BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 6, 2016

The Board met at 9:03 a.m. on January 6, 2016 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Doug McKenzie, Chair, Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin present. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director said she would like to give credit to medical and transit drivers for driving in the inclement weather. She also informed the Board of a veteran's contract in the amount of $22,000 Seniors has received retro to September 2015. Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation reported his staff has been working on the 2016 Bluegrass event and events being held in the Exhibit Hall. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer reported on a thank you email she received from Tina McLemore, part time Commissioner's office employee . Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, reported on scheduling, upcoming supplemental budget, and a proposed proclamation to commend two long time county voters.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. January 6, 2016 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners McKenzie Chair, Christopher Brong and Bob Hamlin present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Karen Wyninger of District Court.

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

1. Minutes of December 29, 2015.
2. Letter of Appointment for Dave Kuhn to be re-appointed to position #4 on the Mosquito Control District Board for a two year term
3. Letter of Appointment for Jay Russo to be re-appointed to position #2 on Mosquito Control District Board for a two year term
4. Pre-Hire request to fill a vacant 75% Deputy Clerk position with a full time position in District Court
5. Resolution 2016-01 an action to rescind Resolution 2012-01 that resolved Skamania County to enroll in the Voluntary Stewardship Program
6. Memorandum of Agreement with Robert K. Weidner to serve as Washington, D.C. government relation's advisor

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve moving the Building Inspector Range 23 to Building Official Range 27, effective January 1, 2016.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, pending discussion on ranges to adjust the Community Health Director position from Range 31 to Range 34. The motion died from lack of a second. Commissioner Brong suggested it be tabled until an Executive Session could be held to discuss with County Council pending potential litigation and reserves right to re-visit after the Executive Session. Commissioner McKenzie also stated he wants salary surveys to be included in the conversation.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve new appointments for 2016: Bob Hamlin, Chair and Christopher Brong, Vice Chair, effective January 12, 2015. The Board discussed and made changes to Commissioners assignments to various boards and committees for 2016. Assignments will be posted on the Commissioners page on the County web site.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of December 16-31, 2015, paid January 7, 2016 in the amount of $467,375.26 with $283,007.46 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending a Board of Natural Resources meeting in Olympia. Items discussed were, Encumbered Lands payment to Skamania County, new BNR Chair, Bill Peach, approved timber sales, and Commissioner Goldmark's report to legislature. Commissioner McKenzie reported on meeting with representatives from WKO, Inc to discuss encumbered lands issues. Commissioner McKenzie will also meet in Wahkikum County with Commissioner Dan Cothren to discuss the issue as well. Commissioner McKenzie also reported on attending Regional Transportation Council meeting. Commissioner Brong presented three items he would like addressed at the Legislative Steering Committee meetings. Those included, Discover Passes, Land classifications for private timber harvesters, and access through Department of Natural Resources lands.

The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on behavioral health, public health, and developmental disabilities. She also reported don a new mental health therapist that has been hired, items to be discusses during this legislative session, and marijuana revenue

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- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER&R, Solid Waste, and Community Development. He also reported on issues with the Win Cam dump, new fees at boat launch sites, and Voluntary Stewardship Program.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie reported the County will be receiving approximately $648,000 from the Department of Natural Resources Encumbered Lands funds of which $500,000 has been earmarked to pay on the note.,

The meeting recessed at 10:24 am and reconvened at 10:31 am with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

The Board held a workshop with Public Works Director, Larry Douglas to discuss custodial positions. Discussion included savings to the County. The Board agreed that the Director can move forward with Human Resources to re-advertise for one full time and one on-call custodial positions.

The Board met in executive session regarding potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i), from 10:36 a.m. until 11:20 a.m., with no action taken.

Commissioner Brong stated that an analysis of the Community Health Director position, prepared by Human Resources had been reviewed by the Board, and similar position in other Counties were either contracted or other counties had great difference in types of duties performed compared to the Community Health Director for Skamania County. Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin to increase the Community Health Director position from Range 31 to Range 34, effective January 1, 2016. After discussion Commissioner McKenzie voted nay, stating the salary survey was not done by an unbiased, independent company. Motion carried.

