

**SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

240 NW Vancouver Ave.

Stevenson, WA 98648

Agenda for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Meeting ID:** 889 0632 1210

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

9:30 AM Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Public Comment (3 minutes)

Consent Agenda: Items will be considered and approved on a single motion. Any Commissioner may, by request, remove an item from the agenda prior to approval.

1. Minutes for meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. Set public hearing for public testimony and consider adopting the 2025 Preliminary Budget.
3. Contract amendment #1 with the Skamania County Pioneer to adjust the legal notice printing rate.
4. Letter to Robert K. Weidner regarding renewal of interlocal agreement.
5. State of Washington Hazard Mitigation Grant to supply back-up power for emergencies.

Voucher Approval

Meeting Updates

10:00 AM Department Head Reports

10:30 AM Workshop with Community Health and Public Works to discuss replacement of seasonal shelter with modular for Community Health administrative staff

11:00 AM Washington Small Business Development Center Updates

Lunch

1:30 PM Workshop to discuss the 2025 Preliminary Budget

2:30 PM Washington Gorge Action Programs Updates

Adjourn

Note: Agenda subject to change. Times listed are estimates only. The Commission reserves the right to move agenda items as needed during the meeting, and may add and act on any item not included in the above agenda. If necessary, the Board may hold executive sessions on scheduled meeting days. Meeting minutes and audio recordings may be found at [www.skamaniacounty.org](http://www.skamaniacounty.org).

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Skamania County Courthouse**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**  
**Minutes for Meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Board met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar and Asa Leckie, Chair, were present. Reports were provided by, Community Events and Recreation Manager Alex Hays, Senior Services Program Manager Sophie Miller, Financial Management Administrator Heidi Penner, Clerk of the Board Lisa Sackos, Human Resources Specialist Cora Moyer, and Probation Officer Chris Wood.

The meeting recessed at 9:12 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Commissioners' meeting room located at 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, Washington with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar, and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Commissioner Asa Leckie, Chair.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation & request to display banner on Courthouse lawn.

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

1. Minutes for meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. Minutes for meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
3. Set public hearing for public testimony and consider adopting Resolution 2024-16, Supplemental Budget #2.
4. Resolution 2024-13, Establishing a New Fund for Capital Match for Skamania County Senior Services.
5. Authorize Public Works Director to sell surplus vehicles.
6. Contract renewal with Back Country Plowing & Grooming for snow plowing services.
7. Agreement amendment with the City of North Bonneville for daily bed rate increase.
8. Contract with Naomi Raia, LICSWA for additional funding to provide Mental Health Crisis/On-Call services.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar, and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, totaling \$263,673.45 with the Current Expense amount of \$91,387.97, covering warrant numbers 200332 through 200409.

Commissioner Mahar moved, Commissioner Lannen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the total amount of \$701,425.37 with \$429,422.93 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 44863 through 44882 and direct deposit numbers 83929 through 84112.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended.

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 10:18 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 for preliminary budget workshops with Washington Gorge Action Programs Executive Director Jennifer Pauletto and Associate Director Juan Reyes, Underwood Conservation District Director Tova Tillinghast, and WSU Extension Director Hannah Brause.

The meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:00 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met in a workshop with Assessor Gabe Spencer to discuss the Community Economic Revitalization Board grant.

The Board ended the workshop and Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar, and the motion carried unanimously to move forward with the Community Economic Revitalization Board grant and request for qualifications (RFQ) process.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:33 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Chair announced that the Columbia River Gorge Commission updates with Gorge Commissioner Laura Brennan Bissell will be rescheduled to a later date.

The meeting recessed at 2:33 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:30 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met for a preliminary budget workshop with Sheriff Summer Scheyer, Undersheriff Tracy Wyckoff, and Chief Civil Deputy Steve Minnis.

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 5:11 p.m. with Commissioners T.W. Lannen, Richard Mahar and Asa Leckie, Chair, present.

