

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648

Minutes for Meeting of June 23, 2020

The Commissioners business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on June 23, 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 Susan Krug, Stevenson resident.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a written comment from Mitch Patton entitled "letter about Mr. and Mrs. X".

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Liquor license renewal for Melchemy LLP
2. Cannabis license renewal for Kim Sue Grass Works and Custom Cultivators
3. Contract with Lueders Pyrotechnics, LLC for 4th of July Fireworks display at the Fairgrounds
4. Memorandum of Understanding partnering with the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for 4th of July Firework celebration
5. Grant Agreement amendment with Washington State Department of Transportation 2019-2021 to add additional funding due to COVID-19
6. Contract with Washington Military Department for reimbursement for E911 Coordinator, professional development and operational expenses for the Skamania County 911 system
7. Set Public Hearing to consider approval of Ordinance 2020-05, An Ordinance Amending Skamania County Code Title 3 – Revenue and Finance, to include new Chapter 3.30 – Sales and Use Tax – Affordable and Supportive Housing

Discussion of the consent agenda included insurance coverage for the fireworks vendor and the public viewing the fireworks from their cars.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated June 23, 2020, in the amount of \$127,146.60 with \$23,832.17 being Current Expense, covering warrants numbers 177208 through 177274.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period dated June 25, 2020 in the amount of \$600,954.18 with \$378,535.49 being Current Expense, covering payroll warrant numbers 42747 through 42767 and direct deposit numbers 65306 through 65479.

Hannah Brause attended by ZOOM to give the WSU Extension report. She reported that the WSU and Microsoft public access Wi-Fi is installed and working at Hegewald Center. She reported that Some

Meade, 4-H Coordinator worked with 4-H Coordinators in Klickitat and Clark Counties to develop a 6-week series called YA 4-H. Funding for this program comes from a statewide grant. She also reported on Somer's participation with One Prevention Alliance by joining the grant committee and helping write an application for a 5-year DFC grant to get additional funding for the coalition to build capacity. Other 4-H items Hannah reported on were Somer participating in statewide conversations and trainings regarding virtual events for 4-H'ers, training to bring Emergency Preparedness program for kids and families to our area in the future, as well as working with staff at Stevenson Elementary as part of a Leadership Team. Hannah also reported on Forest Youth Success, including plans for Fall, support from partners for the program, secured funding, increased interest in the program, and the potential to make Forest Youth Success a year-round project. Agriculture items Hannah reported on were an increase in Extension inquiries including being more self-reliant. Hannah has joined the Mid-Columbia Economic Resiliency Team that is made up of 5 Gorge Counties and has worked with a MCEDD Special task force around COVID-19 and Agriculture issues. Hannah has been working with a coalition on Migrant Workers, vital to harvesting in the Gorge, and extra resources needed to help ensure they stay healthy and safe while performing this service. Other items Hannah reported being involved in are connecting resources and partnering agencies locally and across the state on food supply chain issues, with working groups around Meat/livestock, food pantries, and feeding programs for children. She has also been working to connect small businesses as well as farmers and ranchers with grants, loans, webinars and other resources, including CARES Loans for Farmers. She also reported on the WSU Food Systems team, and an uptick in unprecedented numbers of people purchasing chickens for both egg and meat production and wiener pigs from the mid-west. She will be providing statewide leadership on a pod cast beginning to record in July.

