

Agenda
Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2023
9:30 a.m.

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Next Resolution No. 73-23

9:30 a.m. **Call to Order & Flag Salute**
9:32 a.m. **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda**

9:33 a.m. **Consent Agenda**

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners for reading and study, are considered routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Board with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 73-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the County Properties Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$8,850.22
- C. Resolution No. 74-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Criminal Justice Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$262.07
- D. Resolution No. 75-23 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 \$99.99
- E. Voucher Approval - \$197,307.04

9:35 a.m. **Public Comment**

(Per RCW 42.30.240, public comments on agenda topics, county programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting. Comments may be made in person or remotely via the Zoom platform. Please limit comments to three minutes per person.)

Review Commissioners' Calendars

9:40 a.m. **New Business**
1. Support Letter: Hwy 101 EV Charging Station Project

9:45 a.m. **Health & Human Services ~ Chris Bischoff, Director**
1. Accept bid for construction of two outbuilding and gravel gazebo pad

9:50 a.m. **Commissioner Reports**

Adjournment

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Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Lee Tischer, Chair
District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren
District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong

MINUTES
Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2023

DRAFT

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the third-floor public meeting room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse located at 64 Main Street in Cathlamet, Washington.

Present: Chair Lee Tischer, Commissioner Gene Strong, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

Flag Salute

Chair Lee Tischer led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong approving the regular meeting agenda for May 9, 2023 (with the removal of the work session). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren approving the consent agenda for May 9, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Verified Claims by Commissioner Lee Tischer - \$235.00
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023
- C. Resolution No. 70-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the County Properties Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$834.56
- D. Resolution No. 71-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Criminal Justice Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$2,219.75
- E. Resolution No. 72-23 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 \$2,931.76
- F. Voucher Approval - \$810,645.33
- G. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$3,000.00
- H. Holiday Closure: Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2023

Public Comment

A resident spoke in appreciation of the Sheriff's Office open house last week.

Fair Board Update

Patty Dursteler, Fair Manager, provided the Board with an update on the fairgrounds and the upcoming events.

Commissioner Reports

The Board discussed their work over the past week.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Attest: _____
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____
Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board

WAHAKIYAKUM COUNTY VOUCHER APPROVAL

<u>FUND</u> <u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUND #</u> <u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001 CURRENT EXPENSE	<u>20,886.55</u>	117 CR INTER LOCAL	
100 PUBLIC HEALTH	<u>7,502.21</u>	119 CR CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u>262.07</u>
101 CHEM DEPENDANCY		120 CRIME VICTIM/WITNESS	
102 VETERAN RELIEF		121 BOAT SAFETY	<u>1,387.86</u>
103 FLOOD CONTROL		122 DEV DISABILITIES	<u>105.33</u>
		123 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	<u>3,667.37</u>
104 MENTAL HEALTH		126 CR ELECTRONIC COMM	<u>99.99</u>
105 ELECTION RESERVE	<u>495.80</u>	132 RURAL CO PUB FACILTY	
106 FAIR	<u>10,350.00</u>	133 AFFORD HOUSING	
		134 HOMELESS HOUSING	
107 COUNTY ROAD	<u>120,484.02</u>	135 TRIAL COURT IMPROV.	
108 E- 911	<u>65.00</u>	136 MUNICIPAL POOL	
109 TOURISM		150 AUDITOR O& M	
110 UNEMPLOYMENT		160 TRANSIT	<u>1,020.37</u>
111 SAND PIT		170 TREASURER O&M	
112 CR EMERGENCY EXP		171 REET ELECTRONIC TECH	
113 CR PUBLIC WORKS		195 FORFEITED PROP & SEIZURE	
114 CR EMERGENCY MED		198 DRUG BUY	
115 CR CO PROPERTIES	<u>8,850.22</u>	301 CAPITAL IMPRVMT FUND	
116 CR CONT LIABILITIES		401 WAHK FAMILY PRACT	
PAYROLL #40051-40062		402 JOHNSON PARK	
PAYROLL DD #16293-16413		403 SOLID WASTE FUND	<u>8,690.39</u>
PAYROLL #290467-290489		501 E.R. & R	<u>13,439.86</u>
PAYROLL Disbursement #285507			
SUB-TOTAL	<u><u>168,633.80</u></u>	SUB-TOTAL	

