

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of May 5, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 5, 2015 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong and Doug McKenzie, Chair present. Commissioner Hamlin is out attending the Board of Natural Resources Meeting in Olympia. Larry Douglass, PW Director introduced his new staff member, Sarah Kelly. Toni Farris, Probation Officer had nothing new to report. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Manager informed the Board that it is Older American's month and that she will be bringing 3 items to the consent agenda next week. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources had nothing more than what was already in her report. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, had a request from Joel Madsen for an agenda item for next week asking for a letter of support from the Board. Debbie also brought up a request from Larry Douglas requesting a signature on a debit card authorization form to purchase a currency counter and the fact that the Clerk would like a workshop with the Board, which at this time is put on hold until all three Commissioners can be present to decide if a workshop is necessary at this time. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer mentioned the first quarter review spreadsheet, annual report preparation, the Statewide Noxious Weed Board map supplied by the Auditor and a request to discuss whether or not we should continue processing line item adjustments. Ann Lueders, Manager of Programs and Administrations mentioned her 3 items on the agenda this week and reminded the Commissioners that the Ridge Run is coming up. Robert Waymire, Skamania County Auditor, said he is waiting to hear back that the DRS audit has been finalized.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. April 7th, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Brong and Chair, Doug McKenzie present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Waymire, Skamania County Auditor.

Ann Lueders, Carson resident brought to the Commissioner's attention an email she received from Ron Schneider at WKO concerning Stewardship Timber Sales in Washington State.

Commissioner McKenzie read a proclamation for Mental Health Month for May 2015. Commissioner Brong made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Minutes of April 28, 2015
2. Special Occasion Liquor License for with CRAB the Skamania County Republican Party
3. Resolution 2015-22 Settling Land Dispute with Birkenfeld Heritage, LLC
4. Resolution 2015-23 Re-organization of the General Services Department
5. Job Description for one FTE Office Assistant V (Administrative Assistant) for Community Events and Recreation
6. Job Description for one 50% FTE Office Assistant V (Administrative Assistant) for Human Resources
7. Job Description for Summer College Public Works
8. Revised Job Description Victim Witness Coordinator
9. Range Adjustment of the Solid Waste Supervisor's position
10. Letter of Engagement with Pacifica Law Group to assist with a 90 day loan extension

11. Agreement with Host Agency Goodwill Industries to provide training and skill development for program participants
12. Agreement with County Road Administration Board for Rural Arterial Program project
13. Contract Amendment #1 with Tangible systems, Inc to provide DDA Adult Supported Employment Services for eligible participants by adding funds to the contract to continue with DDA approved client services
14. Contract renewal with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health RSN for Community Health to provide mental health treatment and crisis services to residents of Skamania County per contract requirements
15. Contract Amendment #2 with Southwest Washington Behavioral Health RSN to modify statements of work to add funding to the contract agreement for providing Mental health treatment and crisis services to residents of the County in fiscal year 2015 as per contract requirements

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period April 16 – April 30, 2015 in the total amount of \$465,773.19 with \$279,528.22 of the total being expended from Current Expense.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 5, 2015 in the total amount of \$83,283.72 with \$12,734.02 of the total being expended from Current Expense.

Commissioner McKenzie advised the Board that is was business as usual last week. He had meetings with Public Works, Human Resources and General Services. Commissioner Brong advised that he was out last week on family business.

