

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of January 7, 2020

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on January 7, 2020 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 Hannah Joy, Carson resident.

Amelia Shelly from Fort Vancouver Regional Library gave public comment.

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

1. Minutes for Meeting of November 18, 2019
2. Minutes for Meeting of November 26, 2019
3. Minutes for Meeting of December 2-4, 2019
4. Minutes for Meeting of December 17, 2019
5. Minutes for Meeting of December 23-24, 2019
6. Resolution 2020-01, a Joint Resolution of the Klickitat, Clark and Skamania County Commissioners, appointing Mary Ann Duncan-Cole as Skamania County's Designee to Position No. 3 on the Fort Vancouver Library Board of Trustees
7. Contract Amendment #1 with USFS Gifford Pinchot National Forest for law enforcement services for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest
8. Contract with WSU Extension to provide Cooperative Extension Services for County
9. Contract with Senior Services, Inc. of North Bonneville to operate and maintain a Senior Services Center in North Bonneville
10. Contract with WA Gorge Action Programs to operate a food bank in Stevenson
11. Contract with Skamania County Domestic Violence Council to provide domestic violence and sexual assault assistance and counseling to Skamania County residents.
12. Interlocal agreement with Underwood Conservation District to provide natural resource technical assistance, workshops and services to Skamania County landowners and residents

There was not a voucher run.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin, to approve payroll in the amount of \$574,209.12 with \$336,404.81 being Current Expense, covering warrants #42467-#42491 and direct deposit #63440-#6361. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for 2020. Commissioner Hamlin will be Chair and Commissioner Lannen will be Vice-Chair.

The Board discussed Commissioner Assignments for 2020. The assignments will remain the same as 2019 with the additions of Commissioner Hamlin attending ACHS HAH Committee meetings, and Commissioner Mahar attending Interagency and Community Partner meetings. Commissioner Mahar mentioned the Cape Horn Conservancy and Rural Voices Conservation Council haven't met in three years but should remain on his list.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar reported on meeting with Kevin Waters, Executive Director of the Economic Development Council. Commissioner Lannen discussed conversations with Washington State Association of Counties. He reported CenturyLink will be doing some rewiring and there may be intermittent phone disruptions. He will send out an all users email. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending a Southwest Clean Air Agency meeting. He also reported on meeting with the school district and the process that will be used to find a new superintendent. Commissioner Hamlin also reported on a meeting with the Prosecutor to discuss the Coroner position becoming an elected position state-wide in County's with a population under 40,000. Commissioner Mahar will attend a One Gorge meeting the Commissioner Hamlin is unable to attend. Commissioner Lannen mentioned buildable lands, short term rentals and a meeting with Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:17 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Kirby reported on the new Public Health Nurse. She also reported on Homeless Housing.

Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on Engineering, County Road, ER & R, Solid Waste, Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fire Safety, Information Technology, Buildings and Grounds and Wind River Business Park.

The meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:05 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in a workshop to discuss the Noise Ordinance. Undersheriff Pat Bond and Sargent Ryan Taylor discussed potential changes to the current Noise Ordinance.

The Board came out of the Noise Ordinance workshop and Commissioner Mahar made a motion and Commissioner Lannen seconded the motion to set a public hearing in the next few weeks to address the potential for an updated Noise Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 12:04 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board held an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), Performance of a public employee for 40 minutes. At 12:45 p.m. the Chair announced they would need another 10 minutes. The session ended at 12:56 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 12:59 p.m. and reconvened on January 8, 2020 at 4:48 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and motion carried unanimously for Commissioner Hamlin to be the Board's Chair for 2020 and Commissioner Tom Lannen to be the Vice-Chair for 2020.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to accept the 2020 Commissioner Assignments as presented during discussion in meeting the day before.


The Board participated in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.3.110(1)(g), performance of a public employee for 30 minutes, at 5:21 p.m. for 10 more minutes. The session ended at 5:31 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heidi B Penner, FMA

Clerk of the Board



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

J. M. Lannen

Commissioner

[Signature]

Commissioner

absent

Commissioner

Aye 2
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 1