

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of January 26, 2021

The Board of Commissioners met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 26, 2021. at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin and T.W. Lannen, Chair present. Alex Hays, Community Events and Recreation Manager reported on grants, Clark County Goat Association, and activities including Pickle Ball. Toni Farris, Probation Officer reported on attending 1st Aid class, Homeless Housing meeting and Court. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator reported on Eden corrections, work on the 2021 Budget Book, potential charge from State Auditor's Office fore Annual Report for EMS District #1. Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board reported on potential appointments to the Wind River Advisory Board, public records, and contract. Sophie Miller, Senior Services Program Manager reported on a Dog Mountain Shuttle meeting with the Forest Service and grants.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

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

There was no public comment.

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

1. Resolution 2021-02 Partially Re-Pay a Current Expense loan
2. Resolution 2021-03 Establish an interfund loan to the Current Expense fund
3. Resolution 2021-01 Call for Bid Proposal for the purpose of selecting an official county newspaper
4. Resolution 2021-04 Updating the Community Action Plan
5. OSHA's 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries
6. Contract with Skamania County Economic Development Council to promote and support economic development within Skamania County.
7. Contract Amendment with Yakama Nation Fisheries Program to provide funding to control noxious weeds at Underwood Restoration Project, White Salmon River
8. Contract Amendment #2 with Washington State Department of Transportation to add additional funding due to COVID-19

Commission Lannen had questions on Consent Agenda item #4, Updating the Community Action Plan. He questioned how projects 1, 2, 3 get their ranking on the list. Those projects included Wastewater, Cascade Business Park, and North Bonneville Lift Station. Commissioner Hamlin explained they are the closest projects to being completed. The motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated January 26, 2021 in the total amount of \$146,634.46 with \$78,354.87 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 180091 through 180157.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commission Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve a letter of support to the Port of Skamania County for an Integrated Planning Grant application.

Hannah Brause, Extension Director gave the WSU Extension report. She reported on 4-H annual paperwork and enrollments, and financial audits. She also reported on Grab and Go Project kits, virtual County 4-H clubs, and 4-H volunteer education and training. She reported on handbooks being developed for the Forest Youth Success program, collaborating with community partners to identify and incorporate strong resources to include in the mentoring curriculum and handbooks. A mentoring group was launched with one of the largest and most active 4-H clubs where workshops with teens included goal setting, resume writing and initiated mentoring partnership with younger members in their club. Learning and mentoring are being supported in revitalizing Forest Your Success materials and all the funding pieces are being finalized with the Forest Service for the 2021 season. She also reported on being asked to serve on the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Steering Committee. She has also been working with a coalition on Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker safety and is looking to hire a grant funded position on suicide and mental health awareness targeting the high-risk group of farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers. She reported Agriculture Entrepreneurship is being offered in February with the registration fee waived for veterans through a grant.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin reported on the Homeless Housing Council, Legislative Steering Committee, and a meeting to discuss a lease on the Wind River Business Park for a gun park. Meeting updates were continued until later in the meeting.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer submitted a report on Engineering, County Road, ER & R, Solid Waste, Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Fire Safety, Information Technology, Buildings and Grounds and Wind River Business Park. He was not present at the meeting due to the loss of a family member.
- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director submitted a report on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. She also reported on COVID 19 vaccines, and a drive through clinic being held using the Exhibit Hall with 300 doses being the goal to provide. Kirby Richards reported about media engagement, legislation, and Public Health, including Health Board changes.

The meeting recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for a Safety Committee Report. Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and motion carried unanimously to approve the Safety Committee's recommendation agreeing with the supervisor that report 2020-E-08 was a preventable accident. The Board also discussion a concern of the Safety Committee regarding the lack of attention to first aid and blood borne pathogens kits in county facilities and vehicles. The Committee recommends the Commissioners authorize Human Resources as the county safety officer to work on getting kids up to date and establish a policy on keeping them up to date. The Board agreed Human Resources could move forward working on getting kits up to date and establishing a policy on keeping them current.

The Board reported on meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin continued from earlier in the meeting reporting on meeting with Christian Lyle and a developer regarding a potential shooting range, and training range at Martha Creek Field at the Wind River Business Park. Commissioner Mahar reported on meeting

with the Sheriff, constituents, and Representative Chris Corey. He also reported on employment security and a meeting with Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington. Commissioner Lannen reported on meeting with the Sheriff to discuss legislation. He also reported on a meeting with Washington State Department of Transportation, and Forest Service to discuss Dog Mountain and Cape Horn Trailhead. HE also reported on discussions with Granicus on software, American Forest Resource Council, Community Health Managers, drive through vaccine clinic, and a call with Washington State Association of Counties.

The Board held a workshop with the Financial Management Administrator, Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss County finances. The cost of State Auditor's Office audits was discussed, as well as minimizing the number of supplemental budgets. The Auditor discussed making the FMO meeting more useful. Quarterly budget workshops, training on invoicing, payroll, accounts payable and contracts were discussed. Heidi gave February 11th as the date grant information is due to her for the Annual Report.

The meeting recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:35 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board held an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Qualification of an applicant for public employment for 20 minutes. The session ended at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the same day at noon with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board held a discussion regarding the Wind River Advisory Board. The Board were reviewing 3 potential candidates for a position on the Board. Commissioner Hamlin moved, Commissioner Lannen stepped down to second a motion to appoint Louise Kimball Johnston to the Wind River Advisory Board. Commissioner Mahar spoke in favor of appointing Ann Lueders to the position. The motion carried with Commissioners Hamlin and Lannen voting aye, and Commissioner Mahar voting nay.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

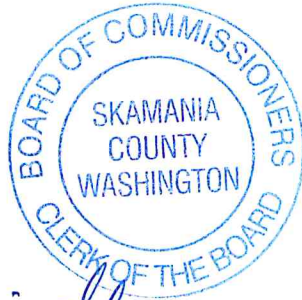
The Board discussed website posting for Mid-Columbia Cascade Housing. They also discussed a job description for the February 9th agenda. The job description is for a new Community Events Prevention Project Coordinator position.

The meeting recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board held an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b-c) Real Estate with Adam Kick, Prosecutor and Gabe Spencer, Assessor in attendance for 30 minutes. At 2:00 p.m. the Chair announced they would need 15 more minutes. The session ended at 2:18 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Clark
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0