The Board met for a discussion regarding the Park Plaza Project.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the Skamania County Board of Commissioners meeting for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**Asa Leckie, Chair**

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**Richard Mahar, Commissioner**

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**Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board**

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**T.W. Lannen, Commissioner**

**DRAFT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Before the Board of**  
**Skamania County Commissioners**

**PURPOSE:** The Skamania County Board of Commissioners hereby gives notice that the 2025 Preliminary Budget has been completed and placed on file for the ensuing fiscal year. A public hearing will be held to consider adoption of the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Any taxpayer may appear and be heard for or against any part of the budget. County officials in charge of departments may be questioned by the Commissioners or any taxpayer present concerning itemized estimates of revenues and expenditures for their department.

Oral and written comments will be considered at the public hearing by the Board of Commissioners and must be received by the Clerk of the Board by 12:00 PM on the Monday preceding the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to Skamania County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board, PO Box 790, Stevenson, WA 98648 or [sackos@co.skamania.wa.us](mailto:sackos@co.skamania.wa.us). Anyone interested may appear and be heard.

Copies of the 2025 Preliminary Budget are available to the public in the Commissioners' Office, Room 15, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA or may be viewed on our website at [www.skamaniacounty.org](http://www.skamaniacounty.org).

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Skamania County Courthouse, Room No. 18 (lower level)  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue  
Stevenson, WA

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**ZOOM numbers are as follows:**

**Dial:** 1 346 248 7799 (US)

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**DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
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**Lisa Sackos**  
**Clerk of the Board**

Publish: October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**DATE:**       **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**TO:**           **The Skamania County Pioneer**  
**PO Box 250**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**

**FROM:**       **Skamania County Commissioners**  
**Clerk of the Board**  
**PO Box 790**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**

Please publish the following documents on the dates indicated:

1. Document:       Notice of public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2025 Preliminary Budget  
Publish as:        Legal Notice  
Publish on:        October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Send Bill to:     Commissioners

Attachment A

Skamania County Preliminary Budget 2025	2025	
	Revenue	Expense
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>		
Boundary Review Board		6,624.00
Commissioners	3,000.00	675,611.00
Public Defender		228,465.00
Superior Court	69,870.00	321,522.00
Clerk	74,000.00	472,920.00
District Court	116,900.00	622,595.00
Treasurer	2,159,010.00	615,865.00
Auditor	291,400.00	710,142.00
Assessor	3,000.00	584,154.00
Board of Equalization		17,208.00
Prosecutor	145,505.00	1,031,137.00
Support Enforcement	51,665.00	51,017.00
Civil Service		1,250.00
Buildings & Grounds	844,937.00	1,813,252.00
Information Technology	15,000.00	609,224.00
Sheriff	786,554.00	3,949,303.00
Probation	46,050.00	222,169.00
Jail	391,950.00	1,239,950.00
Jail Work Crew	105,750.00	127,015.00
Emergency Management	108,473.00	107,980.00
Juvenile Services	68,150.00	301,826.00
Noxious Weed	365,000.00	437,933.00
Community Development Planning (0010.310)	280,036.00	572,193.00
Coroner	8,000.00	30,908.00
Community Events & Recreation	389,956.00	426,913.00
Human Resources	-	345,323.00
External Services	10,100.00	403,863.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6,334,306.00</b>	<b>15,926,362.00</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>		
To Law Library	-	0.00
To Senior Services	-	275,600.00
To County Road (snowplow)	-	16,290.00
To C/R Contingent Liability	-	200,000.00
	-	
	-	
<b>Subtotal Op Transfers Out</b>	-	<b>491,890.00</b>
<b>Non-Departmental Revenue</b>	<b>11,132,425.00</b>	<b>1,680,000.00</b>
<b>Current Expense Total</b>	<b>17,466,731.00</b>	<b>18,098,252.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>(631,521.00)</b>