The Board discussed potential salary surveys of all employees except Directors and the Guild as guide for negotiations with other employees and to get an indication of what other counties are paying.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong to approve Human Resources to move forward to look for proposals from companies to provide salary surveys for all employees except Directors and Guild. After discussion in which Commissioner McKenzie reminded the Board there are dollar issues involved, motion carried. Human Resources will contact Department Heads and Elected Officials to have them bring current job descriptions up to date.

The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:31 p.m. with Commissioners Brong, McKenzie and Hamlin present.

The Board met to hear reports from the Columbia River Gorge Commission Director, Krystyna Wolniakowski and Lynn Burditt Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager. Ms. Wolniakowski reported on staffing, proposal from Port of Cascade Lock on transportation issues in the Gorge, and Gorge Commission committee re-structuring,. Ms. Burditt reported on Personnel, areas, including Dog Mountain trailhead within the scenic area that she is working on to provide long and short term fixes to parking and other problems. She also reported on a new postal stamp, the 100th anniversary of the historic Columbia River Highway, the 100th anniversary of Eagle Creek, and the 30th anniversary of the Scenic Area Act and a new position of a regional forest liaison that will sit in Olympia. She also reported on two federal land acquisitions within Skamania County.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board

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Commissioner

Aye _____
Nay _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 12-13, 2016

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2016 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present. Toni Farris, Probation Officer discussed scheduling and grant opportunities. Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation discussed upcoming events, meeting room scheduling and fees. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer reported on year end reporting to the CPA and annual report done for EMS District #1, sending grant reporting forms to departments, purchase of office equipment, and the need to use a better caliber of pen so that the scanning system will pick up signature. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator, reminded the Board of a public hearing to be held at 5:30 pm to consider an application for a change of land classification and setting up quarterly meetings with Skamania County EMS District #1.

The meeting recessed at 9:10 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. January 12, 2016 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation.

Helen Paulus, Underwood resident thanked the Board for their service and dedication to the County.; She remarked that the science is in and marijuana is a mind altering, additive drug and urged them to Just Say No to the marijuana processing plant at the Wind River Nursery. She told them that the DARE program has been instrumental in the County and now by their support they are saying it's "ok" to use drugs. She remarked they will answer to a higher power and asked them if they would like their family member taking this mind altering drug.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident wished the Board a Happy New Year. She urged the Board to consider hiring Roger Proctor as the Veteran's Service Officer to help local veteran's receive benefits they are entitled to. She said that there are enough funds in the Veteran's Relief fun to hire him and Klickitat County has found it is a justifiable expenditure. She also remarked that she would like to see him hired for at least one day a week on a one year contract. She told the Board that veteran's can't fight for benefits alone and they need this advocate.

Commissioner Hamlin read a Proclamation for Kathryn Hays and Edna Skaar thanking them for their contributions to the community and county and commitment to voting. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve the Proclamation. The Proclamtaion for Kathryn Hays was presented to her grandson Alex Hays.

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

1. Minutes of January 6, 2016
2. Letter to Ron Saranich, U.S. Forest Service, Regional Biomass Coordinator supporting USFS Innovations grant application
3. Set public hearing for 5:30 pm on March 8, 2016 to consider Resolution 2016-03, Supplemental Budget #1 to 2016 Budget
4. Pre-hire request for one full time custodian and one on-call custodian for Buildings and Grounds and begin hiring process

Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 7, 2016 in the total amount of $192,343.72 with $107,152.23 being Current Expense.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner McKenzie updated the Board on meeting with Wahkiakum County Commissioner Dan Cothren, personnel from Columbia Land Trust and High Cascade/WKO, Inc. employees, Ron Schneider and Jon Paul Anderson to discuss encumbered lands issues. He also attended a Regional Transportation Council meeting and told the Board dues will be raised for the first time in many years. Commissioner Brong reported on phone calls he has had with Shari Hildreth, aide to Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler concerning federal land acquisitions. He also attended a Southwest Behavioral Health meeting and asked if one of the other Commissioners can attend Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities meeting on January 28, 2016 as he wont' be available. Commissioner Hamlin met with Jason Spadero of SDS to discuss the encumbered lands issue. He also reported on attending a Mid Columbia Economic Development meeting and a meeting with Commissioner Dennis Weber of Cowlitz County to discuss a land swap proposal.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported behavioral health, public health and developmental disabilities. She discussed her schedule and that she will be sending a compliance report for consideration at next week's meeting. She told the Board her travel may be more than normal due to numerous Health Care Authority meetings she will be attending from now until March 31st.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director was absent but sent in a written report. He 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 his schedule, scenic area permit, and a fender bender between a private driver and county Road employee.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner McKenzie remarked that when the encumbered lands revenue is received the Board may want to consider putting $550,000 aside for the loan instead of $500,000.

