

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Skamania County Courthouse**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**

**Minutes for Meeting of December 2-4, 2019**

The Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Monday December 2, 2019 for the purpose of holding Final Budget Workshops pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, in Stevenson with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen, and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met with Sheriff Dave Brown for a Final Budget Workshop for 2020. Salary sheets, new hires, personnel, contracts, levy shift, diversion, Work Crew person, Jail medical, Courthouse security, and Title III revenue were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened the same day, at 11:03 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen, and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met with Tim Elsea, Public Works Director for a Final Budget Workshop for 2020. A levy shift was discussed as well as IT and Buildings and Grounds budgets. Discussion included moving funds from reserve funds to IT and Buildings and Grounds and removing a ½ time person from B & G. Other items discussed was mandatory and discretionary services, health insurance, COLA's and position budgeting.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the next day, December 3, 2019 with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen, and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on November 13, 2019 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Bill Yee, Stevenson resident.

Shawn Morrill of North Bonneville commented he was new to the area and observing the meeting.

Amelia Shelly, Executive Director of the Fort Vancouver Library Board recognized Bill Yee for 14 years of service to the Library Board.

A workshop was held by the Board to discuss a replacement for a position on the Library Board. Time, flexibility, travel, committees, finance and policy, and meeting schedule were discussed.

Commissioner Lannen moved, to approve vouchers in the amount of \$56,973.04 with \$21,047.53 being Current Expense, covering warrants 174279 -174328. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and it carried unanimously.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin reported on meeting with Leana Kinley of the City of Stevenson to discuss Parks and Recreation District. He also discussed a warming shelter proposal, a request from the American Legion for a designation letter of support. He also reported on the MCEDD LAB meeting. Commissioner Lannen reported on meeting with Human

Resources on employee performance evaluations. He also discussed the Marbled Murrelet proposal. Commissioner Mahar reported on budgets, and a Professional Leadership Course. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and motion carried unanimously for Commissioner Lannen to be the County's representative for HCD, and designate the Chair, Richard Mahar to sign all documents related to the case.

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:45 a.m. with Commissioner Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met in a workshop to discuss Commissioners' office budgets for 2020. Carryover, amount to balance, sales and use tax, colas, removing range adjustments, clarifying certification, Eden and Munis programs, reserves, and budget book appearance were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:39 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

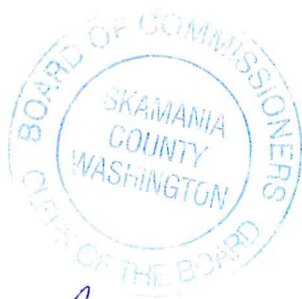
The Board met for Washington Gorge Action Program updates with Leslie Naramore, Executive Director. She reported on the 5-year Homeless Housing Plan, Buildable Lands Assessments, LIHEAP, Shelter repairs, Food Bank, warming shelter, grants, and touring Hood River Homeless Housing facilities.

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened the next day, December 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Tom Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met with State Legislators to discuss the 20202 Legislative Agenda. Representative Gina McCabe and Senator Curtis King attended. Items discussed were behavioral health, funding for state hospital, public defense, unfunded mandates, fish passage barrier removal, encumbered lands and sustainable harvest, and regional transportation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

**ATTEST:**



Debbie Shaw  
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Richard Mahar  
Commissioner

Tom Lannen  
Commissioner

Robert Hamlin  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0