Skamania County Preliminary Budget 2025		2025		
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Expense	Ending Cash
C/R Insurance	1,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	-
C/R Contingent Liability	140,000.00	200,000.00	340,000.00	-
C/R Salaries and Wages	1,075,731.00	-	1,075,731.00	-
C/R Buildings and Grounds	370,451.00	-	370,451.00	-
C/R Facilities and Land	1,663,732.00	-	1,663,732.00	-
C/R Loan	-	1,680,000.00	1,680,000.00	-
C/R Information Technology	250,000.00	-	250,000.00	-
Hotel Motel Tax	574,992.00	200,000.00	239,800.00	535,192.00
Crime Victims Compensation	-	82,207.00	82,207.00	-
Law Library	-	1,705.00	1,705.00	-
Sheriff Drug Investigation Fund	19,487.00	500.00	10,460.00	9,527.00
SARS/EMS	4,991.00	-	3,500.00	1,491.00
Emergency 911	505,022.00	636,400.00	906,667.00	234,755.00
Inmate Welfare	41,000.00	40,000.00	50,100.00	30,900.00
Sheriff Criminal Investigation	16,774.00	-	13,820.00	2,954.00
Treasurers O&M	35,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Cable TV Fund	72,012.00	7,590.00	3,500.00	76,102.00
Community Health	1,666,000.00	4,139,964.00	4,131,740.00	1,674,224.00
Opioid Fund	222,668.00	16,768.00	239,436.00	-
Senior Services	-	1,437,116.00	1,437,116.00	-
Veterans Relief	161,000.00	192,800.00	257,709.00	96,091.00
Election Reserve	180,000.00	8,000.00	16,200.00	171,800.00
Auditors O&M	230,000.00	30,900.00	80,810.00	180,090.00
Affordable Housing	24,337.00	-	24,337.00	-
County Clerk Collections	-	12,197.00	12,197.00	-
Real Estate Excise Tax	52,000.00	8,700.00	38,000.00	22,700.00
Trial Court Improvement	34,978.00	12,704.00	16,700.00	30,982.00
Nuisance Control	44,581.00	-	44,581.00	-
DNR/GNA Forester	25,469.00	120,000.00	138,469.00	7,000.00
Wind River Business Park	150,000.00	535,650.00	494,209.00	191,441.00
Title III - General	103,665.00	-	103,665.00	-
Homeless Housing & Assistance	257,141.00	211,482.00	215,835.00	252,788.00
Family Support Fund	35,233.00	2,392.00	37,625.00	-
County Road	3,672,297.00	9,148,794.00	9,821,091.00	3,000,000.00
C/R County Road	798,724.00	-	-	798,724.00
American Rescue Plan (ARPA)	2,339,061.00	-	1,400,000.00	939,061.00
<b>Subtotal Special Revenues</b>	<b>15,766,346.00</b>	<b>18,730,869.00</b>	<b>26,206,393.00</b>	<b>8,290,822.00</b>

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

Capital Imp 0.09 (3010.000)	575,402.00	200,000.00	-	775,402.00
Capital Imp REET (3010.100)	340,000.00	200,000.00	203,000.00	337,000.00
Capital Imp Fair (3010.200)	695,442.00	65,000.00	245,000.00	515,442.00
<b>Total Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>1,610,844.00</b>	<b>465,000.00</b>	<b>448,000.00</b>	<b>1,627,844.00</b>

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Solid Waste	437,000.00	1,491,572.00	1,830,276.00	98,296.00
Building Inspec & Enviro Health Srv	392,245.00	622,825.00	734,674.00	280,396.00
<b>Total Enterprise Funds</b>	<b>829,245.00</b>	<b>2,114,397.00</b>	<b>2,564,950.00</b>	<b>378,692.00</b>



Skamania County Preliminary Budget 2025	2025			
	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Expense

