

**BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Skamania County Courthouse  
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18  
Stevenson, WA 98648**

**Minutes for Mmeeting of November 30, 2021**

The Commissioner's Business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 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 Adam Kick, Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney.

Mary Repar, County resident commented on the need for more mask signs to be posted on County Building, especially the Sheriff's Office.

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

1. Agreement with DocuSign for annual subscription for electronic signature services
2. Memorandum of Understanding with the Managers Unit VEBA Groups to vote not more often than every 6 months
3. Letter of Engagement with Patrick Robinson for interim Special Deputy Prosecutor services
4. Ordinance 2021-03, Amending Title 21 (Zoning) to revise standards for home occupations and Ordinance 2021-04, Amending Title 21 (Zoning) to expand opportunities to develop recreational facilities in certain zones
5. Grant authority to the Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing appeals filed for the current year
6. Public Defense Grant to assist Counties with resentencing and/or vacating convictions under State vs. Blake
7. Contract with Washington State Department of Commerce for funding to administer National Scenic Area Act in Skamania County.

Commissioner Mahar moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated November 30, 2021, in the total amount of \$82,996.42 with \$18,445.24 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 184434 through 184476.

Hannah Brause, WSU Extension Director reported to the Board on new 4-H Clubs and leaders, Forest Youth Success program and administration. She also submitted the most recent Clover Report newsletter and commented on an annual review.

The Board reported on various meeting they attended. Commission Hamlin reported on great food he ate for Thanksgiving week. Commissioner Mahar participated in the WSAC Weekly Virtual Assembly, and discussed WSDOT funds, grants, fish barrier project, vandalism in rest areas, ferry systems and snow plowing. He also reported on Broadband. Commissioner Lannen reported on a WSAC call.

Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney met with the Board to discuss a 70% temporary hire to have help while he is replacing two deputy prosecutor positions in his department.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. the same day with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for Department Head reports.

- Tamara Cissell, Community Health Director reported on Developmental Disabilities, Substance Use Disorder, Public Health, Housing and COVID 19. She has a new Coordinator for the Developmental Disabilities Board. She also reported she will be attending a Southwest Regional Health Care meeting on Thursday.
- Alan Peters, Community Development Director reported on Planning and Building Departments. He reported a public hearing on the National Scenic Area update is scheduled for December 14, 2021. He also reported interviews for District 2 of the Planning Commission were to be held that day. He updated the Board on the Storedahl quarry project, Tenzen project in Home Valley, personnel, and current planning workload.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director reported on Engineering, County Road, ER & R, Solid Waste, Information Technology, Buildings and Grounds and Wind River Business Park. HE also reported on “ghost” RVs parked on County right of way and cu-de-sacs. He also explained that there is damage to guardrail on the Moore Bridge and options to fix it. County Road helped the PUD with tree removal. The IT department will be opening a new portal for work orders. Buildings and Grounds information regarded the elevator inspections, jail repairs which are plumbing and door repair.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 10:35 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for an interview with John Di Palma for position two on the Planning Commission. The Board asked questions of the candidate including knowledge of county-wide planning, zoning, time commitment for attending two meetings per month, and why he would like to serve on the Commission. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board met for an interview with Steven Allen for position two on the Planning Commission. The Board asked questions of the candidate including his interest in serving on the Commission, zoning, development, recreational vehicles, and urban areas.

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. on the same day with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen Chair present.

The Board held a workshop to discuss ghost motor homes with Sheriff Dave Brown and Public Works Director, Tim Elsea. It was discussed the “ghost motor homes” are taking up right of way going against the ordinance that they are not allowed to park in the right of way for more than 24 hours. There are issues with snowplows and emergency response vehicles getting around them. When they are left abandoned, it costs the County around \$3,000 to have them towed and there is not any place to store them. Tim Elsea and Undersheriff Pat Bond will work on a revamp of the ordinance. There are also solid waste issues. Pat Bond will research available tow companies that tow abandoned motor homes and work with Tim on the ordinance.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:30 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board held a workshop for a presentation regarding Courthouse listing on the National Register – Historical Preservation. Designating Historic Resources was presented by Michael Houser of the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. He discussed the keys to what it means to be declared



a historic property, the criteria, and levels of listing as a Local, State or National register or landmark. Properties that are listed are more than 50 years old. He showed photos of various buildings around the state that are listed as historic properties. He also listed the seven qualities of historic integrity to look for in a property. historic context, and historic significance. Other discussion items were the results of listing on the National Register of Historic Places, designated historic sites, and technical assistance.

The meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:42 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

The Board participated in a 2022 Final Budget workshop. Changes to the Veteran's Relief Fund were discussed with Robert Waymire, Skamania County Auditor.

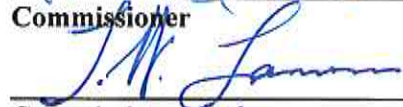
The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.


**ATTEST:**

  
  
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Aye 3  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0