

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Skamania County Courthouse**  
**240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18**  
**Stevenson, WA 98648**  
**Minutes for Meeting of June 8, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners met for a staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen Chair present. Alex Hays, Manager of Community Events and Recreation reported on Blue Grass, Fair, and a possible grant to be awarded for heaters in the barn on the fairgrounds. He also reported on summer and staff hiring. The DFC Coordinator has been hired. Toni Farris, Probation Officer reported on the first week of the month and being busy with clients. She also reported on upcoming training, and revenues. She also discussed Home Confinement services and indicated she may contract out for those services. Sophie Miller, Senior Services, Program Manager reported the last week for the Dog Mountain Shuttle was that weekend. She reported Farmers Market vouchers will be handed out the following week. She also reported on transit expansion, passes to ride transits in the Gorge, and the potential of opening congregate meals. Debi VanCamp, Human Resources Administrator reported that Sara Slack started working in Human Resources on June 1, 2021. The position vacated by Sara was offered in house the previous week. Requests for job description were discussed and she reported on participating in webinar and zoom meetings. Heidi Penner, Financial Management Administrator reported on NACO webinars regarding America Rescue Plan funding. She also reported the County has received the first half of those funds, and a report will be do August 31, 2021. Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board/Financial Management Coordinator reported the need to advertise for a supplemental budget hearing in July. She also discussed Washington State Extension funding with the Board.

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar 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.

The Board acknowledged receipt of written comment, a petition from property owners of the subdivision Iman Rock Creek Tract, together with property owners north of said tract, bordering to the north of said tract to the center line of Rock Creek all within the City of Stevenson, sections 35 and 36 township 3 north, range 7 east of the Willamette Meridian. The petition to the Skamania County Board of Commissioners, City of Stevenson, and Skamania County Economic Development Council to petition those entities to consider actions to alleviate problems that trespassing, and abuse have brought to the neighborhood and the enhancement of a pathway to Rock Cree to benefit the community and visitors alike.

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

1. Acknowledge receipt of non-retail license renewal from Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Loop De Loop Wines, LLC
2. Notice of liquor license application to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board from Dollar General Store #22272
3. Resolution 2021-18, Establishment of American Rescue Plan Act fund
4. Minutes for meeting of April 27, 2021

5. Minutes for meeting of May 4, 2021
6. Contract with Camden Hill for design and layout of annual voters' pamphlet
7. Contract with US Forest Service to participate in maintenance work on the FS 90 road
8. Contract with Advanced American Construction for office trailers and staging area at Drano Lake

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated June 8, 2021, in the total amount of \$147,296.41 with \$57,816.04 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 181910 through 181960.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve payroll for the period May 16, through May 31, 2021, paid on June 10, 2021, in the amount of \$624,747.06 with \$370,819.93 being Current Expense.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and motion carried unanimously to approve an amendment to a Community Events Specialist Job Description to delete a portion that pertains to posting to the Commissioners' web page.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin reported on Southwest Clean Air, and Washington Gorge Action Program meetings. He also met with Senator Curtis King who was in Skamania County for a visit. They discussed the Hood River Bridge project and Bridge of the Gods issues. Commissioner Mahar reported on the weekly Governor Inslee call. He reported the Governor discussed a lottery associated with the COVID-19 vaccination, the pandemic had reached the 500-day mark, and 63% of the state has been vaccinated. He also reported on the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board meeting where watershed monitoring, seal lion issues and their grant budget. Commissioner Lannen reported on meeting with Neil Sacon at the Willard Ranger District. He also met with Pat Albaugh, Executive Director of the Port of Skamania County to discuss cruise ship docking. He also talked to the campground host at Bid Cedars. Other items he reported on were US Chamber of Commerce Zoom meeting, DNR Trust Lands Assessment, and an Elected Officials meeting.

The meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, 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. She also reported on SWWA Regional Advisory Committee quarterly meeting. She reported the Department of Health dashboard shows a second death in Skamania County. Will check with DOH to confirm if there is a second death.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director/County Engineer submitted a written 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 a Cooperative Agreement with the Forest Service to do maintenance on the 90 Road. Information Technology employees are working bugs out of a program at the fuel sites. Other items he reported on were Park and Ride striping, and County Road prepping for chip seal. He also reported on Solid Waste revenues, Building Inspections, and vacation rentals at Wind River Business Park. He also reported the fire cache has been leased for six months. He also reported on an agreement with Cape Horn Conservancy related to Salmon Falls Park and Ride.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen Chair present.

The Board met with Angie Weiss, Executive Director of the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for updates. She reported on a monthly members workshop, website updates, By Law reviews and mission/vision statement. She also reported on the Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance food trails, business association clean up days, museum passes, and Gorge transit passes. She also reported on events, Chamber networking events, new membership database, visitor numbers and visitor center operations.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:15 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met with Kevin Waters, Executive Director for Skamania County Economic Development Council He reported on scenic act funding, loans, workforce, SBA representative position American Rescue Plan funds, contracts, and WSAC calls. He also discussed a feasibility study regarding infrastructure funding.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:00 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)(i) potential litigation with Prosecuting Attorney Adm Kick and Sheriff Dave Brown for 20 minutes. The session ended at 1:20 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:20 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:45 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board meet for Title III application presentations. Pat Bond, Undersheriff presented the Search and Rescue project application. The request is for \$69,503. Ann Lueders, Skamania County EMS Superintendent presented an application for Skamania County EMS and Rescue in the amount of \$53,275. Dan Richardson, of Underwood Conservation District presented a project application for the Firewise Program in the amount of \$35,309.81. Shawn Ford of North Country EMS presented an application for North Country EMS in the amount of \$82,850.

The meeting recessed at 3:20 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:45 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met with Tamara Cissell, Community Health Deputy Director for a workshop to discuss succession planning and personnel. They discussed combining two position to create a Behavioral Health Therapist I position with additional duties at a Range 23. Debi VanCamp, Human Resource Administrator will prepare the new job description for the Behavioral Health Therapist I position and present on an upcoming agenda for the Board's approval. The title for her position was discussed. No action was taken. She also discussed a Public Health Manager position she would like to move forward by August 1<sup>st</sup>. No action was taken.


The Board met in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) performance of a public employee for 20 minutes. AT 4:30 p.m. the Chair announced they would need 10 more minutes. The session ended at 4:40 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 4:42 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), performance of a public employee. The Chair announced the session was cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
*Debbie Clark*  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*J. W. Lamm*  
Commissioner

*Steve Lee*  
Commissioner

*John M. ...*  
Commissioner

Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0