WARRANT #'S _____

TOTAL WARRANTS 197,307.04

ATTESTED:

DATE: 5/16/2023

Commissioner, District # 1

Commissioner, District #2

Commissioner, District # 3

Natasha Barlow

Auditor/Dep Auditor/Clerk of the Board

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BOARD OF WAHKIAKUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: 5-16-23

Presenter:

Subject	Request for a Letter of Support for federal USDOT grant funding for electric vehicle charging project along Hwy 101, including one at the PUD parking lot in Cathlamet.
Background Information	The US Department of Transportation is offering competitive grant funding for the installation of direct-current fast charging stations for electric vehicles at publicly accessible sites across the nation as part of a new initiative entitled the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. Governmental entities are required to apply alongside a private sector partner. Energy Northwest is collecting letters of support from potential site hosts along US Highway 101 and State Route 4; with a proposed charging station in the PUD parking lot in Cathlamet.
Recommendation	
Alternatives	
Financial Impact	
Funds Available	
Action (Motion)	Move to approve of the letter supporting Energy Northwest's efforts to install EV charging stations along US Highway 101 and State Route 4.



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P. O. Box 586
Cathlamet WA 98612
(360) 795-8048

May 16, 2023

Tanya Dion
Project Developer
Energy Northwest
PO Box 968, MD-1035
Richland, WA 99354

Dear Tanya,

We are writing in support of Energy Northwest's efforts to electrify US Highway 101 (US-101), State Route 4, (SR-4), and the broader Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. As the market share of electric vehicles (EVs) increases, we see the value in providing this charging amenity to our residents and visitors. This initiative would also help close a significant gap in EV charging coverage which exists along these routes.

With the rate of EV registrations in Washington climbing quickly, this initiative is crucial in supporting Washington State's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050. Since almost 40% of Washington's annual greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation, cleaner cars and trucks are essential to meeting these limits. Our state has implemented a new requirement to gradually increase the number of new zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) sold in Washington, until all new vehicles meet the ZEV standard starting in 2035.

This improvement in infrastructure will increase the value of the routes and alleviate range anxiety for EV travelers. Installing EV charging in our area would also allow the urban EV owners to venture out into our rural communities, promoting tourism and economic development. Tourism plays a significant role in our community's economy and the ability to attract and provide for different groups of visitors is always something of great interest to us.

