on the history of the program and statistics relating to this year's delivery. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator reported on appointments to the Mosquito Control board, an upcoming Board of Natural Resources meeting, 2016 Gorge Tourism Studio, and scheduling for WSU Extension monthly report. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer reported on L & I rate increases for 2016, changes to the 2016 Budget, and Commissioners' office staffing schedule. Debi VanCamp also informed the Board that the Stevenson-Carson School District will no longer be covered by Kaiser Insurance, but that it doesn't affect the County's insurance with Kaiser. The county goes through Oregon Kaiser and the school district through Washington.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 22, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Robert Hamlin present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Boyes.

Dan Boyes, Skamania reiterated that the Board should understand that local, state and federal money being spent is spending the money of people that did not elect them. He urged the Board to remember that it is serious to spend money not given to them.

Ann Lueders, Stabler provided written comments for the record in regards to the proposed placement of a Tier 3 Marijuana production facility at the Wind River Business Park (WRBP). She informed the Board that she has been researching the specifics of the facility since she became aware of the proposal on November 30, 2015 via email from Port Commissioner Todd Kingston. Her concerns with the proposal, which she remarked seems to be fiscally sound on the surface, include, transparency, incomplete or abridged formatting of the information shared, costs that may be recognized by the County, adjusted taxation on marijuana sales by the State Legislature in June of 2015, and distribution of tax collection related to marijuana sales. She also voiced her concerns for the communities of Hemlock and Stabler and the affects that businesses that operate at WRBP will have to residents that have come to appreciate the low maintenance, comfortable lifestyle of their neighborhoods. She said that traffic, water usage and recreational issues are just a few of the major matters to consider. She continued that while citizens are not opposed to business development at the WRBP, she feels most people would prefer businesses that are legal at all levels of government and which can provide for the betterment of the community as a whole. She said the impacts that a Tier 3 marijuana production facility have on surrounding properties and communities cannot yet be determined as the legalization of marijuana and introduction of businesses providing it is still too new to have provided any relevant data. She feels the project should not move forward without considering and researching what those impacts may be. She asked could the impacts be, lower property values, and lack of new families relocating and supporting the vitality of the affected communities, and community infrastructure issues, water electricity, and public safety. She said all those impacts, issues and concerns need to be addressed before a decision is made. She urged the Board to bypass the project until further research can be done, and to work closely with the Port (should they be retained as property managers) to develop policy and insure any decision they make are within the confines of both state and federal laws. She implored them to take the extra step, gather public comments, and meet with other

government entities that are or have leased to businesses of this nature, and then make an informed decision that is in the best interest of their communities, not just the bottom line.

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

1. Minutes of December 15, 2015.
2. Minutes of December 8, 2015
3. Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxing Districts for Collection in 2016
4. Set Public Hearing to consider application to change land classification from forest land to open space, open space on a portion of tax parcel #03093120010000
5. Liquor License renewals for American Legion Coy-Catlin Post 137, Veterans Support Group, and Simmers Family Estate, LLC.
6. Joint resolution with Klickitat and Clark County relating to reappointment of Jane Higgins to Position 4 on the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board of Trustees
7. Resolution 2015-59 amends ER & R Policy to update current operations, and adds replacement funds for Senior Services and Noxious Weed
8. Authorization to Purchase sign making equipment
9. Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Grays Harbor County
10. Contract Amendment #1 with DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery for Chemical Dependency Services, to change or correct contract terms or statement of work
11. Contract Amendment #1 with Daniel E. Ferber MD, PLLC to revise business name
12. Contract Amendment #1 with Daniel McCabe, MD to increase professional fee payment due to increase in DSHS grant reimbursement amount
13. Contract with Area Agency on Aging & Disability of SW WA to provide transportation, nutrition and information and assistance programs to senior citizens
14. Lease Agreement with Michael and Sally Stillman for a County owned house in Underwood, WA
15. Contract renewal with Christopher R. Lanz, & W. Todd Pascoe, PLLC to provide public defender duties for 2016
16. Contract Amendment #6 with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health, RSN to modify Mental Health contract statement of work to increase funding for purchase and installation of Electronic Health Record system and staff participation in software conference
17. Contract renewal with BTG Holding Group, Inc to provide computer database software support for Community Health fiscal database and electronic timesheet database
18. Contract renewal with City of Bingen to utilize the services of Skamania County Jail for inmate incarceration
19. Contract Amendment #2 with Day Wireless Systems to perform work, furnish tools, and test equipment necessary to perform radio maintenance, preventative maintenance, equipment removal and installation

