

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Skamania County Courthouse**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**  
**Minutes for Meeting of April 21, 2020**

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on April 21, 2020 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present. Pertaining to the Governor's Proclamation of March 25, 2020 closing meetings to the public except by telephone or video conferencing, ZOOM audio conferencing was provided for public and staff not able to be present.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board.

Written public comment was received from Mary Repar regarding a burn ban.

Written public comment was received from Matt L'Hommedieu regarding a request to investigate Clark County beyond the purview of Skamania County

Written public comment was received from Mitch Patton regarding right of way issues

A Proclamation was read into the record for National Crime Victim's Rights Week. Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to approve the Proclamation.

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

1. Advertisement announcing the selection process for the County's appointment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission
2. Authorization to purchase GOVQA system for FOIA services
3. Memorandum of Agreement with the Secretary of State for Albert Sensors
4. Resolution 2020-20 for Washington Counties Risk Pool Related Appointments and Designations
5. Contract with the City of North Bonneville for building inspection services
6. Final Plat and signature for Hillsberry Road Subdivision

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers in the amount of \$174,482.76 with \$45,514.56 being Current Expense, covering warrants numbers 176425 through 176495.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to approve payroll in the amount of \$577,600.50 with \$351,792.78 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 42651-42674 and direct deposit numbers 64639-64803.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. loans. Commissioner Mahar reported on an upcoming meeting with the Sheriff and County constituents about COVID concerns. He also participated in a NACO call, a call with the Hearing Examiner and Pacific Corp. on the Swift Reservoir area and other zoning issues. Commissioner Lannen reported participating in various COVID calls, including a call with the Governor on the recovering process, and a NACO call discussing funding. Commissioner Hamlin reported on a Homeless Housing meeting, a Forest Collaborative meeting, MCEDD Loan Administration Board meeting. He also reported on Home Valley Park. Commissioner Mahar also mentioned COVID 19 information he received from Douglas and Cowlitz Counties.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve temporary emergency hires for Public Health.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 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 Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse. She also updated the Board on COVID 19 testing, contact tracing, funding, and weekly Fish & Wildlife Call.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on County Road, Engineering, Solid Waste, Information Technology, and Community Development. He also updated the Board on PPE ordered, use of the County's Debit Card, Exhibit Hall project, road ratings, fuel sites, and a door lock system.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to rescind a recent emergency debit card policy allowing for its use to be only for the purchase of supplies relating to COVID 19. Remainder of funds will not be transferred from the Riverview Community Bank fund at this time.

The Board participated in a workshop with Debi Van Camp, Human Resources Administrator, and Gabe Spencer, Assessor to discuss the Lead Appraiser job description. Discussion included the position not being filled for several years, funding available in budget, completion of certification needed by employee in the Assessor's office. The job description will be forwarded to the Board for review and the job description will be on the May 5<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration by the Board.

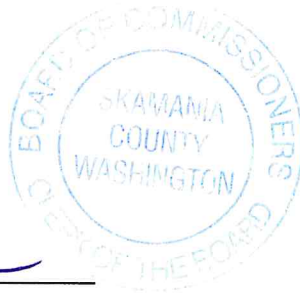
The meeting recessed at 1:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2:32 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met with Leslie Naramore, Executive Director of Washington Gorge Action programs for updates. Leslie reported on the Food Bank operations, shelters, COVID 19 Housing Plan, donations, rental assistance, energy assistance, and CDBG funding information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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Clerk of the Board

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Commissioner

*J. H. Lamm*

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_