

**MINUTES OF SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

May 5, 2020  
Skamania County Courthouse  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 18  
Stevenson, WA

A Special Meeting of the Skamania County Board of Health was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on May 5, 2020 at the Skamania County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Board of Health Commissioners, Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present. The Special Meeting was held to discuss current COVID-19 issues, including Governor Inslee’s decision to ease outdoor restrictions.

The Board discussed Governor Inslee’s decision to ease outdoor restrictions. A variance application to the Governor to move to Phase 2 of the Governor’s plan was discussed. The Board of Health, and the Board of Commissioners will need to approve and endorse the application as well as documentation from Skyline Hospital certifying bed capacity for COVID 19 patients and PPE supplies and the local Public Health Officer’s recommendation. The application will include testing information, including availability and accessibility, and how many tests have been performed in the county by week over the past three weeks. Other items to be submitted with the application are the local health jurisdiction’s plans and resources to perform case investigations and contact tracing, housing plans and resources to house people in isolation or quarantine who do not have a home or wish to isolate or quarantine outside the home. Also plans and resources to provide case management services, plans and resources to rapidly respond to outbreaks in the community and congregate settings will be included.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar to direct Deputy Health Director Steven Krager to complete the application for the County’s COVID 19 variance so that the County can move to a Phase 2 standing per Governor Inslee’s phased approach to reopening the state. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.



*Debbie Shaw*  
Clerk of the Board of Health

**SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

*Richard Mahar*  
Commissioner

*J. M. Lannen*  
Commissioner

*Robert Hamlin*  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0