

**Minutes**  
**Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 31, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Daniel Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners, on October 31, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the public meeting room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse.

Present: Vice Chair Daniel Cothren, Commissioner Blair H. Brady, Clerk of the Board Marsha LaFarge, Building and Planning Manager Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director Pete Ringen, HHS Director Judy Bright, HHS Deputy Director Chris Weiler and Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow. Commissioner Lisa Marsyla was excused.

Others Present: *Wahkiakum County Eagle* Publisher Rick Nelson, Jon Blair Peterson, Jerry & Kathleen Hogan, Michael Linn, and Al & Nancy George.

**Flag Salute**

Vice Chair Cothren led the flag salute.

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 31, 2011. Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren to approve the Consent Agenda for October 31, 2011. Carried. The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- A. Resolution No. 150-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the electronic communications cumulative reserve fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$106.52
- B. Voucher Approval - \$26,917.11
- C. Veterans Day Closure

**New Business**

Leave Buy Out

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren approving Resolution No. 151-11, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$465.74 from the contingent liabilities cumulative reserve fund for payment of accumulated comp time to Chris Weiler and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare. Carried.

## **Building and Planning Department**

### Shoreline Permit for Alternate Gear

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren approving Jon Blair Peterson's Shoreline Permit No. 2011-2-14 with the Planning Commission's recommendations for an alternate gear type – temporary pound net test site. Carried.

### Shoreline Permit for Pile Dolphins

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren approving Georgia-Pacific Consumer Paper Products, L.P.'s Shoreline Permit No. 2011-2-20 with the Planning Commission's recommendations for the installation of two 6 pile dolphins and the removal of two 6 pile dolphins. Carried.

## **Public Works**

### Supplemental Consulting Agreement

Public Works Director Pete Ringen advised additional consultant services will be necessary to assist in the successful construction of the new ferry. Elliott Bay Design Group is still under contract for the design work and they are willing to extend their services to include the work necessary during construction. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren authorizing the vice chair's signature on the Supplemental Consulting Agreement with Elliott Bay Design Group supplementing the agreement by \$125,364 for a new authorized contract total of \$290,327. Carried.

### Call for Bids

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren to approve the Call for Bids for janitorial services with bids to be submitted by November 22, 2011, to the public works department and the sealed bids to be opened in the public meeting room at 11:00 a.m. Carried.

## **Public Health**

### Regional Health Alliance

HHS Director Judy Bright provided an update on the Regional Health Alliance meeting she attended on the 19th of October. Bright reported this meeting was an organizational meeting to review the State set guiding principles and to see whether or not the alliance could live with them.

### Public Health Care

HHS Deputy Director Chris Weiler reported on a meeting he had with Health Officer Dr. Alan Melnick and area hospitals to work out a delivery system of health care for low income people. Their goal is to develop a system where people can go to receive all of their health and/or mental health care needs in one location.

### State Health Care Budget

HHS Director Judy Bright reviewed the projected state budget reductions and how they may affect Health and Human Services and the services they will and will not be able to provide.

## Prosecuting Attorney

### Law Library Funding

Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow stated that his budget for 2011 contained only \$8,000 for the law library and he does not have enough funds to cover the November and December contract payments to Westlaw. Bigelow asked the board to transfer \$1,500 from the general fund to the law library or to pay the next two Westlaw bills from the general funds. The board decided not to take action on this matter and to wait for the November bill from Westlaw.

### Recess

Vice Chair Cothren recessed the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m. and called for an Order of Adjournment to Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

### Order of Adjournment

*Tuesday, November 1, 2010*

### Reconvene

Chair Marsyla reconvened the regular meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Present: Chair Lisa Marsyla, Commissioner Daniel Cothren, Clerk of the Board Marsha LaFarge and Auditor Diane Tischer. Commissioners Blair Brady was excused.

### Budget Work Session

The Commissioners reviewed the adjusted figures from department heads for their 2012 budgets. They noted three departments had not turned in their budgets, Treasurer, Assessor and Prosecuting Attorney. The Board instructed the Clerk of the Board to send each of these elected officials a reminder to turn in their revised budgets by Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Items that need to be addressed at the next board meeting are: Budgets for Assessor, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, and Law Library; District Court's adjustment to Judge Pro Tem and Extra Help line items; Planning Commission's secretary; Weed Board's extra help line item; and comp time for union employees where none has been budgeted.

### Recess

Chair Marsyla recessed the regular meeting at 2:25 p.m. and called for an Order of Adjournment to Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

### Order of Adjournment

*Thursday, November 3, 2010*

### Reconvene

Chair Marsyla reconvened the regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Jury Room of the County Courthouse.


Present: Chair Lisa Marsyla, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Marsha LaFarge, and Auditor Diane Tischer, Sheriff Jon Dearmore, Undersheriff Mark Howie, Treasurer Paula Holloway and Building and Planning Manager Chuck Beyer. Commissioner Blair Brady was excused.

A discussion was held regarding the 2012 contribution to the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Narcotics Task Force. It was agreed that Sheriff Dearmore will speak with Cowlitz County Undersheriff Engler and explain that the county, at this time, does not have the funds to contribute towards the drug task force. However, it was agreed, upon the sale of the drug house that was seized by the county, a percentage of that sale will be contributed to the task force.

The commissioners continued to work on the budgets of the Assessor, Treasurer and Building and Planning Department.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Lisa M. Marsyla adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:   
Marsha LaFarge  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:   
Lisa M. Marsyla  
Chair of the Board