

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of January 24th, 2023

The Board of Commissioners met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom. Sophie Miller, Senior Services, reported on the need for a new van, the updated rural status of Skamania County, and the turnout for the Seniors Lunch. Alex Hays, Community Events Director, reported on working with the Fair Board, meeting with the City of Stevenson for a preliminary plan for a treatment plant, the upgrade to the grate near the pump station, and the Blue Grass festival. Chris Wood, Probation, was absent. Sara Slack, Human Resources Specialist, reported on open positions in the Planning Department, Solid Waste, and Superior Court, and the newly hired Planner II start date. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator, reported on previously sent out December revenue expenditures spreadsheet, gathering information for the annual report, the grant information due date, Resolution 2023-06 to set a public hearing for supplemental budget #1 for 2023, the Public Defender supplemental, and the distribution of the budget book. Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board, reported on current projects and upcoming trainings.

The meeting recessed at 9:17 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair present via Zoom.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Hannah Brause, WSU Extension Director.

Mary Repar, a Stevenson resident, made a public comment thanking Tim Elsea for being the County Engineer and also commented on recycling in the county.

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

1. Liquor License application for change of corporate officers/stockholders for Backwoods Brewing Company.
2. Set public hearing for Supplemental Budget #1 for 2023.
3. Authorization to advertise and fill vacant position in Prosecutor's Office for Office Assistant V.
4. Homeless Housing funding request from Washington Gorge Action Programs for up to \$15,000.
5. Contract extension with KPFF for Butler Eddy Bridge inspection services.
6. Contract with Washington State Military Department to provide funding for Skamania County EOC to assist with planning and operations.
7. Agreement with Public Safety Testing, Inc. to provide pre-employment testing services for the Skamania County Sheriff's Office.
8. Contract with Washington State Department of Commerce for STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.
9. Resolution 2023-07, Skamania County Commissioners' support for a Criminal Justice Training Commission expansion to add regional law enforcement training center in SW Washington.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion passed unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated January 24th, 2023, in the total amount of \$193,688.74 with \$118,882.48 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 190702 through 190774.

Commissioner Leckie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen, and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of January 1st, 2023, through January 15th, 2023, in the total amount of \$667,463.49 with \$391,715.87 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 43981 through 43988 and direct deposit numbers 76426 through 76602.

The Board met with Hannah Brause, WSU Extension Director for updates.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended.

The Board met for Department Head reports:

- Tamara Cissell, Community Health Director, reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Housing.
- David Waymire, Public Works Director, reported on Engineering, County Road, Building Division, Community Development, ER&R, Solid Waste, Information Technology, Buildings and Grounds, and the Wind River Business Park.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:34 a.m. with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom.

The Board met for a Safety Committee report with Debi VanCamp, Human Resources Administrator.

- Commissioner Leckie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2021-E-07 and agree with the supervisor that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should be more aware of surroundings when pulling off the roadway.
- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-E-08 and agree with the Department Manager that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should be more aware of surroundings and use spotters, if necessary.
- Commissioner Leckie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-E-09 and agree with the Supervisor and Department Manager that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should be more aware of surroundings. The employee could drop the client off at end of driveway.
- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-E-10 and agree with the Department Manager that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should be more aware of surroundings when backing up.
- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-E-11 and agree with the Supervisor that this is a preventable incident when plowing to clear roads, and the employee should be more aware of surroundings or things sticking up out of the snow.
- Commissioner Leckie moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-E-12 and agree with the Supervisor that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should be more aware of roadway edges.
- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-02 and agree with the Supervisor and Department Manager that this is a preventable incident on the part of the client. Animals are to be contained when deliveries are being made or picked up and dropped off.

- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-03 and agree with the Supervisor and Department Head that this is a preventable incident and the employee should be wearing protective gloves that are provided by employer.
- Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Leckie and the motion carried unanimously to approve 2022-04 and agree with the Supervisor that this is a preventable incident, and the employee should wear footwear during training/drills.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:01 a.m. with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom.

The Board held a workshop with the Financial Management Office, Elected Officials, Department Heads and Managers to discuss County Finances.

The meeting recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom.

The Board met in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Performance of a Public Employee with Debi VanCamp, Human Resources Administrator, and Sara Slack, Human Resource Specialist, in attendance for 30 minutes. The session ended at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom.

The Board met in a workshop with David Waymire, Public Works Director, to discuss moving forward with the CRAB Board.

The meeting recessed at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:16 p.m. with Commissioners Asa Leckie and Richard Mahar present. Commissioner T.W. Lannen, Chair was present via Zoom.

The Board met with Krystyna Wolniakowski, Columbia River Gorge Commission Executive Director for updates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kira Sord
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

T.W. Lannen
T.W. Lannen, Chair

Richard Mahar
Richard Mahar, Commissioner

Asa Leckie
Asa Leckie, Commissioner

Aye 3 Abstain 0
Nay 0 Absent 0