The meeting recessed at 10:13a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Robert Waymire, Auditor to discuss the State Auditor's office lean program. He informed the Board he will be utilizing the program for payroll and accounts payable this year to see if there are ways to streamline the processes used.

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair in attendance.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Financial Management Office to discuss County finances. Due to computer problems in the Treasurer's office, information for revenue tracking for year end was not available for review by the Commissioners. The loan payments to the Note Fund were discussed as well as interfund loan payments, carryover, quarterly reviews, replacement of Sheriff's ER & R funds, and items to be included in the first supplemental of the year.

The meeting recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair in attendance.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the proposed Courthouse Plaza project with representatives of the Stevenson Business Association. Scott Anderson introduced the design team of Jeff Carlson and Pat Hood of Rock Cove Design who showed the Board a power point presentation of three potential designs for the plaza. The Board asked about parking ideas, public input, and funding sources. Also discussed was the current interlocal agreement that will expire in 2016. The presentation will be available on the County's website in the near future.

The meeting recessed at 2:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

A public hearing was held to consider an application from Ronald G. Kapp, to change land classification from designated forest land to open space, open space on 52 acres of tax parcel #03093120010000. There was no staff report. There was no public comment. Commissioner McKenzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Brong and motion carried to approve the application from Ronald G. Kapp to change the land classification on 52 acres of tax parcels # 03093120010000 from forestry to open space, open space.

The meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in a workshop with Department of Natural Resources, and Columbia Land Trust to discuss a 2016 Legislative proposal for Southwest Washington County Land Exchange (Encumbered Lands). Representatives from American Forest Resource Council, and High Cascade/WKO, Inc. were in attendance as well as Elected Officials from Skamania County, and County Commissioners from Pacific and Wahkiakum County. Discussion included the trading of unproductive and encumbered county trust lands for other revenue producing state forest lands. The new 2016 Legislative Capital Budget request would replace all non-harvestable timber lands for revenue producing forest lands in Wahkiakum, Pacific and Skamania Counties. Discussion included concerns about putting land in conservation and buying lands in other counties making it difficult for local companies to continue to be profitable. Discussion also included the impact on school funding as a result of the trades, what the effects would be on Skamania County if they don't participate, what would happen if Skamania County took back land from the DNR concerning the Habitat Conservation Plan. Also discussed was the possibility of using encumbered land funds to purchase lands the Forest Service is trying to purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Commissioner

absent

Commissioner

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 20, 2016

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2016 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present. Debi Van Camp, Human Resource Director, reported on revising job descriptions, District Court personnel actions, and salary surveys. Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation reported on scheduled meeting room events, Fair Board meeting, potential junior rodeo, Bluegrass marketing, and theme for 2015 Skamania County Fair. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director reported on Dog Mountain Safety Committee meeting, parking plans, signage, and shuttle transportation. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer discussed attendance for her and the Financial Management Coordinator at the Washington State Association of County Clerks Council in May. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator reported on FTR Gold recorder issues, scheduling and advertising.

The meeting recessed at 9:22 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. January 20, 2016 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, Doug McKenzie, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Repar, Stevenson resident.

Commissioner Hamlin led the audience in a moment of silence for the passing of Myra Jean Richardson, wife of former County Commissioner and long time County employee, Jim (JR) Richardson. Commissioner Hamlin told the audience that Jim and Myra were married for 49 years.

Commissioner McKenzie left the meeting to attend a meeting in Olympia to testify concerning Discovery Park Passes.