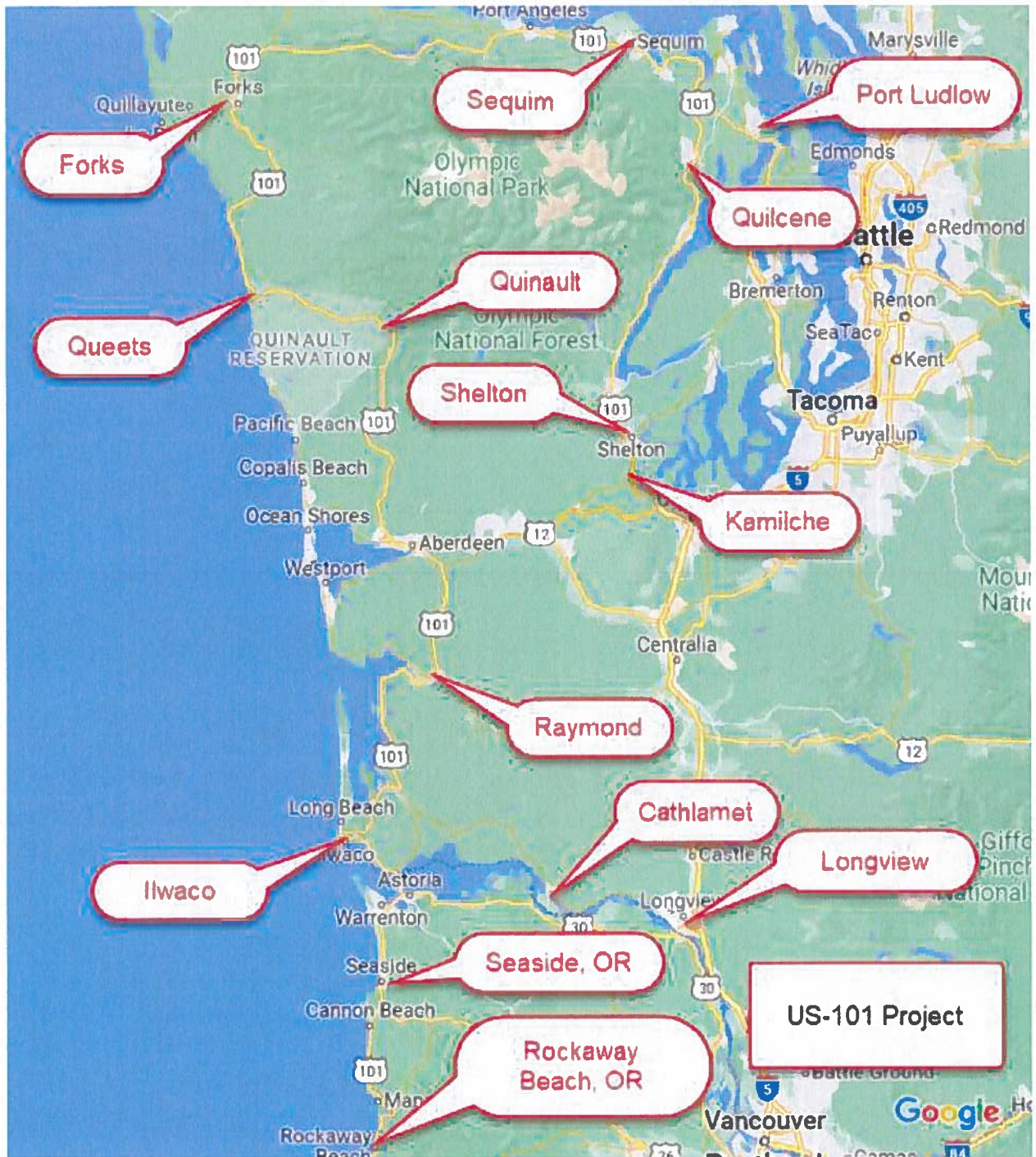
We support the efforts of Energy Northwest to install a network of direct-current fast charging stations for EVs across our state.

Sincerely,

Lee Tischer
Chair

Daniel L. Cothren
County Commissioner

Gene Strong
County Commissioner



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BOARD OF WAHKIAKUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: 5/16/2023

Presenter: Michelle Collupy/Chris Bischoff

Subject	Health and Human Services would like to accept the bid from Conframe Construction in the amount of \$87,936.30 for the construction of the two small outbuildings on the Elochoman Campus and the gravel pad.
Background Information	The Behavioral Health Fund received a grant and potentially a second grant from Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) for Workforce Stabilization. These funds are for the recruitment and retention of Behavioral Health employees. A break area building, gym and outdoor covered area are in the plans to provide our employees places for a calming and relaxing atmosphere.
Recommendation	Allow the HHS department to accept the Conframe Construction bid to construct 2 outbuildings and gravel pad on the ElochomanValley campus.
Alternatives	Not to accept bid
Financial Impact	HHS has HCA grant covering the cost
Funds Available	Yes
Action (Motion)	Approve the bid from Conframe for the construction of the buildings and pad.

Conframe Construction LLC
P.O. Box 1543
Brush Prairie Wa 98606
360.953.3293

ESTIMATE

Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services
42 Elochoman Valley Road, Cathlamet, Wa

Estimate # 0000125

Estimate Date 04/17/2023

Item	Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
	Construction of 12x12 building, 12x24 building, 20x20 gravel pad	87936.30	1.00	87,936.30
<p>NOTES: Includes, Price and material per specs Taxes and fees Permitting All Material (no special order material needed) Standard Electrical and building codes</p>				
Subtotal				87,936.30
Total				87,936.30
Amount Paid				0.00
Estimate				\$87,936.30