

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 May 4, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 4, 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. Sheriff Mark Howie, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, 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 May 4, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer 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 27, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 58-21 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 \$2,379.01
- C. Resolution No. 59-21 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 \$22,149.47
- D. Resolution No. 60-21 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
- E. Resolution No. 61-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Inter Local Cooperation Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$2,499.69
- F. Voucher Approval - \$51,374.03

- G. Resolution No. 62-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$736.31 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Susan O'Connor and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare

Public Works

Publish Notice of Architectural and Engineering Requirements

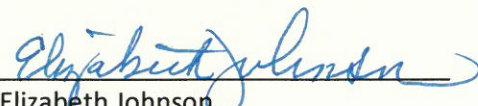
It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to publish the Notice for Architectural and Engineering Requirements. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

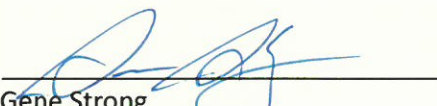
Board of Health

HHS Director, Chris Bischoff, discussed the status of the Covid vaccination program and recently passed health related legislation. Pfizer is close to approving their vaccine for ages 12 and up; approval may occur this week. Recently passed legislation will result in a change to local Boards of Health; they must include as many non-elected people as elected people by July of 2022. Bischoff advised that he will be discontinuing his Monday update calls at the end of May and then use the monthly Board of Health meetings to provide Covid updates. Nationally, we appear to be nearing vaccination saturation; those that desire to get vaccinated have. In Wahkiakum County, approximately 44% of the eligible population has had at least one vaccine dose.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board