

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of March 23, 2021

The Board of Commissioners met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin and T.W. Lannen, Chair present. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator reported on the annual report and BARS alerts and changes. Sophie Miller, Senior Services Program Manager reported on the transit bus new wrap. She also reported a grant for the transit program scored high and will now move to the legislature for review. She also reported on a technology class and Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington 701 DSHS plan for tribes. Toni Farris, Probation Officer reported on catching up after two weeks away, and technology. Debi VanCamp Human Resources Administrator reported on a vaccine policy and training with Commissioner Mahar comments he is not in favor of a vaccine policy. Alex Hays, Manager of Community Events and Recreation reported on that Blues and Brews is cancelled for 2021. He also reported on vaccine clinics, and the wifi at the Exhibit Hall.

The meeting recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 9:35 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 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.

Mary Repar, Home Valley resident commented the vaccination drive through was well organized, but that only 130 were vaccinated and that is too low for a County of 12,000. She suggested ways to get the word out.

A letter from Lisa Hamerlynck of Friends of White Salmon regarding the sale of SDS holdings was acknowledged.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Modification #7 with USDA Forest Service for noxious weed control on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and in the National Scenic Area
2. City of Stevenson Sewer Upgrades – Temporary and Permanent easements and property dedication to the City for necessary improvements
3. 2020 Annual Reports for County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and authorize the Chair to sign the Submittal Certification Form
4. Statement of Intent withdrawing the Water Right Application for 17051 Washougal River Road – Camp WA-Ri-Ki and authorize the Chair to sign the form
5. Sublease agreement, second amendment with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission for five-year lease of Augspurgen Mountain Repeater site

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated March 23, 2021 in the total amount of \$160,207.20 with \$102,309.27 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 180874 through 180957.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period ending March 15, 2021 in the amount of \$613,559.44 with \$366,324.09 being Current Expense for payroll warrant numbers 43131 through 43150 and direct deposit numbers 68531 through 68707.

The Board met for the WSU Extension report with Hannah Brausse, Extension Director on ZOOM. She discussed structure and direction of updates. Sending the report on Monday by noon was discussed so as to allow the Commissioners to be more forth coming with questions for the Tuesday update. Hannah reported of Forest Youth Success, Clover Report, Fair planning, Administration and 4-H.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin reported on Homeless Housing meeting and a request from WGAP to continue using the Warming Shelter for showers during the summer. He also attended a MCEDD Full Board meeting, and a Building Code Council meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:05 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director submitted a report on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Tamara also reported on vaccines, the Road Map to Recovery, COVID cases update, testing slowing down, and statistics from the Department of Health regarding numbers of vaccinated people in the County. Those numbers were 2567 vaccinated of which 2148 were vaccinated by Community Health. She also reported on Regional Incident team volunteers needed for clinics, program revenues, and IT disruptions.
- Kirby Richards, Community Health Administrative Director reported on an emergency meeting with Health Officers and Governor, she also gave a legislative update.
- 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.

The Board continued reporting on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar attended PUD meeting regarding meter reading. He also attended Southwest Workforce Consortium, Lower Fish Recovery Board, and Town Hall with Representative Gina Mosbrucker and Chris Corey.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:32 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for a Safety Report with Debi VanCamp, Human Resources Administrator. The Board made took the following action:

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to approve 2021-02.

First Aid kits were discussed. Debi will work with departments to make sure kits are up to date and are purchased inclusively through the Hospital District.

The Board continued reporting on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Lannen reported WSAC Timber County Caucus, calls regarding rescue funding with NACO and WSAC, and FMO Group to discuss draft of distribution of new funds.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:07 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met in a workshop with the Financial Management Group, Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss County finances. Commissioner Lannen gave an overview of the new Rescue America funds. Heidi Penner reported their will be four categories the funds can be used for. She also discussed loss of revenue, in house needs, no- profit needs ,and the need to track of hours related to COVID for reimbursement purposes.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:31 a.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met in a workshop with Debi Van Camp, Human Resources Administrator to discuss Human Resource issues. A contract with HR Answers, Inc. for human resources support will be extended and a supplemental budget request submitted for the Human Resources budget. Also advertising for an Administrative Assistant position at a Range 20 in the HR office was discussed. The possibility of needing a supplemental was discussed, more will be known in April. The Board agreed Debi should move forward with staffing needs. Union negotiations will involve all 3 unions this year. Hearing tests were also discussed.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

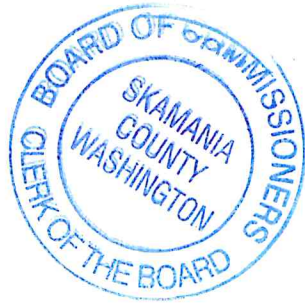
The Board met with Mandy Hertel of the Wind River Advisory Board for updates. She reported that Phil Dodd of Wind River Trust presented the group to the Advisory Board with new Advisory Board members in attendance. The next meeting will be the end of April. Tim Elsea is working on contractual obligations between the Forest Service and County regarding buildings. Zoning, the Forest Service MOA and touring the newly remodeled houses was discussed.

The meeting recessed at 3:51 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 4:05 p.m. with Commissioners Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.440(1)(i) litigation with Prosecuting Attorney, Adam Kick for 20 minutes. At 4:25 p.m. the Chair announced they would need 15 more minutes. The session ended at 4:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heidi B. Penner, FMA
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0