**INTERNAL SERVICE FUND**

ER&R General 5010.000	479,923.00	778,327.00	813,028.00	445,222.00	-
ER&R County Road 5010.101	950,000.00	307,310.00	675,000.00	582,310.00	-
ER&R Sheriff's Vehicles 5010.102	289,945.00	-	105,996.00	183,949.00	-
ER&R CE Vehicles 5010.103	235,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	235,000.00	-
ER&R Solid Waste Vehicles 5010.104	150,000.00	46,768.00	-	196,768.00	-
ER&R Seniors Replacement 5010.105	10,211.00	-	10,211.00	-	-
ER&R Weed Replacement 5010.106	2,620.00	-	2,620.00	-	-
ER&R CR Computer Repl 5010.107	22,180.00	10,770.00	5,000.00	27,950.00	-
ER&R Comm Health Comp Repl 5010.108	50,500.00	22,012.00	25,000.00	47,512.00	-
ER&R Comp Replacement 5010.109	4,235.00	1,103.00	1,500.00	3,838.00	-
ER&R SW Computer Repl 5010.110	5,490.00	2,287.00	2,000.00	5,777.00	-
ER&R Sheriff Computer Repl 5010.111	60,600.00	23,772.00	26,000.00	58,372.00	-
ER&R Weed Computer Repl 5010.112	5,790.00	1,735.00	2,000.00	5,525.00	-
ER&R Seniors Computer Repl 5010.113	11,600.00	4,573.00	5,000.00	11,173.00	-
ER&R CE Computer Repl 5010.114	190,000.00	79,288.00	80,000.00	189,288.00	-
ER&R General Maintenance 5010.200	259,000.00	144,695.00	221,383.00	182,312.00	-
ER&R Radio Infrastructure 5010.201	73,900.00	18,373.00	-	92,273.00	-
ER&R Stores 5010.300	167,500.00	795,000.00	855,034.00	107,466.00	-
Equipment Rental & Revolving Total					-
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>18,206,435.00</b>	<b>21,310,266.00</b>	<b>29,219,343.00</b>	<b>10,297,358.00</b>	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET</b>		<b>17,466,731.00</b>	<b>18,098,252.00</b>		(631,521.00)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>18,206,435.00</b>	<b>38,776,997.00</b>	<b>47,317,595.00</b>	<b>10,297,358.00</b>	<b>(631,521)</b>

External Services Expenses

External Services - 2025	403,863.00
NACO	600.00
WACO	6,500.00
Prof Serv - Bob Weidner	10,000.00
Prof Serv - CFM/EDC	63,750.00
Public Lands Commission	5,500.00
WSAC	6,000.00
AFRC	600.00
SAF	150.00
WSAC Litigation Dues	3,000.00
WSAC County Planning Assessment	370.00
CFM WA ST Lobbying	39,600.00
Prof Serv (SAO)	50,000.00
UCD	10,000.00
SW Air Pollution	5,366.00
EDC Prof Services	10,000.00
Stevenson Food Bank	25,000.00
Domestic Violence	10,000.00
Seniors, Inc NB	39,420.00
WSU Direct Charges Supplies	-
WSU Extension	61,937.00
WSU Communications	145.00
WSU Computer/Server Replacement	875.00
WSU Utility Charges	4,050.00
PUD Loan Payment	50,000.00
PUD Loan Interest Payment	1000.00

External Services - 2024	413,239.00
NACO	600.00
WACO	6,200.00
Prof Serv - Bob Weidner	10,000.00
Prof Serv - CFM/EDC	60,000.00
Public Lands Commission	5,278.00
WSAC	5,284.00
AFRC	600.00
SAF	-
WSAC Litigation Dues	2,986.00
WSAC County Planning Assessment	370.00
CFM WA ST Lobbying	36000.00
Prof Serv (SAO)	80,400.00
UCD	10,000.00
SW Air Pollution	4,938.00
EDC Prof Services	10,000.00
Stevenson Food Bank	18,000.00
Domestic Violence	10,000.00
Seniors, Inc NB	36,000.00
WSU Extension	60,763.00
WSU Communications	200.00
WSU Computer/Server Replacement	883.00
WSU Utility Charges	3,237.00
Blake LFO Refund	-
PUD Loan Payment	50,000.00
PUD Loan Interest Payment	1,500.00

