



## Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Mike Backman

District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren, Chair

District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong

### MINUTES

#### Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners

#### Regular Meeting

January 14, 2020

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on January 14, 2020, 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 Dan Cothren, Commissioner Mike Backman, Commissioner Gene Strong, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, DEM Coordinator Beau Renfro, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Deputy Auditor Kaelee Dearmore, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Kuhlmeier.

#### Flag Salute

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

#### Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman approving the regular meeting agenda for January 14, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the consent agenda for January 14, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Minutes of January 7, 2020
- B. Resolution No. 05-20 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable from this fund in the amount of \$4,889.98
- C. Voucher Approval - \$ 73,958.53
- D. Notice of Public Hearing on an ordinance regarding reducing the speed limit on Crown Camp Road to 25 mile per hour
- E. Notice of Johnson Park Meeting on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- F. Resolution No. 06-20 a resolution establishing the rate for mileage reimbursement to county officials and employees for the use of personal vehicles in connection with county business and amending Section 2.59.120 of the Revised Code of Wahkiakum County

## Public Comment

A resident questioned the status of the text notification system. It is expected to go live shortly.

A resident questioned the 211 service in the county.

Ron Wright commented on last Tuesday's robotic presentation. The Robotics club went on to win the Motivational Award at their tournament on Sunday; the award was granted for the club's community involvement.

## New Business

### Appointment to the Johnson Park Board

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong to appoint Dana Hamp to the Johnson Park Board, effective through December 31, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Sheriff's Office

### Contract for Purchase of New 911 Call Handling System

The Sheriff's Office has been working with Thurston and Clark counties to purchase a new 911 system. The costs are reimbursable. The project is on a very short time line, hence the request to have a staff member sign the contract once it is available, pending review by the Prosecuting Attorney. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to delegate signing authority to Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Kuhlmeier for the signing of the contract between Wahkiakum County and Solacom in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Health & Human Services

### Contract Amendments with Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization

This increases the expected funds by approximately \$57,000; these funds are used for employee recruitment and retention. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong to approve of addendums to Contracts #20190082 and #20190083 between Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization and Wahkiakum Health and Human Services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Commissioner Reports

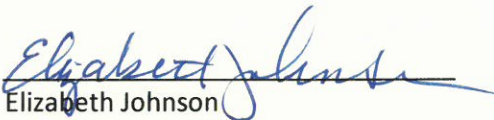
Commissioner Strong discussed the first meeting of the Legislative Steering Committee in Olympia; including their legislative priorities. He also reported on the status of the proposal to separate the Coroner and Prosecuting Attorney for all counties.

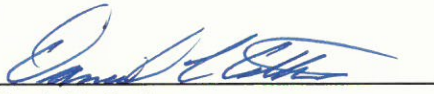
Commissioner Backman reported on attending the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, the Wahkiakum Community Network, Broadband Committee and the Fair Board. Backman also discussed his work with Fishermen United; they are working on unifying fishermen from the Coast up to Cowlitz county, to work with the state to increase harvestable fish. They are preparing for their meeting in Olympia on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Cothren attended the Grays River Habitat Enhancement District (GRHED) meeting for the presentation on the Grays Bay project proposals. Cothren also spoke to staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is trying to schedule a meeting to discuss the Puget Island beach nourishment for the season and the Grays Bay issues. Lastly, Cothren is working extensively on timber issues now that the legislative session has started.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Attest:   
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:   
Daniel L. Cothren  
Chair of the Board