

Board of County Commissioners  
Board Time Minutes  
February 13, 2013

Commissioner Steve Stuart called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Attendees: Steve Stuart, Tom Mielke, David Madore, Bill Barron, Axel Swanson, Kelly Sills, Holley Gilbert, Francine Reis, and Darryl Walker

The Commissioners conducted a telephone discussion with the county lobbyist Mike Burgess regarding legislative activity of interest to the county.

The minutes from January 30, 2013 and February 6, 2013 were distributed but not approved pending opportunity for further review. Will be on agenda for approval during February 20, 2013 Board Time.

Under Old Business:

1. The Board finalized work on the policies for Commissioner Madore's executive assistant. It was noted that he and Ms. Miller have executed the agreement provided by the Prosecuting Attorney for her to accomplish her duties as executive assistant.
2. With regard to the Prosecuting Attorney's input on providing greater guidance, the Board reviewed Chris Horne's input and asked that a more detailed matrix be provided reflecting actual situations that the Commissioners are faced with in the daily routines.
3. With regard to the rules of practice the Board seemed favorable with the proposed 2013 version, but would like more time to review the ethics section before incorporating that piece into the rules of practice.
4. The Board then assigned alternates to relevant Board Assignment positions and added the Health Board Alliance as a Board assignment. Commissioner Stuart will be the board's representative in this regard.
5. The Board reviewed the action documents created from the January retreat. With that review, they asked for this matter to be returned to next week's Board Time for final approval.
6. Two Department of Environmental Services (DES) position vacancies were again presented for status. The Board asked that Anita Largent come to board time next week and brief the Board on the importance of these positions to the DES mission.
7. Bill Barron asked the Board if they had questions on the request to fill the Railroad Coordinator position (initially presented on 2/6/13). The Board asked that this matter be brought back to Board Time next week for a decision after Commissioner Mielke is briefed on the job description for this position.

Under Customary Matters:

1. Commissioner Reports:

a. Commissioner Madore reported:

- 1.) Understanding the SWBH RSN budget is a top priority.
- 2.) On his meeting with John Choquer to discuss the winery ordinance.
- 3.) Wants more county involvement in the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) efforts to build a new power line. The Board agreed that Axel Swanson and Commissioner Madore will meet with Tom Hann to ascertain the advantage of cooperation (vs. coordination), its applicability to BPA, and review undergrounding options and report back to next week's Board Time.
- 4.) Bronson Potter will be asked to attend Board Time next week to discuss an advisory vote on the CRC.

b. Commissioner Mielke reported that the Clark County Fair is 150 years old this year. Kelly Sills will draft a proclamation for the fair's sesquicentennial.

2. Work session requests were approved as submitted, with an enhancement to broaden the proposed economic development work session to include the railroad.
3. Vacancy review for two Public Works positions were put over until next week for a decision. Henceforth, vacancy review requests will be provided to the Board a week in advance for their review prior to making decision.
4. Bill Barron requested direction on paying invoice to C-Tran for the Commute Trip Reduction program and to the Greater Vancouver Chamber for annual dues. The Board agreed to pay C-Tran invoices. Commissioner Madore and Mielke directed that the Chamber invoices were not to be paid. Commissioner Stuart did not agree with this action.
5. Kelly Sills noted that state legislative district boundary changes have resulted in bifurcation of a precinct that necessitates boundary change for commissioner districts 1 and 3. He recommended that this change be rolled into Auditor's final precinct changes later this month. The Board concurred.

Adjournment was at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Barron  
County Administrator