Commissioner McKenzie let the audience know that Commissioner Hamlin is in Olympia at the BNR Meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners McKenzie and Brong present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities. She let the Board know that North Shore Medical will no longer accept Medicaid patients and that this is a big concern for the 3,000 Skamania County residents that are currently on Medicaid.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, and Community Development. Larry informed the Board that the Blue Lake Rock Pit is in the hands of Planning and that the process will take 6 months, without any appeals. However, we should expect some appeals during the process.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Commissioner McKenzie informed the Board of a request from Senior Services for a flex schedule option for their employees.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners McKenzie and Brong present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works Director, Larry Douglass to discuss new assignments for Buildings and Grounds. Commissioner Brong made a motion to approve the positions presented by the PW Director, Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Staul  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Aye 5  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of May 12, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 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, discussed scheduling, correspondence and a resolution to be on an upcoming agenda to proceed with the bank loan 90 day extension. After discussion, Debbie will schedule two workshops in June for the Board to discuss budgets and Secure Rural Schools and Counties funding. The first workshop will be held with elected officials. Letters will be sent to Washington State Representatives Gina McCabe and Norm Johnson and Senator Curtis King to ask for assistance in removing from consideration proposed budget cuts in ESSB 5077, Sections 928 and 929. The funds received from the state are used for recording and document preservation. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, discussed with the Board items from her written report including the need for a discussion on how line item adjustments are processed, budget schedule for 2016 budget, annual report progress, State Auditors upcoming audit and the possibility of purchasing an Eden module. Commissioner Hamlin asked if other counties that use the module find it beneficial and Commissioner McKenzie ask her to get a quote on the cost of the module and annual maintenance fees. Heidi will gather the information and revisit the subject in an upcoming staff meeting. Ann Lueders, Manager of Programs and Administration updated the Board on upcoming events, including the Carson Stevenson Ridge run to be held Saturday, May 16, personnel and boat ramp issues that have been turned over to the Public Works department. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources, discussed with the Board items from her submitted report, that included union items, Personnel Policy, staff work for Commissioners and Elected Officials, Personnel, risk management and safety report. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director, submitted a written report and had nothing else to report. Robert Waymire, Auditor reported it is card filing week for elections. Gabe Spencer, Assessor informed the Board on the progress of the Rock Cove EA. He will fill out a required questionnaire, then forward to the Board for input and review. Dave Brown, Sheriff told the Board he would like to see the County move to an annual pass system for the Boat Launches. He also informed the Board of issues concerning personnel, budget and Dog Mountain trailhead. Commissioner Brong will meet with the Sheriff in two weeks to discuss budget issues and annual launch passes. Commissioner Brong also informed the Board and staff he will be out next week for a NACo conference, upcoming National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition meeting, and that would he would like to remove Consent Agenda item #6 until he has confirmation that it has been reviewed by the labor attorney. Debi Van Camp will confirm after meeting and let him know.

The meeting recessed at 9:29 am.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. May 12, 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 Vicki Clelland, Skamania County Treasurer.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident reported that the City of Stevenson has a seasonal worker for landscaping and encouraged the Board to coordinate with the City to see if the worker could also work on County properties, especially the Fair area. She said composting, grass and weeding could be done, with one-half of the cost maybe coming for Skamania Lodge as it would make it more attractive for visitors. She also said the community gardens are doing well, most spaces are rented and Norm Haight worked on a nice fence.

Commissioner McKenzie read the Proclamation declaring the week of May 10-16, 2015 as National Police week and to observe May 15, 2015 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve the proclamation. The Sheriff advised of a flag ceremony scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 15, 2015 on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner McKenzie read a letter from Jay Weber, Executive Director of the Washington State County Road Administration Board asking the Board to present a Certificate of Good Practice. The certificate was presented to Tim Homann, County Engineer.

Commissioner Brong requested Consent Agenda item #6 be removed from the agenda pending clarification that it has been reviewed by the Labor Attorney. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong to approve the Consent Agenda, removing item #6. Motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of May 5, 2015
2. Resolution 2015-26 Support the Washington Home Rehabilitation Program application being submitted by the City of Bingen
3. Resolution 2015-25 Setting a public hearing for Supplemental Budget #3 to the 2015 budget on June 19, 2015
4. Resolution 2015-24 Work related benefits for Non-Union Employees, Union Exempt Employees and Exempt Confidential Employees, (Amending Resolutions 2010-28 and 2010-43)
5. Designation of Skamania County Economic Development Council as the Associate Development Organization to coordinate economic development services for Skamania County under contract with the Department of Commerce.
- ~~6. Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11, Managers Unit to include the Food Services Manager in the manager's unit.~~
7. Memorandum of Understanding with Wauna Lake Club and Noxious Weed Control Program to provide funds to control noxious weeds at Wauna Lake Club
8. Memorandum of Understanding with Interlaken Resort Company and Noxious Weed Control Program to provide funds to control noxious weeds at Interlaken in Stevenson, WA
9. Contract Amendment with Washington Department of Transportation to purchase mobile data computers (tablets) for vehicles
10. Contract renewal with Columbia Gorge Running Club to co-sponsor the Annual Carson to Stevenson Ridge Run.
11. Authorization to Purchase ADA accessible minivan from Creative Bus Sales for the Dial a Ride Program
12. Authorization to Purchase mobile data computers (tablets) for vehicles with WSDOT grant funding from the 2013-2015 budget

