

## Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

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

### MINUTES Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners Regular Meeting March 2, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 2, 2021, 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 Gene Strong, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Commissioner Lee Tischer, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, IT Manager Josh Holt, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, PW Director Chuck Beyer, Auditor Nicci Bergseng.

#### Flag Salute

Chair Gene Strong led the flag salute.

#### Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer approving the regular meeting agenda for March 2, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren approving the consent agenda for March 2, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 32-21 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 \$1,290.93
- C. Resolution No. 33-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$148.50 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of claims related to medical expenses for a LEOFF member
- D. Voucher Approval - \$31,404.79

## Community Resource Coordinator Report

Cecile Bamer, Community Resource Coordinator, provided the Board an update on her programs. She works out of the Community Center and is focusing on the Employ Wahkiakum Program and the Wahkiakum Youth Mentoring Program.

### Family Health Center

Jim Coffee, Family Health Center CEO, discussed the status of the Cathlamet clinic.

### New Business

Resolution for Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement: Southwest WA Regional Transportation Organ.  
It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to adopt Resolution No. 34-21 a resolution adopting the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Letter Requesting the State’s Assumption of the Wahkiakum County Ferry Program

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to send the letter regarding the Wahkiakum County Ferry to Roger Millar and Senator Steve Hobbs and Representative Jake Fey. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Johnson Park Request for Extra Hours for Hallway Painting

Johnson Park Board is requesting 100 extra hours for the Maintenance position and for the Janitor position to complete the painting of the hallways; they have funding in their maintenance fund for this.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the expenditures for \$2,970 for the painting of the hall (or 100 extra hours for the maintenance and up to 100 extra hours for the janitor position for Johnson Park). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Health & Human Services

Budget Salary Split Changes to Utilize State COVID Funding

Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, discussed some of the salary budget splits that will utilize new COVID related funding that they received.

### IT Manager

Phone Server Upgrade and Warranty Renewal

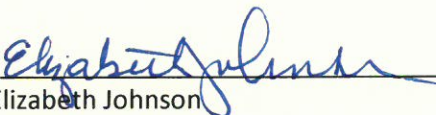
The county’s phone system is now 5 years old and the warranty is expiring. This project will refresh the phone server system. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the Chair’s signature on Cerium contract renewing the 5-year update and warranty. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

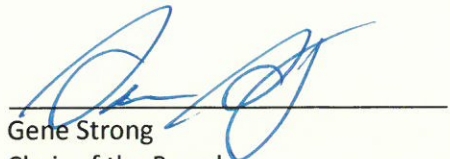
### Board of Health

Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, provided an update to the Board. The County Health Officer representative will be scheduled for the April Board of Health meeting. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was recently approved, and the state is expected to get 60,000 doses this week but then will likely not receive any more until the end of March. Moderna and Pfizer are also stepping up manufacturing for their vaccines. There are a small number of first doses currently available. HHS is still working on their 65 and older list which is now down to approximately 100 people. Bischoff discussed the program to provide in-home vaccinations for those individuals that are truly unable to leave their homes. He also urged caution as a number of cases are circulating around the high school right now.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Chair Gene Strong adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Attest:   
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:   
Gene Strong  
Chair of the Board