

RESOLUTION 2021-33

(Setting the Veterans Assistance Fund Levy, Repealing Resolution 2018-61, Repealing Resolution 2018-66, Repealing Resolution 2013-07)

WHEREAS, a revolving fund for Veteran's Relief was created by Resolution 1985-26 and amended by a letter from the Skamania County Auditor in May of 2003 and amended by Resolution 2018-66

WHEREAS, Resolution 2018-66 established a limit of \$10,000 for the fund to be available for increased assistance; and

WHEREAS, there exists a Skamania County Veterans Assistance Revolving Fund providing for relief payments to indigent veterans and the wives, husbands, widows, widowers and minor children of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS, funds are collected through a property tax assessment, which by law, per RCW 73.08.080, can be no less than 1&1/8th cents nor more than 27 cents per thousand; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County currently assesses 2.5 cents per thousand which is collecting approximately \$45,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the current fund balance is over \$200,000, with annual expenditures under \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have the fiduciary responsibility to effectively operate the County funds under RCW 84.55; and

WHEREAS, the current level of assistance is set at an amount, up to \$1,200, with \$700 being the normal level of pay to veterans per year, except in circumstances where additional assistance is needed up to \$1,200. In extraordinary circumstances where additional assistance is needed above \$1,200 the Veteran's Advisory Board will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners expects to add a contracted employee to provide veteran support services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes the Veterans Assistance Fund property tax levy authorization at 3.5 cents per thousand of assessed value, per year, until repealed or amended.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 26th day of October 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

J. N. Lamm
Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Prosecuting Attorney

For 3
Against 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0