There was no voucher run this week.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on Southwest Behavioral Health, Early Adopter Program, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group, and the Forest Service Listening Session. Commissioner McKenzie reported on Washington Counties Risk Pool conference, Forest Service Listening Session, budget workshops to be held with Elected Officials, and opening ceremonies of the newly constructed hiking trail by Skamania Lodge. Commissioner Hamlin reported on Lower Fish Recovery Board, Board of Natural Resources meeting, South Central Workforce Council, Economic Development Council, Southwest Clean Air, complaints of residents burning trash and the Forest Service Listening Session.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to send letters to Washington State Representatives McCabe and Johnson and Senator King asking for

assistance in preserving funds that could be eliminated by cuts proposed in ESSB 5077, Sections 928 and 929. Those funds are used by the County for recording and document preservation.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, Planning, Environmental Health, Building and Fire Safety, and Building and Grounds. He also reported on preparation for the Courthouse Painting project, parking plan for Hegewald Center, Information Technology and SR 14 projects.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Developmental Disabilities. She also reminded the Board of the Health Care Authority workshop being held the following day and a power point presentation she emailed to the Board for review before the workshop. Other topics discussed were mental health court, and RSN meeting to discuss a grant.

Commissioner McKenzie reported there wouldn't be a workshop to discuss the Note Fund, but that the 90 day extension will be completed soon.

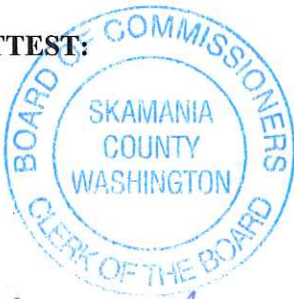
The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. on May 13, 2015 with Commissioners McKenzie, Hamlin and Brong present.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OPEIU Local 11, Managers Unit to include the Food Services Manager in the manager's unit.

The Board met with the Health Care Authority for a presentation on the status of the Early Adopter Initiative, realignment of Medicaid. Community Health Director, Kirby Richards introduced MaryAnne Lindeblad, Washington State Medicaid Director. Ms. Lindeblad introduced additional staff in attendance that included, Nathan Johnson, Health Care Authority Chief Policy Officer, Jenny Hamilton, Senior Policy Analyst and Isabel Jones, Medicaid Transformation Specialist. Ms. Lindeblad also thanked Kirby for her many hours of work on the project. According to Nathan Johnson the Early Adopter Initiative is a model for the state and includes Clark and Skamania Counties. Nathan Johnson presented a power point that included the Early Adopter Initiative overview, timeline, local accountability, reserves, and performance measures and shared saving. According to 2014 Legislative Direction 2SSB 6312 by January 1, 2020 the community behavioral health program must be fully integrated in a managed care health system that provides mental health services, chemical dependency services and medical care services to Medicaid clients.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Glace  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye	<u>2</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Meeting of May 19, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 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. Commissioner Christopher Brong was attending a National Association of County Officials conference. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator advised the Board of a request made by Toni Farris, Probation Officer to Commissioner Brong for the purchase of a cell phone to aid her in accessibility to clients. The Board agreed that Toni should obtain a County funded cell phone. Debbie also asked the Board to respond to Natalie Arndt of Stabler regarding a request she made for the County to purchase .9 acres from her. Commissioner Hamlin will contact her. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer, reported on a change to the line item adjustment process. She will process all line item adjustments once a month. Heidi also advised that she will meet with the Auditor, Robert Waymire and Treasurer, Vicki Clelland, to come up with a tentative 2016 budget schedule. She provided the Board with a quote for the Eden accounting module that was discussed in the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner McKenzie asked that she research training alternatives to lower the training quote. She also informed the Board of progress on the annual report, and that the revenue spreadsheet for 2014 year end included supplemental budget information. The Board agreed per a request from Heidi to extend her use of comp time for 12 months. The Chair will sign a letter to the Auditor authorizing the extension. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services reported that the Area Agency for Aging Advisory Board will visit Senior Services tomorrow, May 20<sup>th</sup>. She said about 25 people will be with the group and have lunch and their meeting. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources asked for a Union meeting and reported on an agreement she is working on for an employee to work a nine hour/eighty hour schedule. Ann Lueders, Programs and Administration Manager, reported that 90 participants took part in the recent Carson to Stevenson Ridge Run. She also reported on the Teardrop Trailer event to be held this weekend, Bluegrass Festival camping, and personnel issues. The Auditor advised the Board last week was candidate filing and there are 42 offices with 51 people that filed, with one dropping out. There 5 openings nobody applied for. Commissioner Hamlin mentioned an upcoming workshop to discuss fire issues and the Board recommended that Marlon Morat, Fire Marshall and Sheriff Brown attend to give their input and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. May 19, 2015 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, and Bob Hamlin present. Commissioner Brong was attending a National Association of County Officials conference. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Cyndi Soliz of the Noxious Weed Department.

