

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

Minutes for Meeting of September 22, 2020

The Commissioners met in their meeting room, 240 NW Vancouver Ave. in Stevenson, at 9:01 a.m. on September 22, 2020 for a staff meeting with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present. Senior Services Program Manager, Sophie Miller reported on a Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors, and transit bus passes. Alex Hays, Manager of Community Events and Recreation reported he and Sara Slack, Event Specialist are in support mode, working in offices that need extra help during the COVID 19 pandemic. He reported on the work he is doing with Department regarding CARES funds. Debi VanCamp, Human Resources reported she is working on a public records request and moving forward with various open positions. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator reported on 2019 annual reported corrections and re-submission. She also reported on the State Auditor's Office yearly audit and the 2021 Budget book. She has had Sara Slack help with putting the book together and Heidi will have note ready in the next couple of days. She discussed CARES funding allocations, and reported she submitted the first reimbursement request to the Department of Commerce and is waiting feedback. Debbie Slack, Financial Management Coordinator/Clerk of the Board reported on scheduling and an FMO meeting.

The meeting recess at 9:24 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on September 22, 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 VanCamp, Human Resources Administrator.

Mary Repar, Home Valley resident commented on the dangers of the Sheriff forming a posse and asked the Commissioners what they are going to do about it.

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

1. Minutes for meeting of September 1, 2020
2. Appreciation Certificates for campground hosts
3. Interagency agreement amendment with the Washington State Department of Commerce, increasing funding for Coronavirus Relief
4. Contract with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for collaboration and implementation of the FY20 PPA 7721 project
5. Contract amendment #6 with Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs for 2020/2021 operations
6. Contract renewal with ESD 112 for Child Development services within the Developmental Disabilities Program for Skamania and Klickitat Counties
7. Co-location agreement with Klickitat County Public Hospital District No. 2, Skyline Medical Clinic to provide primary care services on site in the Community Health offices.
8. Contract Amendment #1 with the Washington State Health Care Authority to provide SUD services within the CJTA program
9. Memorandum of Understanding with SWACH Pathways Community HUM to provide care coordination using Pathways approach and electronic platform

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen to ratify a letter regarding PILT and SRS funding that was sent to the White House, and Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated September 22, 2020 in the amount of \$133,913.91 with \$57,936.23 being Current Expense, covering warrants numbers 178338 through 178386.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for September 25, 2020 in the amount of \$625,360.63 with \$388,374.19 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 42875 through 42890 and direct deposit numbers 66393 through 66575.

Hannah Brause, of WSU Extension reported on a Harvest Vista AmeriCorps position for Nick Cremona who will join WSU Extension on a year-long project addressing food insecurity in the Columbia River Gorge. She also reported on 4-H, Forest Youth Success and Agriculture.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar reported on Governor Inslee updates regarding COVID, a call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker, and meeting with families and businesspeople to study the constitution. Commissioner Lannen reported on fire activity, meeting with Randy Moline, of Public Works on FEMA reimbursement. He also reported on forest management meeting with Jaime Hererra-Beutler, the Forest Service Silviculturist, Johnathan Day, the Collaborative, Representative Mosbrucker call, a WSAC call on CARES funding, and a NACO call. It was announced meeting updates will be continued later in the day.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director discussed Regional Shared Learning/Healthy Living Collaborative – Pathways meeting. She also reported on Pathways organization chart and how Pathways helps connect people with services. She also reported a doctor from Skyline is utilizing the office space of the Administrative Director.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on COVID 19, a webinar he attended concerning FEMA funding changes. He also reported on PPE Shields, and potential CARES match for FEMA funding. He also reported on the new panic system and a walk through with consultants. Other items he discussed was the Courthouse Plaza project and the need for a Request for Proposals for a consultant to manage the project. He reported on the DNR project on Forest Service Road 25 that will wait until 2021. He reported on an Assistant Building Official position to begin January 1, 2021. In the IT Department hardware has been ordered and a potential date of project complete is October 31, 2020. In Wind River Business Park updates Tim reported on the Biomass lease. He also reported on the Burn Ban in effect until October 1, 2020.

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board held a workshop to review the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt various amendments to the County's Subdivision Code (Title 17), Zoning Code (Title 21), and SEPA code (Title 16) and approve Ordinance 2020-06 to be on the September 29, 2020 consent agenda. Alan Peters, Assistant Planner gave a summary of Ordinance 2020-06, Carson Home Occupations/Light Home Industries, Exempt Land Divisions, Lot Size Averaging and SEPA Review.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met with Derek Bryan, Executive Director of the Washington Counties Risk Pool for Risk Pool updates. Insurance rates, property security, staffing, finances and the mission statement were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for Department of Natural Resources updates. Eric Wisch of the DNR gave updates on the Big Hollow Fire. Brian Poehlein of the DNR updated the Board on upcoming timber sales and expected revenue to the County for those sales.

The meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for updates from the Wind River Advisory Board. Chris Brong, Chair of the Advisory Board presented a letter of resignation as he will be accepting another position. The Board regretfully accepted his resignation letter. Time Elsea, Public Works Director reported on remodeling projects at WRBP. Also discussed were well renovation, houses being used as quarantine for COVID through an agreement with Washington Gorge Action Program and tenants in WRBP buildings. The conveyance with the Forest Service was discussed as well as the Wind River Trust group, and grants.

The meeting recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen, and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met for Gorge Commissioner updates with Tamara Kaufman, the County's representative to the Gorge Commission. The Gorge 2020 Management Plan rewrite was discussed, including the vote dates, wetlands amendments, agricultural products, urban area boundaries, urban area revision, participation by the Tribes, diversity and inclusion station a d ADUs.

The meeting recessed at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) performance of a public employee for 20 minutes. At 5:00 p.m. the Chair announced 10 more minutes were needed. At 5:10 p.m. the Chair announced 10 more minutes were needed. The session ended at 5:20 p.m.

The Board continued reporting on meeting updates. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending a recreation insights meeting, and Homeless Housing. Discussion of cleaning out the Law Library using a contractor, and a Memorandum of Understanding for the Courthouse Plaza were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Shaw

Clerk of the Board

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Aye	<u>3</u>
Nay	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>