

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648
Minutes for Meeting of June 15, 2021

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 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 and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Authorization to purchase traffic control signs and stands
2. Interlocal agreement with the City of Stevenson for a Fairgrounds well
3. Set public hearing for July 20, 2021, to consider Resolution 2021-20, Supplemental Budget #2 for 2021
4. Request from Washington Gorge Action Programs for funding to provide shower facilities to homeless population in Skamania County, approved by Homeless Housing Council
5. Contract with Washington State Department of Agriculture for Fair Program Capital Project Grants for heaters
6. Contract Amendment #1 with Archaeological Investigations Northwest for professional services
7. Interlocal Agreement Amendment #1 with Skamania County Hospital District to include terms for costs associated with Public Information Officer services
8. Data sharing agreement with the Department of Health to receive protected health information from state managed systems

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated June 15, 2021, in the total amount of \$85,045.98 with \$21,786.69 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 182028 through 182086.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve a new job description for Community Health Behavioral Health Therapist 1 and set salary at Range 23.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Mahar reported on Governor Inslee's weekly call. He reported Employment Security Department has a new supervisor. Also covered on the call was COVID-19 information including vaccine incentives, emergency powers, and opening the state. Commissioner Mahar also reported on a Fair Board meeting that covered fair preparations, and the fireworks show. He also participated in a WSAC call on composition of the Board of Health. Commissioner Hamlin met with Play Frontier representatives and discussed the day care moving from the processing center to another building at Wind River Business Park. He also participated in a Bi-State Recreation meeting and reported the east side of the state is gearing up for fire season, and parks, fisheries and hatcheries were discussed. He also attended a SWWA Regional Health Care Advisory Committee quarterly meeting, Bill

1152 meeting regarding Board of Health, Bridge of the Gods meeting and a MCEDD Loan Administration Board meeting. Commissioner Lannen reported on engaging Underwood Conservation District in signage for fire season, and met with Marlon Morat, Fire Marshall to discuss the cost of signs, how many may be needed, placement. Former-Commissioner Robert Talent also donated signs. He also reported meeting with Kevin Waters, Executive Director of the Skamania County Economic Development Council to discuss funding and a feasibility study. He also reported on Board meeting he attended of the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, American Forest Resource Council, and the Financial Management Group.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tamara Cissel, Community Health Deputy Director submitted a written report on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Tamara also reported on vaccination statistics, with 67% of the state population being vaccinated. She also reported on the Department of Health dashboard, Homeless Housing Council, and vaccination clinic that was held.
- 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 Public Works will enter into a contract with the Federal Highways for the Wind River Road project slated for 2026. He also reported on a presentation to the Stevenson City Council on environmental health permits. For the IT department he reported he will be presenting a Technology policy to the Board for approval. The server room at Hegewald Center, and the elevator project were discussed. Reporting on Wind River Business Park, Tim reported he has been trying to find a service to clean the vacation rentals to no avail. He may need to hire a part time person for those duties. The Board asked for a financial report on the Wind River Business Park.

The meeting recessed at 10:19 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 Columbia River Gorge Commissioner updates with Tamara Kaufman, Gorge Commissioner. She reported the Commission has three new Commissioners. She also reported that Donna Mickley is the new Forest Supervisor for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Other items discussed were the biennium budget, staffing, Land Use Plan and updates, Climate Change Action Plan, Vital Sign Indicator, and Economic Development. The Board also discussed a potential Washington State Department of Transportation project at Beacon Rock State Park with here.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 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 in a workshop to discuss Ordinance 2021-02, Amending Title 21, Zoning, to adopt definitions, development standards and zoning use amendments for the development of recreational facilities. Alan Peters of the Planning Department reported four workshops were held with the Planning Commission from March to May 2021 to discuss how the zoning code could better support the Comprehensive Plan's vision for recreation. On June 1, 2021, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission which included discussion and a vote to approve forwarding a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners in support of the proposed recreational facilities. The proposed tax amendments were discussed including new recreational facility land use terms and definitions, new supplementary development and use standards for recreational facilities, and amendments to the use allowances in each zoning designation to implement the new land use terms. Development Standards for recreational facilities to be

placed in Title 21's supplementary development and use standards were also discussed. The standards include a purpose statement, an applicability statement, standards for all recreational facilities, and additional use-specific standards for campgrounds, rural event centers, retreat centers, and group camps. The recommendation by Staff was that the Board of County Commissioners place consideration of Ordinance 2021-02 on a future consent agenda in order to consider adoption of the Planning Commission's recommendation. Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to move forward by submitting Ordinance 2021-02 for approval on an upcoming Board of County Commissioners' Consent Agenda.

The meeting recessed at 11:37 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), Performance of a public employee for 60 minutes. At 2:30 p.m. the Chair announced they would need 3-4 more minutes. The session ended at 2:38 p.m.

The Board met in a workshop to discuss County owned cell phone policies and procedures. Discussion included stipends, list of employees with County owned phones, uses of County owned phones, upgrades, and a new policy was discussed. Commissioner Hamlin will take the lead on a new policy.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:07 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met in a workshop to determine topics of discussion for a joint meeting with Klickitat County Commissioners scheduled for June 24, 2021. A variety of topics were discussed and added to a list for the meeting including, Department of Natural Resources Timber Revenues, Finance Software Collaboration, Increased Tourism, Northwestern Lake Area, Economic Development/Collaboration/Federal Dollars for Loan Program, Gorge 2020/Sale of SDS, Urban Wildland Interface/Building Code, American Rescue Plan Funds, Fire Preparation Signage, Housing, WSCOT SR 14 Maintenance, and various issues regarding Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0