Mary Repar, citizen and Grange Master for Stevenson Grange 121 invited the Board and community to attend the Community Resilience Series 2015 film festival. There are three documentary films about food safety and security, water quality and human health to be shown at the Stevenson Community Library. The films to be shown are: Vanishing of the Bees on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Watermark on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and A Silent Forest on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 pm. Mary also encouraged the Board to discuss the Nestle situation in Cascade Locks and learn the impacts of water loss on the region. She said during this drought we should not be selling 100 million gallons of water a year to private entities for people to drink out of plastic bottles. She reminded the Board water loss is a regional issue and the water used for this project will be needed in the future.

Traci Bowlby, Stevenson resident, asked the Board to spend more time considering items 3, 4, 5, and 6 on the Consent Agenda, since she hears from them about the dire financial issues of the County. She also would like them to take more time to fill positions vacated just 2, 3 or 4 months ago by laying off long term,



dedicated employees, and then finding \$500,000 a week after the layoffs. She also said further consideration should be given as there has not been pay increases in the form of COLA's for at least 6 years while the work of 2, 3, and 4 employees are being piled on them.

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

1. Minutes of May 12, 2015.
2. Letter to Skamania County PUD submitting payment options for underpayment of utility services
3. Pre-hire request to hire one full time Office Assistant V to work 50% for Buildings & Grounds and 50% for Public Works
4. Pre-hire request to hire one full time Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance Worker
5. Pre-hire request to replace Laborer/Mechanic position within the Solid Waste Division of Public Works.
6. Pre-hire request to fill vacant Solid Waste Transfer Station truck driver position
7. Acknowledge completion of Public Works contract with Peterson Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$686,546.15
8. Resolution 2015-27, amending Resolution 2012-38 authorizing the issuance of the County's Limited Tax General Obligation Anticipation Note.
9. Interlocal agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner to provide funds for Noxious Weed Control Program to control noxious weeds in Washington State Parks in Skamania County

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of May 1- May 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$417,236.44.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 14, 2015 in the total amount of \$138,804.95 with \$38,348.22 being from the Current Expense fund.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending the Human Services Advisory Board meeting, and Columbia Gorge Economic Symposium. Commissioner McKenzie reported on meetings for budgets, Interpretive Center Annual meeting, and attending the Peace Officers Memorial Day event.

Cyndi Soliz, Partnership Specialist of the Noxious Weed Control Program reported on outreach and education, cooperation and agreements for class A control, 2015 Noxious Weed temporary staffing and 2015 projects.

The meeting recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners McKenzie and Hamlin present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, Environmental Health, Building & Fire Safety Information, Buildings and Grounds, Information Technology and SR 14 projects.

Commissioner McKenzie advised that Kirby Richards, Community Health Director was attending ACHS meetings. She submitted a written report to the Board that included information on Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Developmental Disabilities.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie advised that the extension of the loan is for 90 days.

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m. with Commissioners Hamlin and McKenzie present.