The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on COVID-19 signs, personal protective equipment, L & I guidance. He also reported that the Home Valley Restrooms project should be completed, and restrooms opened by July 4th. He reported that the RFQ for the panic system is out and he reported on a presentation he saw on the Courthouse Plaza Project with the Stevenson Downtown Association. He reported that he and IT will be working on costs of VPN for a meeting with Commissioner Lannen. He reported on work by Buildings and Grounds regarding COVID Plans that included acrylic for sneeze guards, intercoms, video monitor for Probation, door lock push button for Probation and counters and half-walls for the Auditor's office. He also reported both campgrounds are open with hosts at both and that "No Fireworks" signs have been put up.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Director reported on contracts that will be on the June 30th agenda for Klickitat Developmental Disabilities. She reported Justine Norris has been hired as the full time Developmental Disabilities Coordinator. Kirby also reported on testing for COVID 19, and contract tracing. She reported Dr. Krager is on vacation with Dr. Melnick filling in. She also reported the number of current cases as of June 22, 2020.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met in a workshop with the Financial Management Office, Elected Officials, and Department Heads to discuss county finances, including CARES and FEMA funding. They discussed the Revenue and Expenditure reports for May 2020, noting no decline in Sales and Use Tax at this time. It was also

noted that building permits haven't dropped off and there hasn't been a drop off of people using the transfer sites because of COVID 19. A list of FEMA reimbursements and clarifications were discussed. Also, IT purchases were discussed including laptops and VPN. The State Auditor's will not be on site for the audit this year, and it was mentioned that Drop Box will be used or the possibility of meeting up to drop documents off with the SAO. County wide guidelines and policies for opening offices up were discussed. A request for CARES funds was made by PUD Commissioner Dave McKenzie. No action was taken.

The Board meet for a ZOOM call with Eric Veach, new Forest Supervisor for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Erin Black, Mt. Adam's District Ranger. Mr. Veach introduced himself and gave his background. Discussion included timber production, Good Neighbor Policy, Monument Visitation, South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group, Secure Rural Schools funding, and the hopes for a good relationship between Skamania County and the Forest Service.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motioned carried unanimously to ratify a letter of support to Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler supporting a bike path at the Bridge of the Gods.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:34 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met with Gage Spencer, Assessor for an update on the Brownfield grant. Gabe reported on site assessments for levels 1 and 2. He also reported that there will be a draw down on the grant of 151,000 by the end of 2020. The term of the grant is October 2021 at which time an extension can be applied for. He reported they are still hoping to find more sites for assessment.

The Board reported on meetings they attended. Commissioner Lannen reported on meeting with Megan from the pool to discuss the future of the pool. He also reported on a COVID 19 team meeting, a call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker, the letter of support for the Bridge of the Gods pedestrian and bike pathway he wrote to Jaime Hererra Beutler, GP Collaborative, and Gorge Commission interviews. Commissioner Mahar reported on a Worksource meeting, a site visit to an area on the Washougal River Road, a call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker, and a Washington Association of Counties call. Commissioner Hamlin reported on Homeless Housing, MCEDD Full Board, and a call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker. The Board discussed staff meetings and will begin having them beginning the 2nd week in July on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

The meeting recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for Wind River Advisory Board updates. Mandy Hertel reported she will send the Board a list of rentals at WRBP, and two vacation homes are up and running.

The meeting recessed at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 4:00 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

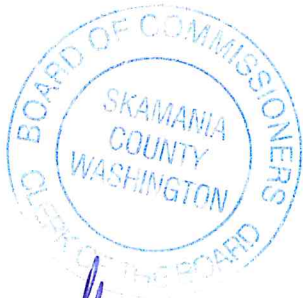
The Board met for a workshop to discuss County Comments on the Gorge Commission's Draft Update to the Management Plan with Alan Peter, Assistant Planning Director. The 30-day comment period on Urban Area Boundary Revisions is set to end June 30th. Alan reported that Klickitat and Wasco Counties approved a resolution opposing proposed revisions to the management plan policies for urban area boundary revisions.

The meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board held a public hearing to receive public comment and for final review and/or approval of 2020/2021 Title III projects for funding. Ann Lueders, Superintendent of the Skamania County EMS District commented on the carryover amount and looking forward to working with the Sheriff and continuing work on Title III projects. The Board deliberated and decided to wait until final reimbursement requests are received for June to award the 2020/2021 funding. The hearing closed with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Shaw
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0