



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
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2019

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on June 4, 2019, 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 Dan Cothren, Commissioner Mike Backman, Commissioner Gene Strong, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Behavioral Health Manager Tristan Wozniak, Sheriff Mark Howie, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

Flag Salute

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the regular meeting agenda for June 4, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the consent agenda for June 4, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019
- B. Resolution No. 74-19 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 \$5,137.91
- C. Resolution No. 75-19 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$188.55 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of claims related to a LEOFF member
- D. Resolution No. 76-19 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$166.17 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Hilarie Larson and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- E. Voucher Approval – \$ 29,712.30

Public Comment

A Puget Island resident commented on the proposed Dollar General Store on SR-4 and Jacobson Street. She requested that the Board review the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS), especially in regard to how the project will affect the local community.

A Puget Island resident questioned the status of beach nourishment for the residences near the ferry. Commissioner Cothren advised that the costs to start the permitting process for this are very high; and the hope was that the upriver ports will help with the project and/or that the beaches be included as designated disposal sites in the next 20-year Lower Columbia River Channel Maintenance Plan.

A Fair Board member thanked the Board for their support of the Fair and for attending the Fair's first fundraiser car show. They had 95 registered vehicles.

Public Works

Call for Bids for Janitorial Services

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the call for bids for janitorial services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Bid Opening

Recycle Bin Hauling for 2019-2021

The Clerk of the Board opened and read aloud the sole bid that was received in response to the call for bids for recycle bin hauling. The bid was from Stanley's Sanitary Service for a grand total of \$42,429.03

Health & Human Services

Addition of another Therapist 1

HHS is requesting to add another Therapist 1 position to their budget as their therapists are currently booked out quite a while for intakes. Historically they have had a total of 6 therapists.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the creation of an additional Mental Health Therapist 1. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Hire a Behavioral Health Technician at Step 3

HHS is filling the newly created Behavioral Health Technician position. They have a highly qualified candidate and are requesting to hire this person at a step 3.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong to approve of hiring the Behavioral Health Technician candidate at a Step 3. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health Officer Contract Revision

The original contract had an error regarding the amount of time dedicated to Wahkiakum County.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve Contract Number HDC.1235 between Clark County and Wahkiakum County for Regional Health Officer services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gene Strong commented on the IT meeting; they are working on improving the spam email filter and dark web protection. Strong also discussed the recent permitting outreach meeting hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After the meeting, he talked with congressional staff about the west end flooding issues. Commissioner Strong will continue to pursue this subject with the Corps and with congressional staff.

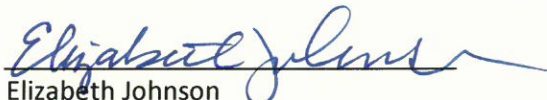
Commissioner Mike Backman attended the recent Grays River Grange meeting where he attempted to recruit volunteers for the Johnson Park Board which currently has two vacancies. He also commented on the bike trail mapping workshop with the Chamber and residents at Johnson Park. Backman also reported on his meeting in Olympia with the Regional Director of Fish and Wildlife and Pacific County Commissioners. Lastly, Backman and County Engineer Paul Lacy toured current and upcoming road projects in the area.

Commissioner Dan Cothren reported on receiving a call from Lisa Anderson, DNR Trust Outreach Specialist, regarding Encumbered Lands issues. In addition, Cothren commented on receiving calls regarding the proposed Dollar General store and milfoil issues on Puget Island.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Daniel L. Cothren
Chair of the Board