

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 25, 2019

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on June 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the court room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse located at 64 Main Street in Cathlamet, Washington.

Present: Chair Dan Cothren, Commissioner Mike Backman (via phone), Commissioner Gene Strong, Acting Clerk of the Board Darlene Jensen, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Deputy Director Dean Counts.

Flag Salute

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren approving the regular meeting agenda for June 25, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren approving the consent agenda for June 25, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019
- B. Special Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019
- C. Resolution No. 81-19 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 \$1,246.18
- D. Resolution No. 82-19 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 \$1,250.00
- E. Resolution No. 83-19 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Criminal Justice Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$380.00
- F. Voucher Approval – \$ 58,279.14

Commissioners

Commissioner Mike Backman entered the meeting via telephone.

Public Comment

A Cape Horn resident inquired about beach nourishment. Another resident reported seeing a dredge vessel between Stella and Pillar Rock. The Board advised that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not provided a dredging schedule to them. Any sand placement may not occur until the fall timeframe.

A Fair Board member advised that they had the medieval reenactment group at the fairgrounds the prior weekend and it was very busy and successful.

Public Works

Emergency Repairs and Weight Restrictions on Wirkkala Road

There is a collapsing culvert on Wirkkala Road, the repairs will try to be completed before the fall heavy rains occur.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of Resolution No. 84-19 a resolution declaring an emergency at milepost 0.2 on Wirkkala County Road. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of Resolution No. 85-19 a resolution imposing an emergency weight restriction on Wirkkala Road from milepost 0.20 to milepost 0.52. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Acceptance of Janitorial Bid

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to accept the ABM janitorial bid in the amount of \$50,078.76 annually. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Grays River Hydrology Gauge

Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director, researched other options for the stream gauge, however, other options were in the same cost range or higher.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to authorize the Chair's signature on the Wahkiakum County and Washington State Department of Ecology Stream Gauge Funding Agreement, extending to June 30, 2024 at an annual cost to the county of \$8,000.00 from the Flood Control Fund. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health & Human Services

Agreement with School District for Air Quality Monitoring

The Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency would like to place two air quality monitors in Wahkiakum County. One will be placed at Johnson Park and this agreement would allow for one to be placed on the school grounds.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the Memorandum of Agreement between Wahkiakum School District and Wahkiakum County (for placement of air monitoring equipment).
Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioners

Commissioner Mike Backman left the meeting via telephone.

Department Head Meeting


Present: Chair Dan Cothren, Commissioner Gene Strong, Acting Clerk of the Board Darlene Jensen, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Sheriff Mark Howie, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Deputy Auditor/HR Kim Tracy.

The Board discussed different options to the employee benefit program to improve employee recruitment and retention. The primary focus was on first increasing the medical insurance cap and then trying to evaluate if job positions are in comparable classes across the departments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Daniel L. Cothren
Chair of the Board