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to correct a clerical error on agenda item # 3 Certification of Property Tax Levies for Taxing Districts for Collection in 2016.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the pay period December 1 through December 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$436,650.25 with \$248,775.41 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie advised of attending a Regional Transportation Council meeting, a Regional Transportation Council Subcommittee meeting, and multiple meeting with the Port both in person and on the phone. Commissioner Hamlin advised of attending a One Gorge meeting. He also reported on attending the Economic Development Council retreat, and provided information from South Central Workforce relating to a merger of councils in Oregon and Washington. He also reported on a meeting he attended with Columbia Land Trust, and Wahkiakum and Pacific County Commissioners to discuss Encumbered Lands issues. Commissioner Brong reported on attending an Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington meeting and holiday event. Commissioner Brong also recommended to the Board that the County opt out of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and said that he will be attending a National Association of Counties conference in February.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie advised the Board that the Encumbered Lands funds earmarked to pay on the bank note will be arriving near the end of January.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities. She also reported on a departmental compliance plan.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste and Community Development. He also updated the Board on road issues from a recent wind storm. Other items he updated the Board on were Prindle shop, Voluntary Stewardship Program, janitorial positions, Bridge of the Gods Overlook, boat launches, Sand Hill, and building locations for One Community Health.

The Board participated in an Executive Session with the Prosecutor to discuss potential litigation for 5 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1).

The Board participated in a workshop with the Noxious Weed Coordinator and Public Works Director to discuss surplus vehicles. The Board agreed to move forward to surplus and sell a jeep and a tractor.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11:01 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the indirect and direct cost allocation plan. It was discussed that an email should go out to Elected Officials and Department Heads instructing them to start tracking time in order to better assist in the direct/indirect cost billing.

Commissioner Brong asked that Kirby Richards, Community Health Director send a letter to Southwest Behavioral Health requesting surplus IT equipment for the County.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

The Board participated in a joint meeting with the Port of Skamania County Commissioner to discuss lease at the Wind River Business Park for a marijuana production facility. After discussion, the Board agreed to send a letter of support for the proposal to the Port Commissioners.

The meeting recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2015-55, Supplemental Budget #6 to the 2015 Budget. There was no staff report, and no public comment. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-55.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2015-50, establishing a comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. There was no staff report, and no public comment. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-50.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-51 adopting the 2016 Annual Road Program.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2015-60 adopting the 2016 Final Budget. There was no staff report. Ann Lueders, Stabler provided written comment for the record. She addressed the Board's support of the proposed Tier 3 Marijuana Production facility at the Wind River Business Park. She commented that from comments the Board made at a joint workshop with the Port Commissioners that afternoon she believes the Board's support of the project to be based solely on budgetary considerations and therefore offer she offered her comment during the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget. She commented that she felt for all intents and purposes, the Board of Commissioners took what to some could be considered a bribe. She commented that each Commissioner, in some respect, threw their back into a project with the caveat that it comes with funding for county mandated services (a deputy) and community health/prevention funding. She further told the Board that they did not consider the impact their decision would have on communities, and that they did not make a decision based on the greater good-that they were blinded by the dollar signs and made a decision to support activities that are in direct violation of Federal Law. She asked the Board to remember this next time someone comes to the Board and demands a building permit which would be issued in violation of the scenic area act, and for them to consider the budgetary damage and litigation costs it may impose upon Skamania County defending itself against potential conflicts. She commented she felt they decided to support something that may have far reaching impact on communities without due diligence, and said a better decision may have been to worry less about their pocket book and focus more on being an admirable leader, making a decision following adequate research and consideration. Public comment closed, there were no Board deliberations. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-60. Commissioner McKenzie commented that ad hoc raises included in the 2016 Budget have not been approved through the payroll change notice process, and he would like to take a look at information for positions after salary surveys have been done.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-61 Declaring Substantial Need for Purpose of Setting the Limit Factor for the Property Tax Levy for 2016.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-62 Setting Current Expense Property Tax Levies for 2016.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-63, Setting County Road Property Tax Levies for 2016.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve Certification of 2016 Current Expense and County Road Property Tax Levies to the Assessor.