**Non-Departmental Revenues**

<b>Non-Departmental Revenue Preliminary 2025</b>	<b>11,132,425.00</b>
Carryover	1,814,837.00
Tax Collections	2,613,988.00
Sales and Use Tax	1,700,000.00
Criminal Justice Sales Tax	210,000.00
Leasehold Excise Tax	10,000.00
Private Harvest Tax	170,000.00
PILT - Rock Cove	1,500.00
PILT - CRGNSA	1,600.00
Federal Forest Funds	-
Fed In Lieu of Taxes - PILT	400,000.00
Fed In Lieu of Taxes - Fish and Wildlife	1,500.00
PUD Privilege Tax	160,000.00
Other State Forest Board Purchase	1,500.00
Tbr Sales St Forest Bd Purchase	10,000.00
Co Assistance	289,000.00
PILT - NAP/NARCA	24,000.00
Criminal Justice	285,000.00
Marijuana Excise Tax	18,000.00
Liquor Excise Tax	25,000.00
Liquor Board Profits	32,000.00
Int on Sales Tax	4,000.00
Interest on State Forest Boards	-
Other State Forest Board Transfers	910,000.00
Restitution	-
Interfund Loans Received	1,680,000.00
Tbr Sales St Forest Bd Transfers	770,000.00
DNR Interest	500.00

<b>Non-Departmental Revenue 2024 (thru Supp #1)</b>	<b>15,135,063.00</b>
Carryover	2,904,867.00
Tax Collections	2,613,988.00
Sales and Use Tax	1,528,000.00
Criminal Justice Sales Tax	182,000.00
Leasehold Excise Tax	7,000.00
Private Harvest Tax	150,000.00
PILT - Rock Cove	1,500.00
PILT - CRGNSA	1,300.00
Federal Forest Funds	1,137,408.00
Fed In Lieu of Taxes - PILT	350,000.00
Fed In Lieu of Taxes - Fish and Wildlife	1,500.00
PUD Privilege Tax	140,000.00
Other State Forest Board Purchase	1,500.00
Tbr Sales St Forest Bd Purchase	10,000.00
Co Assistance	289,000.00
PILT - NAP/NARCA	22,000.00
Criminal Justice	300,000.00
Marijuana Excise Tax	16,000.00
Liquor Excise Tax	25,000.00
Liquor Board Profits	32,000.00
Int on Sales Tax	2,000.00
Interest on State Forest Boards	-
Other State Forest Board Transfers	910,000.00
Restitution	-
Interfund Loans Received	2,710,000.00
Tbr Sales St Forest Bd Transfers	1,800,000.00

<b>Difference in revenue 2025 vs 2024</b>	<b>(4,002,638.00)</b>
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**COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY**

<b><u>SUBMITTED BY</u></b>	Commissioners' Office	
	Department	Signature
<b><u>AGENDA DATE</u></b>	October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	
<b><u>SUBJECT:</u></b>	<u>Contract Amendment #1 - Official County Newspaper</u>	
<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED:</u></b>	<u>Approve Contract Amendment</u>	

**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

The Board previously approved a renewal contract with the same rate for publishing legal notices as in the 2023-2024 contract with the Skamania County Pioneer. Since then, the cost of publishing has increased from \$7.40 per column inch to \$8.40 per column inch, and the publisher is requesting the contract renewal be amended to reflect the current rate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$8.40 per column inch for publishing of legal notices

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve and sign the contract amendment with Skamania County Pioneer for publishing services. The Contract period is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**LIST ATTACHMENTS**

Contract Face sheet  
Amended Contract



**SKAMANIA COUNTY**  
**Contract for Official County Newspaper**  
**Amendment #1**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between SKAMANIA COUNTY (“County”) and the Skamania County Pioneer.

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to RCW 36.72.075, the County is not required to advertise for bid proposals when only one qualified legal newspaper is available; and

