

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

**Minutes for Meeting of October 20, 2020**

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on October 20, 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 Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of September 22, 2020
2. Liquor license renewal for Carson Ridge, and Wind River Market & Gas
3. Cannabis license renewal for Forbidden Cannabis Club
4. Authorization to Purchase and contract proposal with JAVS for portable polycom system
5. Contract Amendment with Washington State Department of Commerce to extend contract performance period from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021
6. Contract with Turnkey Correction to provide hardware and software related to booking and release of inmates and inmate commissary needs
7. Contract Amendment for 2019-2021 contract for Managers Union to forgo negotiations for a cost of living adjustment for 2021, reviewing in July 2021

Discussion included Commissioner Lannen commenting questions he had on Consent Agenda #6, Contract with Turnkey Correction were answered by Sheriff Brown.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated October 20, 2020 in the total amount of \$141,255.35 with \$60,355.36 being Current Expense, covering warrants numbers 178690 through 178757.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period dated October 25, 2020 in the total amount of \$599,271.14 with \$359,488.17 being Current Expense, covering payroll warrant numbers 42923 through 42942 and direct deposit numbers 66756 through 66935.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Lannen reported on a meeting with Jon Paul Anderson of WKO, Inc., and a reporter from Finland. He also reported on Open GOV, a view of the Big Hollow fire with Sheriff Brown, and meeting with Bob Leick, former Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney. He also attended the Skamania County Regional Transportation Policy Committee meeting, a call with WSAC to discuss federal legislative priorities, and a call with WSAC regarding CARES funding. Commissioner Mahar reported on the weekly Governor Inslee media call, Fair Board meeting, a meeting with residents and business owners on the constitution and business in Skamania County. Commissioner Hamlin

reported on MCEDD Loan Administration Board meeting, and a trip to the woods to look at the Big Hollow Fire.

Commissioner Lannen called for an Executive Session to be held later that day at 2:00 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), Lease or purchase of real estate if there's a likelihood that disclosure would increase the price.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 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.

- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director reported participating in phone calls with schools regarding opening. Kirby Richards, Community Health Administrative Director reported on COVID- 19. Tamara reported on partnership with the Jail.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer reported on grants, the panic system, the need for a workshop to discuss STIP, CRAB reports, Wind River Business Park, HVAC system, Solid Waste, Information Technology, and a job announcement being advertised for an Assistant Building Official position.

The meeting recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board met to discuss CARES funding. Recording systems were discussed, a new conference phone, funds to non-profits, granting to non-profits, Fair Board needs, use of Exhibit Hall for meeting overflows due to COVID, and water bottle refilling station. Also discussed were labor costs regarding COVID, purchase of laptops, printers, recording systems, building upgrades, e-filing, and granting systems. The Board also discussed the Law Library project. The room is being emptied by Commenting Events and Recreation Manager, Alex Hays and staff.

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:07 p.m. the same day with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Tom Lannen and Robert Hamlin, Chair present.

The Board participated in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), Lease or purchase of real estate if there is a likelihood that disclosure would increase the price for 20 minutes. The meeting ended at 12:27 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 12:30 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 participated in a workshop to discuss a Planning Commission vacancy. The resignation of Tony Coates from the District 3 position was discussed, as well as length of term. The present term will expire August 2021. The following term will begin immediately and expire August 2024. The Board agreed to present Toni with a certificate and fill the vacant position to expire on August 2024. Alan Peters, Planning Director will advertise seeking applicants for the vacancy.

The Board met with Leslie Naramore, Executive Director of Washington Gorge Action programs. She reported on the Energy Assistance program, Food Bank, quarantine housing, and a potential warming shelter. She also updated the Board on community Service

The Board held a workshop to with Community Development. Assistant Planning Director, Alan Peters updated the Board on the Gorge Management Plan 2020 vote of approval. He also discussed a request for rezoning from James and Debbie Waters, Richard Albert and Theresa Regnier for properties on Wind River Highway to allow for an expansion of their exiting commercial businesses. Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen for the Planning Commission to move forward in the process of the rezoning.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slade  
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0