

BOARD OF SKAMANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Ave. Lower Level, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648

Minutes for Meeting of February 15, 2022

The Commissioners' business meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, T.W. Lannen, and Richard Mahar Chair present.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board.

Mary Repar, Stevenson resident commented on the Veteran's Advisory Board, vacation homes and Air BNB rentals in the County. She also remarked that the COVID crisis is not yet over.

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

1. Resolution 2022-09, Repay Current Expense Interfund Loan
2. Resolution 2022-10, Establish Current Expense Interfund Loan from CR Loan fund
3. Renewal of contract with J2 Business Systems for inclusive rental agreement for two new HP T2600 MFP combination printer/scanner machines

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion passed unanimously to approve vouchers for the period dated February 15, 2022, in the total amount of \$343,157.17 with \$101,083.10 being Current Expense, covering warrant numbers 185525 through 185622.

Commissioner Lannen moved to approve ratification of Non-Consent Agenda Item #5, ARPA Hazard Retention Stipend List approved on February 1, 2022, adopted, and signing of final contract on this day.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Hamlin reported on attending MCEDD, Southwest Clean Air, meeting with former Commissioner Bob Anderson to discuss Broadband. There were two agenda items to consider before further updates.

Commissioner Lannen moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlin and the motion carried unanimously to approve a revised Community Health Director Employment contract.

Commissioner Hamlin, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with The Skamania County Law Enforcement Guild for January 2022 regarding Inclement Weather.

The Board reported on various meetings they attended. Commissioner Lannen reported on American Forest Resource Council call regarding litigation. He also reported on Encumbered Lands, and citizen interactions. Commissioner Mahar reported on Governor Inslee's weekly all. He also reported on the Fair Board, meeting with Alex Hays to discuss Fairground upgrades, and mattress sale. He also reported on attending a Canvassing Board meeting, and a Washington Sate Association of Counties virtual call.

The Board met for Department Head reports

- Alan Peters, Community Development Director reported on Planning, Building and Environmental Health. He also reported on personnel, Planning Commission and a variance request for a proposed coffee stand in Carson. He reported that the Storedahl Quarry scoping summary will be mailed out

this week. Then the next comment period will be when the Environmental Impact Statement is in draft form. He also discussed the Columbia Gorge Getaways condition use proposed and the traffic impact study. There is a March 14, 20202 hearing.

- Tamara Cissell, Community Health Director reported on Behavioral Health, Public Health, Developmental Disabilities and Housing. She reported a Washington State Association of Counties, virtual call regarding the expanded Board of Health She also reported on COVID 19, test kits for home testing being ordered, and distribution of those. She also reported on the Homeless Housing Council and discussed fund balance concerns.
- Tim Elsea, Public Works Director submitted a written report on Engineering, County Road, Information Technology, ER & R, Buildings and Grounds, Solid Waste and Wind River Business Park. He reported staff being at CRAB training. He also mentioned supplement budget request he will submit for internet switch at the Courthouse Annex, and a Solid Waste backhoe. He informed the Board of vandalism at the Underwood Transfer site, with measures being taken to better watch the area. There was not reportable damage because of the vandalism. He also discussed the disinfecting program and wondered about the end point or how much longer to continue with the temporary help for that reason.

The Board met to discuss a Veteran's Advisory Board position and gather a recommendation by the Veteran's Advisory Board. Matt Joy representing the Carson American legion indicated to the Board that both legions in the County are in favor of applicant Brenda Bush being appointed.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen and the motion carried unanimously to appoint Brenda Bush to an At Large position on the Veteran's Advisory Board.

The meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met for a workshop to discuss the future of the Probation Department. Toni Faris, current Probation Officer resigned as of June 15, 2022. Training, staffing, workload, Behavioral Health Court, position contracting, caseload, remote work, salary of Adult Probation vs. Juvenile Probation was discussed. Toni indicated she would like to partake in the process for rehiring for the Probation Officer. The work schedule and possibility of a part time position to be added to the office as well as what the transition should be were also discussed. Discussion also included Washington State Department of Corrections office space in the Probation Office, and advertising of the position through April 15th.

The meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened the same day at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, T.W. Lannen, and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met for a workshop with the Wind River Trust group to discuss a lease proposal for buildings and acreage at Wind River Business Park. In attendance from the Wind River Trust were Phil Dodd, President, Jeff DeBell, Laurel Blaisdell and Al McKee. During the workshop there was technical difficulties with the ZOOM call so those attending that way were unable to hear the entire workshop. It was fixed at the recess. Lease terms, cattle problems, test glamping and flower planting on 2.7 acres at Martha Creek Field. Three buildings were also under discussion.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lannen to direct Public Works Director, Tim Elsea to enter into negotiations with Wind River Trust for the lease of 3 buildings and 2.7 acres of Martha Creek Field. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 2:34 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, T.W. Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met to discuss the Lion's Club lease. Mary Repar, resident of Skamania County reported there are new members and a different director for the Lion's Club. Cans and newspapers are being collected again for recycle. The current lease is in affect from September 1, 2016, through the same date in 2026. A community partnership with solid waste and donation to various groups was discussed. No action was needed, and none was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened the same day at 3:00 p.m. with Commissioners Robert Hamlin, T.W. Lannen and Richard Mahar, Chair present.

The Board met with Adam Kick, Prosecutor in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(a)(ii) Infrastructure and Security of Agency Computer and Telecommunications Network for 45 minutes. The session ended at 3:32 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack
Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0