

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

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on July 7, 2020 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

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

There was no public comment.

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

1. Minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting
2. .09 application approved by .09 Project Development Committee, submitted by the Port of Skamania County for a market and feasibility study to direct future development of a 42-acre industrial/business park in North Bonneville
3. .09 application approved by the .09 Project Development Committee, submitted by Skamania County for the Exhibit Hall and Midway Restroom Re-roofing Project
4. Resolution 2020-24, Updating the Skamania County Community Action Plan

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated July 7, 2020 in the amount of \$76,959.38 with \$30,521.27 being Current Expense, covering warrants numbers 177376 through 177430.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period dated July 9, 2020 in the amount of \$660,734.44 with \$384,499.6549 being Current Expense, covering payroll warrant numbers 42768 through 42788 and direct deposit numbers 65480 through 65662.

The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar reported on a call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker, a WSAC call regarding CARES funding uses, a Fair Board meeting, and reported Motocross was cancelled. Commissioner Lannen reported on a WSAC Timber Counties call, and a WSAC call discussing CARES funding. Commissioner Hamlin reported on a FEMA flood plain meeting. He also reported on a call with WGAP and the Sheriff to discuss housing and food delivery to those in quarantine. He also met with Kevin Vance and Ryan Cook regarding leasing county property for a shooting range. He also reported on the possibility of grants from the Department of Commerce for Play Frontier and their request for a letter of support from the Board to go with their grant applications. The Board agreed to provide the letter of support. The Board also discussed potential fines from L & I if rules related to COVID 19 are followed. The Board discussed the possibility of any fines being taken out of the departmental budget. Also, the Board will review the cost of plaques and retirements clocks at the request of Debi VanCamp, Human Resource Administrator.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on the delivery of masks, physical changes to offices, and courtroom and Auditor’s office changes. He also reported that Home Valley Park restroom will be open for 4th of July, and that revenue from the campground should be up from previous years. He reported on new hosts and a change in pay structure. He also reported on the panic system, bridge inspections, Exhibit Hall Roof completion, and RAP and FLAP projects. He also reported on permits, Solid Waste revenue, IT projects, and Wind River Business Park housing rentals for quarantine subjects.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported that Public Health is not able to use two local businesses to house COVID 19 clients. She also reported on positive cases, language barriers, testing and quarantine and contact tracing. She also reminded everyone to please wear masks, wash hands, and avoid large groups.

The meeting recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for a workshop with the Financial Management Office, Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss CARES and FEMA funding. Commissioner Hamlin provided a revised list of requested CARES funding from departments and Community Partners. It was discussed that the state normally commits 12.5 % of the match for FEMA funding and hasn’t done so yet. The VPN was discussed and the cost of it being approximately \$511,000 with \$250,000 of it coming from the CARES funding and the rest from a reserve fund.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to release \$250,000 from the CARES funding for IT’ project for VPN, and \$110,000 for the EDC to disperse to Community Partners.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Glaw
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0