Scott Burnett, North Bonneville, brought up the issue of contracting with Roger Proctor , Veteran's Services Officer. He told the Board hel feels it would help Veteran's of the County to have Mr. Proctor available rather than have to travel to White Salmon or Vancouver. He informed the Board of a person that was helped by Mr. Proctor that received 100% of benefits applied for with the help of Mr. Proctor and that he does and excellent job. He urged the Board to consider contracting with Mr. Proctor for at least a year to let him do his magic and they will be surprised.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident, commented on the need for Animal Control to be put back in the County budget. She told of a dog that was found wandering in Stabler by out of tow people that was malnutritioned and dehydrated. The dog was brought to a store in Stevenson and Mary fostered it over the weekend. Mary reported there were Facebook postings of the dog being found and the dog was was returned to owners without being checked out. Mary commented she went to the Sheriff's office and ultimately a deputy visited the owner after it had already been returned. Mary filed a complaint with the Sheriff's office and urged the Board to add Animal Contract back into the budget and have an Animal Control Officer.

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

1. Minutes of January 12-13, 2016
2. Liquor License Renewal for Backwoods Brewing Company
3. Amend Resolution 2015-18 with Resolution 2016-04 to include a Consumer Price Index (CPI) and DEQ fee adjustment clause
4. Pre-Hire request for two Road Maintenance Worker III positions

5. Pre-Hire Request for 65% Bus Driver with CDL positions
6. Pre-Hire Request for part-time 50% Community Events Laborer
7. Contract with Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, using Lodging Tax funds to promote tourism
8. Contract with Official Payments Corporation for services relating to credit/debit card payment processing.
9. Contract with Skamania County Economic Development Council to provide recruitment, retention and community development activities.
10. Community Health Compliance Plan in response to guidelines from funding sources

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 14, 2016 in the total amount of $124,904.42 with $28,660.92 being Current Expense, and a special voucher run for January 6, 2016 in the total amount of $13,817.24.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of January 1-15, 2016 in the total amount of $454,303.09 with $257,855.54 being Current Expense.

Emily Stevenson, Noxious Weed Coordinator reported on 2015 highlights, 2016 planning, and an upcoming 5th Annual Invasive Species and Exotic Pest workshop on March 17, 2016.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on telephone calls with Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Beutler's aide, Shari Hildreth to discuss Pacific Crest Trail land purchase by the Forest Service. He also reported meeting with the realtors of the land in question. He also discussed letters that he is working on for the Board to review and a complaint about the Cemetery District from a citizen. Commissioner Hamlin reported on also meeting with the realtors of the 275 acres. He also reported on a One Gorge meeting where transportation in the Gorge was discussed and a Mid Columbia Economic Development District meeting he attended.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner Hamlin reported everything is normal.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director was attending meetings in Olympia. She submitted a written report to the Board. She reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health and Developmental Disabilities.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director was absent but sent in a written report. He 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 an upcoming meeting with Washington Department of Transportation to discuss Wind River Junction and Sand Hill projects. He also reported a dead butternut tree has been removed on County property near the annex, the move of a fuel station from the Prindle shop to the Mt Pleasant Transfer Site, and a potential contract for a Deputy pro-tem Hearing Examiner. The Board will meet with potential candidates individually. He also reported that complaints involving the fee changes at the Boat Launch sites have slowed down. He also discussed with the Board, Dog Mountain parking, and Skye Road slide.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss Commissioner meeting schedule, part time position for Commissioners office, salary surveys, supplemental budget and CAPP and Community Health interfund loan payments .The Board decided to change the agenda of the first Tuesday Commissioners' meeting of each month. They will accept public comment, and approve vouchers and payroll only. If there is a need for time sensitive items, they will be considered as well. The remainder of the meetings for the month will continue with normal agenda items. Also, the Board discussed not hiring a part-time person for the Commissioners' office until later in the spring, April or May. The Board asked that $75,000 for each of the two interfund loan payments for CAPP and Community Health be included in Supplemental Budget #1 but delay payment until May. Salary surveys for the County were discussed including potential cost, updated job descriptions and cost of living adjustments. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 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

absent

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes for Meeting of January 26, 2016

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. on January 26, 2016 for a staff meeting at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present. Debi Van Camp, Human Resource Director, discussed the Affordable Care Act, the Department of Retirement Systems information, and an IRS medical form. Arlene Johnson, Senior Services Director reported on a new grant from Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington grant, personnel, and the Dog Mountain parking plan. Alex Hays, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation reported on scheduled meeting room events, agricultural exposition and a junior rodeo meeting. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer reported on the acquisition of a second scanner in the Commissioners' office, revenue and expenditure information for yearend 2015, and policy relating to media contacts. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator updated the Board on FTR Gold recording issues, and scheduling.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. January 20, 2016 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Boyes, Skamania resident.