Forest Service updates were presented by Mosé Jones-Yellin, Mt Adams District Ranger who reported on Travel Analysis report, Swift Vegetation Management project, Wind River Watershed, 2015 Fire Season, Forest Service Listening Sessions, campground updates and prescribed burn plan for huckleberry restoration.

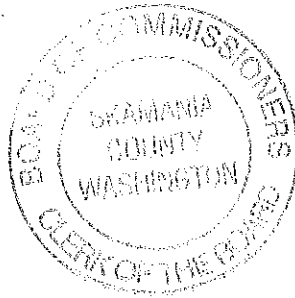
The meeting recessed at 2:37 pm and reconvened at 5:30 pm with Commissioners Hamlin and McKenzie present.

A public hearing was held to consider Resolution 2015-20 amending the comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2015-21 amending the 2015 Annual Construction Program. Tim Homann, County Engineer, gave a staff report that included an over view of the six year plan and he advised that there are no changes to priorities, this action adjusts federal funding between the Conrad Lundy Bridge project and the Wind River road overlay project. Comment from the public was taken from Mary Repar, who reminded the Board that the Conrad Lundy Bridge is the only exit in case of a hazardous event north of the bridge and that an emergency exit for residents north of the bridge be worked on. Mary also stated that as there are more and more cars less and less dependent on gas, gas taxes go down and road funds dry up. She encouraged the Board to chat with legislators to come up with different ways to pay for roads than from gas. The hearing was closed to public comment. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and motion carried unanimously to approve Resolutions 2015-20, and Resolution 2015-21.

A public hearing was held to consider an application from Pope Resources to change land classification from forestry to open space open space on Tax Parcel #07060000220000. Comment from the public was taken from Cherie Kearney, representative of Columbia Land Trust who advised the Board the land has been purchased from Pope Resources by Columbia Land Trust. She also advised the Board they are harvesting now from the Pine Creek east property and expect to haul 1.5 million board feet, of which excise taxes will be paid, within the next 2 months. Mary Repar, asked the Board the definition of open space open space and what the tax and environmental implications will be to the public. Chris Blanchard, Washougal also asked the Board the definition of open space open space and the tax implications. Commissioner McKenzie advised a minor upward advantage to tax payers is expected. He also advised that he would get the definition of open space open space to them. Commission Hamlin moved, Commissioner McKenzie seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve an application from Pope Resources to change the land classification on Tax Parcel #07060000220000 from forestry to open space open space.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbi Slaw  
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 May 27, 2015**

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 27, 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 to the Board she has begun solicitation for Title III applications for 2015 projects contingent on receiving the SRS funding. Ann Lueders, Manager of Programs and Administration gave updates on events, and personnel. Toni Farris, Probation officer asked that the Chair provide her with documentation of the Boards approval for a cell phone to be used by the Probation department. Commissioner McKenzie will get her a letter. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director, talked about signage, personnel that includes the need for a new driver. Debi Van Camp, Human Resources will have a pre-hire request on the agenda next week for a 59% part-time driver position for the seasonal transit bus and also advertise for a list of intermittent driver's to drive as needed. She also informed the Board interviews for the part time position in Human Resources will begin next week. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Coordinator let the Board knows the annual report has been submitted; the State Auditor's will be here July 13 for approximately 3 weeks. She also gave the Board additional information on the Eden module being considered for purchase. She has also been working on coordinating a field trip for approximately 70 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to visit the County on Monday June 1, 2015. Robert Waymire, Auditor thanked Heidi and Vicki Clelland, Treasurer on their work on getting the annual report completed.

The meeting recessed at 9:26 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. April 28, 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.

Gloria Howell, Stevenson resident remarked that looking at the agendas and minutes she sees there is a request for an Eden module and would like more financial information on the purchase of this module. Commissioner McKenzie responded he will provide the information to her.

