



## 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

March 21, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 21, 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, HHS Operations Manager Duncan Cruickshank, HHS Finance and Budget Manager Michelle Collupy, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Treasurer Tammy Peterson, 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 March 21, 2023. 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 March 21, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 42-23 a resolution authorizing a loan of monies from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund to the Current Expense Fund
- C. Resolution No. 43-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Emergency Medical Services Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$40,000.00
- D. Resolution No. 44-23 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 \$4,572.95
- E. Resolution No. 45-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$228.59 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of medical claims for a LEOFF member

- F. Resolution No. 46-23 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 \$1,942.90
- G. Voucher Approval - \$ 217,582.51

### Public Comment

Sheriff Mark Howie provided a rebuttal to recent public comments made and advised that there is heightened traffic enforcement on Columbia Street.

### New Business

#### Liquor License Renewal

Skyline Golf, LLC, dba Skyline Golf Course, has applied for a renewal Liquor License, located at 20 Randal Drive in Cathlamet. The Board unanimously had no objection.

#### Liquor License Renewal

Aliya & Sahij, LLC, dba Cathlamet Mini Mart, located at 301 East SR-4 in Cathlamet. The Board unanimously had no objection.

#### Marijuana Retailer License Renewal

Freedom Market Cathlamet, Corp., dba Freedom Market Cathlamet, located at 327 SR-4 in Cathlamet. No objection: Strong and Tischer; objection: Cothren. Passed with no objection, based on majority.

### Public Works

#### Certification to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) for 2022

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to authorize the Chair's signature on the Certification to the County Road Administration Board for annual certification of calendar year 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Health & Human Services

#### Amendment #6 to the Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

This provides approximately \$14,000 annually for jail services. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Great Rivers contract #20190123, Amendment #6. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Request for Bids for Prefab Break Room Building, Prefab Gym Building and Gravel Platform for Gazebo

The Behavioral Health Fund received a grant from the Washington State Health Care Authority for funding for recruitment and retention of behavioral health employees. This funding would be used to build a free-standing break room building, building for exercise equipment and a gravel platform for a gazebo.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the request to go out for bids (for the break room building, gym building and gravel pad). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Request for Bids for Exercise Equipment for the Hope Center

Funding was obtained from the Washington State Health Care Authority for the recruitment and retention of behavioral health employees.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the request to go out for bids for exercise equipment for the gym located at the Hope Center. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Sealed Bid Opening**  
*Roadside Mowing*

The Clerk of the Board opened and read aloud the sole sealed bid that was received.

Bush Whackers, LLC	\$65.00 per pass mile	Total: \$66,089.36
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**Commissioner Reports**

The Board provided their weekly reports.

**Adjournment**

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

Attest:   
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:   
Lee Tischer  
Chair of the Board