**WHEREAS:** The Skamania County Pioneer is a legal newspaper published in Skamania County, Washington; and

**WHEREAS:** The Skamania County Pioneer was awarded the contract for Official County Newspaper by Resolution 2023-24; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth below, the parties **AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. PURPOSE AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.** The purpose of this Agreement is for the Skamania County Pioneer to serve as the official county newspaper of Skamania County for the term of one year, beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - a. The County enters into this Agreement pursuant to the authority of RCW 36.01.010 and 36.72.075.
  - b. County officers shall cause all legal notices, delinquent tax lists and other publications, which the County shall furnish, to be advertised in the Skamania County Pioneer.
  - c. The County shall pay the Skamania County Pioneer \$8.40 per column inch for all legal notice printing.
  - d. The County shall pay the Skamania County Pioneer for display advertising on a case- by-case basis.
  - e. In consideration of the County awarding this contract to the Skamania County Pioneer to serve as the official county newspaper, the Skamania County Pioneer will do the following:
    - i. The Skamania County Pioneer shall promptly publish the notices furnished by the County in accord with the County’s instructions.
    - ii. Without further cost, the Skamania County Pioneer shall furnish the required number of Affidavits of Publication to all County officers who submit legal notices, delinquent tax lists and other items for publication. The Affidavits shall be furnished to the County officer no later than one week after the last day of publication.
    - iii. Three (3) free copies of each issue of publication while contract is in force, furnished one each to the County Commissioners Office, Auditor’s Office,

and Human Resources Office each week.

- iv. Accept notices via email in Microsoft Word format.
- v. Publish obituaries and notices of death in the newspaper of record (information used by the Auditor for election purposes).

2. **RECORDS.** The Skamania County Pioneer shall keep adequate records to reflect its publication services rendered to the County, and such records shall be open to the County's inspection and audit. Documents provided to the County will become County property and thus public information. To the extent required by law, such documents may be subject to public disclosure requirements.

3. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** The Skamania County Pioneer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to those governing legal publications found at chapters 36.72 and 65.16 RCW.

4. **BOND REQUIRED.** The Skamania County Pioneer shall furnish a Performance Bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the faithful performance of this contract within ten (10) days after the date of approval of this contract by Board of County Commissioners.

5. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.**

- a. The parties are independent entities organized under the laws of the State of Washington operating pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- b. No agent, employee, servant, or representative of either party shall be deemed to be an agent, employee, servant, or representative of the other party for any purpose, including responsibility for any federal or state tax, industrial insurance or Social Security liability, and employees of the Skamania County Pioneer are not entitled to any benefits the County provides to County employees.

6. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS.**

- a. The Skamania County Pioneer will be solely responsible for its negligent or wrongful acts or failure to act on the part of its agents, employees, servants, volunteers, or representatives during the performance of this Agreement. No liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this Agreement except as expressly provided herein.
- b. The Skamania County Pioneer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Skamania County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees and costs, including but not limited to any obligations to pay or withhold federal or state taxes or contributions on behalf of the Skamania County Pioneer or the employees of the Skamania

County Pioneer, arising out of or resulting from the activities undertaken by the Skamania County Pioneer in meeting its obligations under this Agreement.

**7. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.**

- a. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and venue shall be in Skamania County, Washington.
- b. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for enforcement of this Agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default, or misrepresentation in connection with any of the provisions of this Agreement, each party shall pay its own attorney fees and costs incurred in that action, arbitration or proceeding.

**8. SEVERABILITY.** Any provisions of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without affecting the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions.

**9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the COUNTY has caused this Contract to be duly executed on its behalf, and thereafter the SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER has caused the same to be duly executed on its behalf.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**SKAMANIA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Asa Leckie, Chairman**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Frank DeVaul, Publisher**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Richard Mahar, Commissioner**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**T.W. Lannen, Commissioner**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

**ATTEST:**



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**Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney**

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**Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board**

**PERFORMANCE BOND FORM**

Know all men by these presents, that **DeVaul Publishing, Inc. Skamania Co**, Pioneer of Chehalis, WA, as Principal, and, \_\_\_\_\_ as Surety, are jointly and severally held and bound unto the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners, County of Skamania, State of Washington, P.O. Box 790, 240 NW Vancouver Ave., Stevenson, WA 98648, Obligee, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our legal representative, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, Principal has entered into a contract with Obligee, dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for Official County Newspaper of Skamania County. The Skamania County Pioneer will faithfully perform the terms of the awarded contract for the term of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

According to said contract, which contract as so executed, is hereunto attached, is now referred to and by reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as fully for all purposes as if here set forth at length.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, if the Principal herein shall faithfully perform such contract or shall indemnify and save harmless the Obligee from all cost and damage by reason of Principal's failure so to do, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**DeVaul Publishing, Inc., Skamania County Pioneer**

