

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

May 27, 2020

Skamania County Courthouse  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 18  
Stevenson, WA 98648

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on May 27, 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 Board of Health met in an emergency meeting to discuss County Fair closure or amendment, Stevenson High School graduation to be held on fairgrounds, building adjustments for the third floor of the Courthouse and the courtrooms, and an order of the Skamania County Health Officer rescinding/cancelling closure of recreation hiking in Skamania County, the original order being issued on March 23, 2020.

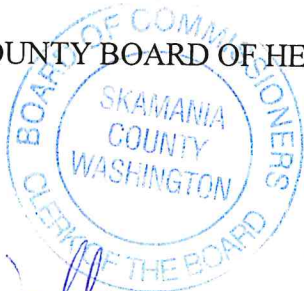
The Board discussed the County Fair, possible closure or amended fair because of COVID-19. With each phase of the Safe Start Plan to last a minimum of three weeks the best-case scenario would allow the county to enter Phase 4 in mid-July, well before the fair scheduled for August 19-22, 2020. David Waymire Fair Board president reported the Fair Board still plans to conduct the fair, but with alterations to address health concerns from COVID- 19. Sheriff Dave Brown commented on the shifting state health guidelines regarding rules for Phase 4. Dr. Steven Krager, Deputy Health Officer reported the County would need to be in Phase 4 for anything gathering like a county fair to happen, as groups of more than 50 are banned until the County goes into the final phase of reopening. Waymire reported various scenarios have been discussed through the last several Fair Board meetings.

The Board also discussed plans by Stevenson High School to hold graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 at the fairgrounds. The consensus of the Board was they don't mind the school district utilizing the fairgrounds but would like to discuss details to gain more understanding of what is taking place.

Third floor and Courtroom building adjustments were discussed. Screening for symptoms of staff and jurors, signage, masks for staff and jurors, jury trials, and a video conference system were discussed.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to approve an Order of the Skamania County Health Officer Rescinding/Cancelling Closure of Recreational Hiking in Skamania County. The original order was issued on March 23, 2020. The effective date of rescinding/cancelling the order is May 26, 2020.

SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



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Clerk of the Board of Health

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Commissioner

*Thomas R. Lounsbury*

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Aye       
Nay       
Abstain       
Absent