



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 February 14, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on February 14, 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 via phone, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

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 February 14, 2023 (with the addition of the request for support in asking legislators to delay action on SB 5688 and HB 1789 regarding carbon sequestration). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong approving the consent agenda for February 14, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. ~~Excuse Commissioner Strong (Tentative)~~
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023
- C. Resolution No. 28-23 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 \$887.52
- D. Resolution No. 29-23 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 \$17,728.49
- E. Voucher Approval - \$910,166.88

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Request Legislators to Delay Action on SB 5688 and HB 1789 Regarding Carbon Sequestration

The American Forest Resources Council requested support from several counties to request the legislature to delay action on bills regarding carbon sequestration and ecosystem services in the management of public lands. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to support in asking the legislature to delay action on SB 5688 and HB 1789. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Re-establish the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Make Appointments

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to appoint Chuck Beyer, Brian Stanley, Ned Bittner, McKenna Todd, Dan Cothren, Jeanne Hendrickson, Marsha LaFarge and Jason Will. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Janitorial Quote for Cleaning Services for the Hope Center Buildings

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the quote for cleaning the Hope Center complex received from ABM Janitorial (in the amount of \$683.94 per month). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Capital Improvement Plan Project List

Chuck Beyer presented the proposed plan for the project list. The Board reviewed the plan and had no changes; they will act on the plan at a following meeting. No action taken at this time.

Professional Services Agreement with Exeltech Consulting, Inc. for East Valley Road Intersection Improvement

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to enter into an A&E Professional Service Consulting Agreement with Exeltech Consulting, Inc. for the East Valley Road and SR-4 Intersection Improvement Project. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Extension Office

Update on WSU Wahkiakum Extension Projects

Carrie Backman, Extension Agent, provided an update on the Marine Resources Grant, the Career Connection Grant and she discussed current projects and activities.

Commissioner Reports

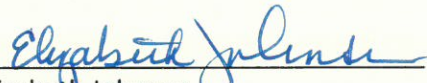
The Board discussed their work over the past week, including discussion on carbon credits and county trust lands.

Work Session
Shoreline Master Program Administrator

The Board discussed various options for an SMP Administrator. No action taken.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____
~~Lee Fischer~~ Dan Cothren
Vice Chair of the Board