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

1. Minutes of May 19, 2015
2. Letter of commitment to Health Care Authority to implement Early Adopter for full Medicaid integration beginning April 1, 2016
3. Pre-Hire request to re-hire a deputy position laid off during 2014/15 budget reductions to replace a deputy leaving to take another position.
4. Contract with WR Business Directions to provide vocational services for the Mental Health Supported Employment Program
5. Liquor License Renewal for White Salmon Vineyard
6. Contract Amendment #2 -2015 with Cleanworld Maintenance to provide custodial services at the Rock Creek Hegewald Center, Courthouse Annex and Employment Security offices.
7. Contract with Southwest Behavioral Health RSN for Skamania County Community Health to provide Mental Health Supported Employment services to qualified residents of Skamania County

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending May 21, 2015 in the total amount of \$661,231.68 with \$67,089.05 being Current Expense.

Todd Murray, WSU Extension Agent reported Administration, 4-H, Economic and Community Development and Natural Resource, Small Farms and Home Gardening. Commissioner McKenzie asked about the soil for the tree to be planted in the Courthouse Lawn and Todd said there is no stump and soil looks fine. Spring would be the best time to plant, but with plenty of water available it could be planted this summer.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong told the Board he will have notes from his attendance at the National Association of County Officials conference. He said there were approximately 300 people in attendance, and the focus was on rural counties. He felt it was very informative and will have a NACO presentation next week. Commissioner Hamlin reported on a Department of Natural Resources hearing, Skamania County Economic Development Council and Mid Columbia Economic Development Council meetings. He also attended a Collaborative meeting, and WRIA meeting. Commissioner McKenzie reported he had attended the Policeman's Memorial Day event, talked to individuals about their budget needs, met with the City of North Bonneville, City Administrator and attended a meeting on the Dog Mountain parking issue. He said there will be Forest Service person on site as signage must go through the Gorge Commission process.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported Behavioral Health, Public Health and Developmental Disabilities. She also reported that Cindy Robertson of Northshore Medical will be at the Public Health meeting later in the day and she will be attending a Health Care Authority meeting in Olympia tomorrow, May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fire Safety, Buildings & Grounds, Information Technology, and WSDOT – SR 14 Projects

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported that all documents have been sent to Pacifica Law Firm and Umpqua Bank to extend the note for 90 days.

The meeting recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present.

Safety Committee report was presented as follows:

- Report #2015-E-02. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong motion carried unanimously to agree with the Safety Committee's findings and recommendations.

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. at which time the Board went into Executive Session for 10 minutes, stating item (I) "to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency." At 10:46 a.m. Commissioner McKenzie came out to say the Board needed 10 more minutes.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Bob Hamlin and Christopher Brong present to participate in a workshop with Tom North, Department of Natural Resources, Bob Talent former Skamania County Commissioner and Stevenson resident to discuss 2015 wildfire season in the Columbia River Gorge. Also in attendance was Marlon Morat, Fire Marshall for Skamania County, Larry Douglass, Public Works Director and Sheriff Dave Brown. Bob Talent gave background of fire history in the Gorge. Tom North presented maps to the Board depicting past fires and gave information on agreements with local first responders, and the location of where tankers are stationed. Railroad track grinding was discussed as well as the need for a recreational burn ban as well as debris burning. It was discussed that some kind of signage that can be seen at night be posted and a letter sent to Burlington Northern reminding them of the concerns of grinding track during fire season.

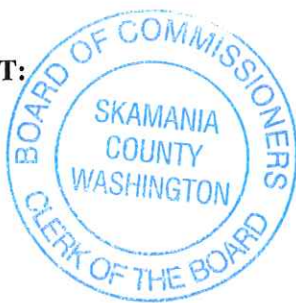
The Board participated in a workshop with Public Works to discuss the facilities painting bids. Funding was discussed as well as what building will be painted.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to award the facilities painting contract to Bob Sady Painting, Inc.

The meeting recessed at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. for a workshop with Elected Officials to discuss SRS funding. Each Elected Official was given an opportunity to speak to the needs they have when the funding is received. The Commissioners each spoke as to their wants for the spending of these funds. All stated the top priority it to get as much paid on the existing loan as possible. Upcoming supplemental budgets were discussed. 2016 budget schedule was outlined by Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer as well as the dates the State Auditors will be here. Department Heads also were asked if they had any needs for additional funding at this time, and the interfund loans to Community Health and the CAPP fund were discussed and the yearly payments will be made on those.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack  
Clerk of the Board

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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0