

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 January 10, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on January 10, 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, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell.

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 January 10, 2023, with the removal of the Otak, Inc. Agreement. 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 January 10, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 06-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1,430.86 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Falon Hoven and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- C. Resolution No. 07-23 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 \$1,587.11
- D. Voucher Approval - \$ 851,844.71

Public Comment

An East Sunny Sands resident commented that the beaches have suffered from significant erosion following the recent storm weather and high tides; some areas are almost back to their original state before the beach nourishment that occurred just a few years ago. He commented that the pile dikes appear to be causing increased erosion rates.

New Business

Letter Requesting Increases to Ferry Funding

The county is requesting the state to increase the ferry funding split from 80/20 to 85/15 and to increase the biennium funding cap from 1.5M to 2.5M. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the letters to Representative Jake Fey and Senator Jeff Wilson requesting increased ferry funding from the state. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Call for Quotes for Rock and Asphalt Products

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to publish the notice to asphalt product suppliers and to publish the notice to rock product suppliers. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioners

Shoreline Master Program Administrator

The Board discussed the Shoreline Administrator position. Several options were discussed including utilizing a private contractor, having the work be done by the Building Inspector/Planner or creating a separate Planning position. No action taken.

Commissioner Reports

The Board discussed their weekly reports.

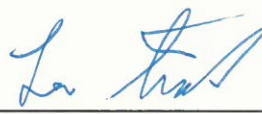
Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board