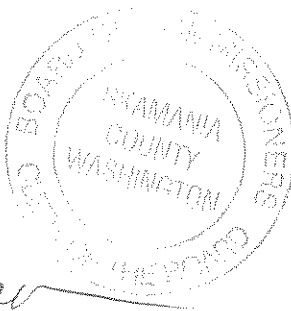
Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong, and motion carried unanimously to authorize the use of an on-call person for up to 30 hours per week beginning January 4, 2016 until the Deputy Clerk position is filled.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong, and motion carried unanimously to approve a pre-hire request to fill the Deputy Clerk position in the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a pre-hire request to fill the E911 Telecommunicator regular part-time position

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


Debbi Slav
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christopher Brong
Commissioner

David Hamlin
Commissioner

Robert Hamlin
Commissioner

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 29, 2015

The Board met at 9:01 a.m. on December 29, 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 Robert Hamlin present. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director reported on dispatching, and transit bus repairs and calls. Debi Van Camp Human Resources, discussed scheduling, a resolution being drafted for policy changes related to payment for leave payouts, and union contract changes. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, discussed Homeless Housing contracts and funding, and advertising a thank you letter to Skamania County volunteers.

The meeting recessed at 9:12 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. December 29, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Robert Hamlin present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vickie Clelland, Skamania County Treasurer.

Vickie Clelland, Stevenson resident and Skamania County Treasurer, thanked the Board for doing a great job this year and listening to the community as they whittled down the budget.

John McSherry, Executive Director, Port of Skamania County invited the Board to attend a special meeting of the Port Commissioners to consider a proposed lease for a production facility at the Wind River Business Park. The meeting will take place January 5, 2016 at the 6:30 p.m. at the Port offices, 212 SW Cascade Ave., Stevenson, WA

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

1. Minutes of December 22, 2015
2. Levy Certification for Fort Vancouver Regional Library District 2016 mileage rate.
3. Amendment to Personnel Policy Chapter 14
4. Job Description for Revenue/Foreclosure & Distraint System Specialist
5. Authorize Public Works Director and Noxious Weed Coordinator to surplus and sell an AOC tractor and AOC vehicle
6. Contract amendment with Washington State Department of Corrections to house Department of Corrections inmates.
7. Contract Renewal for Offices of Sharon A. Rice Hearing Examiner, PLLC for Land Use Hearing Examiner Services in Unincorporated Skamania County
8. Contract Amendment #3 to amend Program Agreement to pay Skamania County Community Health for providing Mental Incapacity Evaluations for DSHS-Community Services Division.
9. Contract amendment #1 with Department of Ecology for shoreline Master Program
10. Contract renewal with Pacificorp to provide law enforcement services

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie reported business as usual. Commissioner Hamlin reported on meeting with Paul Koch of the Port of Cascade Locks to discuss a proposal regarding transportation projects within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic area. Commissioner McKenzie asked that the information be forwarded to Matt Ransom, RTC, and Public Works director, Larry Douglass. Commissioner Brong asked about the resolution to opt out of the Voluntary Stewardship Program, and Larry has the resolution ready for the agenda on January 5, 2016. He also discussed plans for 2016 for NFCSC, American Land Council, and NACO. The Board will hold a workshop potentially sometime in January with Columbia Land Trust, Department of Natural Resources, to discuss Encumbered Lands issue.

The meeting recessed at 9:42 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 am with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, Chair and Robert Hamlin present.

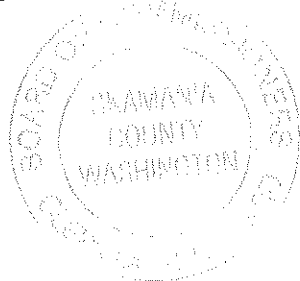
The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note fund. There was nothing new to report, still waiting for funds to arrive from Encumbered Lands and Secure Rural Schools.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities. She also reported on storage of supplies for emergency preparedness.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste and Community Development. He also updated the Board on FEMA funding for a recent wind storm, and signage for parking at area snow parks.


The meeting adjourned at 10:13.am.


ATTEST:





Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0