



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 June 15, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on June 15, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

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 June 15, 2021 (with the removal of the letter to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission). 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 June 8, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 76-21 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 \$1,920.99
- C. Resolution No. 77-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of voucher properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$160.26
- D. Voucher Approval - \$140,290.84

New Business

Special Occasion Liquor License

The Wahkiakum Fair Foundation has applied for a Special Occasion Liquor License on July 16, 2021, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Wahkiakum County Fairgrounds located at 16 Fairgrounds Road in Skamokawa. The board unanimously had no objections.

Public Works

Acceptance of Bid – Janitorial Services

Only one bid was received; it was from ABM Janitorial. We will not be accepting the mid-day cleaning portion of the bid. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to accept the ABM Janitorial bid in the amount of \$53,083.44 annually. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Vehicle Purchase – Assessor's Office

The Assessor's office has requested to surplus vehicle #401, a 2005 Ford Taurus that is a year past the 15-year life expectancy. They are requesting to purchase a 2021 Nissan Rogue for \$27,310. ER&R will have approximately \$24,045 in accrued funds at the time of purchase, for an approximate difference of \$3,165.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of ER&R purchase of a 2021 Nissan Rogue for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$27,310 and to surplus the county vehicle \$401 a 2005 Ford Taurus. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Pacific County – Joint Sharing of Equipment

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Pacific County for joint sharing of equipment. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health and Human Services

Contract Renewal with UnitedHealthCare of Washington, Inc – Medicaid Behavioral Health Services

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the contract renewal/revision between UnitedHealthCare of Washington, Inc. and Wahkiakum County for Medicaid Behavioral Health services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

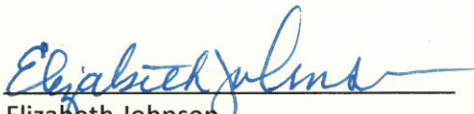
Department of Natural Resources

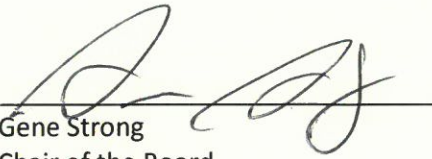
Padraic Callahan, District Manager, and Eric Wisch, Region Manager, provided a timber report to the Board. The current timber harvest, Irish Coffee Sorts, is three quarters of the way through the harvest. The estimated county revenue from the sale is approximately \$1,648,755. The 2022 sale is called Elochomotive and it has an estimated county revenue of \$1,319,250 to the county. This harvest will go active this summer, but the funds will be distributed next calendar year. The market is still very favorable and is expected to extend into next year, as well.

There is currently an appeal on the Board of Natural Resources' decision to sell the Elochomotive Sorts sale. The state is actively working on the appeal, however, there is the potential that this sale might be held up. Commissioner Cothren discussed alternative sales that could be moved forward, should this happen.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board