

**SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave.**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**  
**Agenda for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

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**Please note, when a holiday falls on Monday, the regular meeting is held on Wednesday of that week.**

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**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

9:30 AM      Call to Order  
                 Pledge of Allegiance  
                 Public Comment (3 minutes)  
                 Written Public Comment received by Mitch Patton

Voucher Approval

Letter of Support for Columbia Housing Corporation's Assisted Living Facility

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation & request to display banner on Courthouse lawn from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation & request to display banner on Courthouse lawn from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Meeting Updates

Adjourn



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District 1

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Asa Leckie  
District 3

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray and Senator Cantwell  
Via Bryan Stebbings  
[Bryan\_Stebbing@murray.senate.gov]  
Southwest Washington Director

**RE: Letter of Support for Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation's Assisted Living Facility**

Dear Honorable Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell:

Skamania County submits this letter as endorsement of support for Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation's Assisted Living Facility Project.

The assisted living facility will provide essential housing to Columbia River Gorge residents. Since 2012, residents of Klickitat County have not had an assisted living facility within the county and the proposed facility will provide the county's first memory care unit. We are grateful to have the Rock Cove Assisted Living Facility—a CCHC development here in Skamania County – and recognize the need for more developments such as this in our region to address the unmet need.

The Assisted Living Facility would allow residents to age with dignity and grace in the community which they presently reside. As our aging low-income population continues to grow, this will help meet their needs.

Skamania County is pleased to support this project and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation's request to leverage ARPA investments through USDA RD's Community Facilities Grant program. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact our office at (509)427-3700.

Sincerely,

Asa Leckie  
Chair

Richard Mahar  
Commissioner

T.W. Lannen  
Commissioner



**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month—a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it. Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems and affect all communities and those who reside in them.

**WHEREAS**, In the United States alone, according to the CDC, over half of the women population and one in three men have experienced physical-contact sexual violence at some point in their lifetime. Furthermore the CDC states, one in four women and about one in twenty-six men have experienced completed or attempted rape.

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault has a long-term impact on survivors. The Bureau of Justice Statistics show that 70% of rape or sexual assault survivors experience moderate to severe distress—a larger percentage reported than for other violent crimes.

**WHEREAS**, each of us has the power to change that. Together, we can make a difference to build safe and respectful communities that thrive and pave the way for a future without sexual violence for generations to come.

**WHEREAS**, the Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) is committed to empowering and supporting victims/survivors of sexual violence, and to the elimination of all forms of sexual violence through prevention education and community awareness; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County join Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) and advocates across the country in proclaiming that we can build a safe future together! We are committed to eliminating sexual violence and hereby proclaim the month of April as

***NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH***

in Skamania County, and we urge all individuals and communities to join us in this special observance.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Richard Mahar

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Asa Leckie

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Tom Lannen

**Proclamation  
National Child Abuse Prevention Month  
April 1-30, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Children’s Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported an national estimate of 1,990 children died from abuse and neglect during Federal fiscal year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Skamania County; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County do hereby proclaim April as

***NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

in Skamania County, and we urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Richard Mahar

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Asa Leckie

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Tom Lannen