



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 April 12, 2022

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on April 12, 2022, 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, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Assessor Bill Coons, Appraiser Falon Hoven, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Kuhlmeier, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

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 April 12, 2022. 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 April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 51-22 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 \$2,419.73
- C. Resolution No. 52-22 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 \$174.17
- D. Voucher Approval - \$803,009.83

Public Comments

Several Puget Island residents were present to request that the treatment of aquatic noxious weeds also occur in the inlets and associated sloughs of Birnie Slough, as they are overgrown with weeds, too.

New Business

Proclamation: Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Joannie Kuhlmeier, Chief Civil Deputy, spoke on the difficult job of telecommunicators and advised that they were recently granted recognition as First Responders. The Board expressed their appreciation for the 911 telecommunicators of the county and read aloud the Governor's Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Proclamation: Fair Housing Month

Mike Wallin, Lower Columbia Association of Realtors, spoke about recognizing the importance of fair housing and equal housing opportunities. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to proclaim the month of April 2022 as Fair Housing Month. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The Chair read aloud the proclamation.

Resolution Expressing Intent to Adopt Shoreline Master Program

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to adopt Resolution No. 53-22 a resolution expressing intent to adopt the Shoreline Master Program (update). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Noxious Weed Control

Request for Additional Funding for 2022 Aquatic Weed Program in Birnie Slough

The Wahkiakum County Noxious Weed Control Board recently solicited bids for aquatic applications to Birnie Slough for 2022. The bids ranged from \$55,000 to \$85,000; while only \$50,000 was budgeted for the program this year. Last year the program was under budget at approximately \$25,000; the application area is larger this year. The Weed Board is requesting an additional \$10,000 be budgeted for the Aquatic Program this year as there will be supplemental costs including advertising, mailing and signage. The Board was supportive of this request and requested that rough pricing also be obtained for the treatment of Jackson, Inlet and Cutoff Sloughs.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from Current Expense into the Weed Control Budget for 'professional fees/milfoil'. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Assessor's Office

Security Door and Electronic Lock

The Assessor's Office would like to purchase a security door and an electronic lock for their office, at an estimated cost of \$5,000 to 7,000. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to direct the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to post notice of the County's intent to purchase these items pursuant to RCWC 2.46.020(B).

Public Works

Replacement Generator Set for Ferry, Oscar B.

One of the ferry's generators is close to reaching its maximum hours and will need to be replaced. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve the call for bids for a ferry generator set. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Intergovernmental Agreement with CREST for Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Update

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the Chair's signature approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wahkiakum County and CREST for the update of the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

The Board discussed their weekly reports.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Gene Strong
Chair of the Board