Scott Burnett, North Bonneville, reminded the Board that Roger Proctor, Veterans' Service Officer is needed and the process to contract with him is taking longer than needed. He told the Board Skamania County needs his service and once they contract with him they will see they benefit to Veterans. He wishes they would "get going".

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident, agreed with Scott Burnett, and said having a Veteran's Service Officer one day a week paid out of the Veteran's Relief fund is needed. She also urged the Board to sell carbon credits as there will be a market for it. She urged the Board to get money for what we have; referring to NPA which she said pays higher taxes to County each year.

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

1. Minutes of January 20, 2016
2. County Road Administration (CRAB) 2016 County Road Levy Certification
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State University Extension to provide cooperative extension services for Skamania County
4. Intergovernmental Purchasing Agreement with Grays Harbor County
5. Agreement with Underwood Conservation District to provide natural resource technical assistance, workshops and services to Skamania County landowners and residents.
6. Contract with Skamania County Domestic Violence Council to provide domestic violence and sexual assault assistance and counseling to Skamania County residents
7. Contract with Senior Services of Skamania County, Inc. to operate and maintain a Senior Services Center in North Bonneville.
8. Contract with Washington Gorge Action Programs for operation of a food bank in Stevenson, WA.

9. Contract Amendment #1 with Washington Gorge Action Programs to provide funding to continue operation of a Transitional Housing Program and a Shelter Program in Skamania County
10. Contract with Skamania County Community Events and Recreation for tourism promotion using lodging tax funding.
11. Contract with Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association for tourism promotion using lodging tax funding
12. Contract with Gorge Outdoor Market for tourism promotion using lodging tax funding
13. Contract with Skamania County Historical Society for tourism promotion using lodging tax funding
14. Contract with Skamania County Senior Services for tourism promotion using lodging tax funding
15. Contract Amendment #4 with Berger ABAM adding additional funding for Phase 2 task assignments on the Shoreline Master Program update.
16. Contract with DatatoInfo for software support for the Senior Services transportation and financial database support.

Commissioner Brong moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period ending January 20, 2016 in the total amount of $31,993.88 with $11,318.83 being Current Expense.

Missy Cummins, and Jim Kropf, reported on WSU Extension activities. Missy Cummins is the 4-H Regional Specialist and Interim County Director and Jim Kropf, is the Natural Resources Program Director and Director of County Administration for WSU Extension. They reported on Administration, 4-H, Community and Economic Development, and Natural Resource, Small Farms and Home Gardening.

The Board gave updates on their attendance at various meetings. Commissioner Brong reported on the possibility for a workshop with legislative aides to discuss SRS and PILT funding, funds for schools, and federal land management issues. He will be speaking to Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Beutler during an upcoming trip to Washington DC. He also reported he will meet with the Pioneer editor to report on these issues as outreach to the public. He also thanked Commissioner Hamlin for taking his place at a scheduled Council on Government meeting. Commissioner Hamlin gave updates from a Legislative Steering Committee meeting. Legislation discussed was Early Adopter program, Discovery Pass program, State Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds, and roundtable discussions held in conjunction with the Legislative sessions held every two weeks

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Note Fund. Commissioner Hamlin reported everything is status-quo.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

Department Heads presented the following reports:

- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director was not in attendance but submitted a written report. She reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health and Developmental Disabilities.

- Larry Douglass, Public Works Director was absent but sent in a written report. He 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 an upcoming meeting with Washington Department of Transportation to discuss Wind River Junction and Sand Hill projects. He also reported on the Bridge of the Gods Overlook lease agreement with WSDOT, potential acquisition of surplus computers, Wind River Business Park land use agreement with the Forest Service, building permits, and Gillet Lake's update.

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Christopher Brong, and Bob Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in a workshop with the Financial Management Officer, Auditor, Treasurer and Assessor to discuss County finances. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Officer presented spreadsheets to the Board with revenue and expenditures received and spent in 2015, and historical revenue and expenditures from 2011-2015.The Treasurer reported that the Schedule 11 is done for the State Auditor's Office and working on implementation of Schedule 7 for the SAO and County CPA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 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