

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of May 14th, 2024

The Board met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024. Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, were present. Reports were provided by Community Events and Recreation Manager Alex Hays, Financial Management Administrator Heidi Penner, Human Resources Administrator Sara Slack, Probation Officer Chris Wood, and Clerk of the Board Lisa Sackos. Senior Services Program Manager Sophie Miller was absent.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on May 14th, 2024, at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, WA with Commissioners Richard Mahar, T.W. Lannen, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Deputy Chris Helton.

Public comment was provided by Mary Grode, west end resident, regarding the planning matrix and Courthouse Plaza Project.

Public comment was provided by Mary Repar, Stevenson resident, regarding the Courthouse Plaza Project and the Planning Commission.

The Board acknowledged Skamania County Engineering team members Sadi' Stouder-Pettenger, Randy Moline, Tony Hegewald, and Greyson Rudd for their receipt of the Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board.

The Board acknowledged the retirement of Deputy Chris Helton and presented him with a retirement clock for his 29 years of service with the Skamania County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Lannen moved, Commissioner Mahar seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for meeting April 30th, 2024.
2. Minutes for meeting May 7th, 2024.
3. Contract renewal with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. for County postage machine and a new iX-5 machine.
4. Local agency federal aid project prospectus for the Washougal Slide Feasibility Study project.
5. Contract with Pye Barker Fire & Safety, LLC for a fire suppression system in the first and second floor Courthouse vaults.
6. Contract with Interior Exterior Specialists, LLC to install a fire suppression system in the first and second floor Courthouse vaults.
7. Appointment of Skamania County Prosecutor Adam Kick to the Opioid Abatement Council as a Skamania County Prosecutor's Office representative.
8. Appointment of Chief Deputy Rob Itzen to the Opioid Abatement Council as a Skamania County Sheriff's Office representative.

9. Appointment of Community Health Director Tamara Cissell to the Opioid Abatement Council as a Skamania County Community Health Department representative.
10. Appointment of Public Hospital District Commissioner Dale Grams to the Opioid Abatement Council as a Skamania County Public Hospital District representative.
11. Appointment of One Prevention Alliance Representative Glenn Daman to the Opioid Abatement Council as a One Prevention Alliance representative.
12. Appointment of City of Stevenson Council Member Dave Cox to the Opioid Abatement Council as a City of Stevenson representative.
13. Contract renewal with Truth Verification Service, LLC for polygraph services to court-involved youth being evaluated or placed into the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative by Juvenile Court.
14. Memorandum of Understanding with Educational Service District 112 (ESD112), People for People, & NEXT for provide pre-employment transition services for students with disabilities ages 14-21, youth ages 16-24, and adults.
- ~~15. Contract with Local Government Practice Group BerryDunn for consulting services. - Pulled~~

Commissioner Mahar moved, Commissioner Lannen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated May 14th, 2024, in the total amount of \$957,440.93 with \$180,658.89 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 198082 through 198212.

Commissioner Lannen moved, Commissioner Mahar seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2024-01, Amending Skamania County Code Title 15, Chapter 15.18 Flood Damage.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Chair announced that the County Forester report was cancelled.

The Board met for Department Head reports:

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

The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met in a workshop to discuss Resolution 2024-07, County ADA Transition Plan with County Engineer Sadi' Stouder-Pettenger, Public Works Director David Waymire, and Transportation Solutions, Inc. Planner Jennifer Salemann and Engineer Victor Salemann present.

The meeting recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:07 a.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met in a workshop with Prosecutor Adam Kick to discuss establishing a Courthouse lawn use policy.

Commissioner Mahar left the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and returned at 11:37 a.m.

The Board entered into discussion regarding the contract with Local Government Practice Group BerryDunn for consulting services. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:42 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met in a workshop with the City of Stevenson to discuss the Courthouse Plaza Project. Mayor Scott Anderson, City Administrator Leana Kinley, and Stevenson Downtown Association Director Kelly McKee were present.

The meeting recessed at 3:13 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:34 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 5:01 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen and Asa Leckie, Chair, present. Commissioner Richard Mahar was absent.

Commissioner Lannen moved, Commissioner Leckie, Chair, stepped down and seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the contract with Local Government Practice Group BerryDunn for consulting services.

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 5:32 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen and Asa Leckie, Chair, present. Commissioner Richard Mahar was present via Zoom.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting recessed at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 5:36 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen and Asa Leckie, Chair, present. Commissioner Richard Mahar was present via Zoom.

A public hearing was held to take public testimony and consider adopting Resolution 2024-04, Supplemental Budget #1 for 2024 Budget. Financial Management Administrator Heidi Penner provided a staff report. There was no public testimony. Commissioner Lannen moved, Commissioner Mahar seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-04, Supplemental Budget #1 for the 2024 Budget.

The Board met for a workshop with Skamania County Fire District Chiefs Chris Fuller, Frank Yela, Trevor Creon, and Rob Farris, and Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Ayers to discuss the County Fire Plan and fire season preparedness.

Commissioner Mahar left the meeting at 6:17 p.m. and returned at 6:18 p.m.


Commissioner Lannen left the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and returned at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioner Mahar moved, Commissioner Lannen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the Skamania County Board of Commissioners meeting for Tuesday, May 14th, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:





Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Asa Leckie, Chairman



Richard Mahar, Commissioner



T.W. Lannen, Commissioner