

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Skamania County Courthouse**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**  
**Minutes for Meeting of March 16, 2021**

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 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 Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for meeting of February 9, 2021
2. Set public hearing on April 27, 2021 for Supplemental Budget #1 for 2021
3. Re-appointment letter to Amanda Hertel to the Stabler position on the Wind River Advisory Committee
4. Re-appointment letter to Tom Linde to the Carson position on the Wind River Advisory Committee
5. Ratify joint letter with Klickitat County Commissioners to State Representatives Mosbrucker and Corry voicing concerns regarding HB 1410
6. Liquor license renewals for Bungalow Bar & Grill, Skamania General Store and Martha's Vineyard of Skamania County
7. Memorandum of Understanding with SWACH to provide care coordination services and support related to COVID-19
8. Contract Amendment #1 with Susan Sinclair, LPN to add funding to LPN contract and update language

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated March 16, 2021 in the total amount of \$216,448.99 with \$94,299.67 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 180812 through 180873.

The Board met with Emily Stevenson, Program Manager for the Noxious Weed Department for updates. She reported on the Underwood Conservation District Winder Workshop, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Invasive Species Awareness Week Workshop, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation grant proposal, website updating, and dormant stem treatments. She also reported on grant funding for the knotweed program, seasonal staff hiring, vehicles and an alert concerning the invasive weed, Zebra Mussel.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar reported on Gorgeous Nights on YouTube, a Fair Board meeting, a National Association of Counties call, and a weekly call with Governor Inslee. Commissioner Hamlin reported Bi-State Recreational meeting, and Legislative Steering Committee. Commissioner Lannen reported on speaking with Emily Platt of the Forest Service Regional Office, a National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition call, and Skamania County Economic Development Council. He also updated the Board on Encumbered Lands, HB 4205 funding, and Rescue COVID funds. There will also be a call with the Timber Counties on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

Kirby Richards, Community Health Administrative Director reported on a call with the Health Secretary and CDC regarding COVID Vaccines, Department for Health funding from FEMA, and school district meetings with Dr, Krager.

- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director submitted a report on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. She was participating in a drive through clinic for vaccinations and not in attendance for the meeting.
- 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 also reported on Highway Safety Improvement funds, Cape Horn Trailhead, submission of CRAB report, and summer employment.

The meeting recessed at 10:28 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 with Tamara Kaufman, Gorge Commissioner for updates. She reported on the 2021 work plan, vital indicator assessment, diversity, climate change action plan, MOU with Counties, Bi-State Advisory Council, Executive Committee, compliance study of permits and fees, short term rentals, and personnel.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met with Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator to discuss business accounts for purchasing. Amazon business accounts were discussed. Heidi explained the process, fees, and contact information for the account representative. She explained the advantages of each department having their own account versus using debit cards for purchasing.

The meeting recessed at 11:49 a.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 met for Forest Service updates. Rebecca Hoffman, Monument Manager reported on recreation, Spirit Lake Tunnel Project Decision Notice, 99 Road Extension Project and core drilling. Erin Black, Mt. Adam's District Ranger reported on hiring in the Silviculture and Planning Departments, seasonal hiring, recreation, permits, restoration, GMA sales receipts, Upper Wind Environmental Assessment, Little Wind Watershed, and timber and trail conditions in the Big Hollow Fire area. The 90 Road as a National Scenic Byway was also discussed.

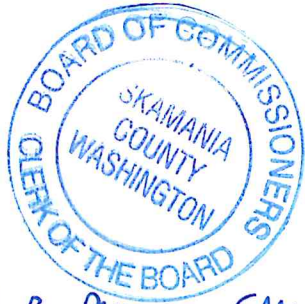
The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:35 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board held an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) litigation with Prosecuting Attorney, Adam Kick. The Chair announced they would need 10 minutes. The session ended at 2:45 p.m.

The Board held an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), performance of a public employee with Prosecuting Attorney, Adam Kick. The Chair announced they would need 20 minutes. The session ended at 3:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heidi B Penner, FMA  
Clerk of the Board

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J. M. Lamm  
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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0