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**Principal (Seal)**

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**Attorney-in-fact, Surety**

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**Address of local office and agent of Surety Company**

**SEAL**

**Approved:**

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**Asa Leckie, Chair**

**Representing the BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF SKAMANIA  
COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ATTEST:**

Surety Bond Number
Contract Number

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**Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board**



## SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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District 3

November 5, 2024

Evergreen Forest County Group  
Attn: Robert K. Weidner  
9720 Ironmaster Drive  
Burke, VA 22015

Dear Mr. Weidner:

We, the Skamania County Board of Commissioners, write today to express our appreciation for your years of service as a government relation's advisor to Skamania County and other counties of the Evergreen Forest County Group.

While our decision was not made lightly, we will not renew our interlocal agreement for fiscal year 2025.

Thank you for your dedication and professionalism throughout our partnership.

Regards,

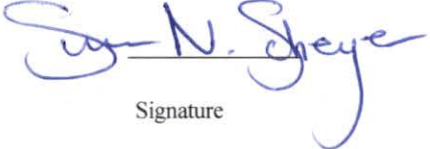
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**COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY**

<b><u>SUBMITTED BY</u></b>	<u>Emergency Management</u>	
<b><u>AGENDA DATE</u></b>	Department <u>October 15<sup>th</sup>. 2024</u>	
<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<u>Grant Application</u>	
<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>	Authorize the DEM to apply for Grant Thru Washington EMD	

**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

Mitigation grant to supply back up power for emergency to County EOC, Fairgrounds, No. Bonneville Fire Station, Dist. 1 Fire Stations, and Stevenson /Carson School District.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

County will be responsible for 12.5 % of the budget in kind or local funds. Total Grant \$373.860, county receives \$174.860, County match portion \$21.858.

**RECOMMENDATION**

By motion action, approve to apply for Mitigation Grant and sign State form Resolution Designating Applicant Agent and Commitment of Match Funds letter

**LIST ATTACHMENTS**

See attached list:

- Resolution Designating Applicant Agent (WA EMD form)
- Commitment of match funds letter (required by WA EMD)
- Resolution Attestation

Copy of documents attached.



# Resolution Designating Applicant Agent

For the state of Washington Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Sub-Application and Grant:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Barbara Ayers

(Print Name and Title)

OR HIS/HER ALTERNATE

Tracy Wyckoff

(Print Name and Title)

Is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of Skamania County and co-applicants a local government entity, state agency, special purpose district, federally recognized tribe or private nonprofit organization established under the laws of the state of Washington, this application, grant agreement, and payment requests to be filed with the Military Department, Emergency Management Division, for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain state and federal financial assistance under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988, P.L. 93-288, as amended.

THAT Skamania Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division assurances and agreements required for all matters concerning such non-disaster mitigation.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\*Note: Applicant agent designation is made by a mayor, county executive or governing board. An individual cannot designate himself/herself as the Applicant Agent.





# SKAMANIA COUNTY

Skamania County Courthouse  
240 NW Vancouver Ave | PO Box 790  
Stevenson, WA 98648

October 15, 2024

RE: Commitment of Funds

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project application DR #4759-4775  
Mitigating Wildfire and Extreme Weather Impacts – Backup Power

To Whom It May Concern:

Skamania County is committed to providing essential services 24/7, despite the challenges of extreme weather and wildfire. Backup power is essential to reinstating and retaining critical infrastructure, public safety and community lifeline services. To that extent, this letter serves as notice that Skamania County will include in its budgets sufficient funding, staff time and in kind allocations to achieve its required 12.5% match for our Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the following project:

Mitigating Wildfire and Extreme Weather Impacts – Backup Power

Sincerely,

Asa Leckie  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
Skamania County, Washington





Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2024.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Asa Leckie, Chairman

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Richard Mahar, Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board

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Tom Lannen, Commissioner

**Approved as to form only:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye \_\_\_\_  
Nay \_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_