



## *Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners*

*District No. 1 Commissioner: Mike Backman*

*District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren, Chair*

*District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong*

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners**

#### **Special Meeting**

**May 8, 2020**

Chair Dan Cothren called the special meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 8, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the third-floor public meeting room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse located at 64 Main Street in Cathlamet, Washington. Public Attendance was provided via Zoom.

Present: Chair Dan Cothren, Commissioner Mike Backman, Commissioner Gene Strong, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, HHS Operations Manager Duncan Cruickshank.

#### **Flag Salute**

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

#### **Board of Health**

The Board of County Commissioners, along with Chris Bischoff, Health Director; met as the Board of Health.

#### County Variance Request Application to Move to Phase II of the State Plan for Re-opening

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong (acting as the Board of Health) to approve of Resolution No. 1-20 a resolution of the Wahkiakum County Board of Health requesting complete implementation of Phase 2 Coronavirus Protection. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### **Commissioners**

#### County Variance Request Application to Move to Phase II of the State Plan for Re-opening

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of Resolution No. 58-20 a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Wahkiakum requesting Coronavirus Countermeasure Variance. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### COVID and Re-Opening Discussion

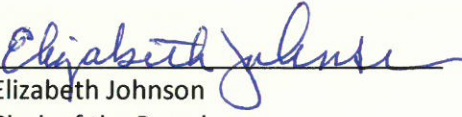
HHS Director Chris Bischoff reported that the county recently had a third new positive case. However, the individual works outside the county and was clearly exposed there; their family members are quarantined. This is not expected to adversely affect our variance application. Individuals still need to exercise caution within the county; especially vulnerable populations and individuals.

The Board discussed CARES Act funding. The Town of Cathlamet and the county will receive separate funds. The funds can be used for small businesses, although it is not recommended as businesses have other funding options, while counties may not receive any further funding. The funding is available through December. Bischoff advises seeking legal counsel regarding using CARES funding.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

  
Daniel L. Cothren  
Chair of the Board