



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
July 20, 2021**

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on July 20, 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, Undersheriff Gary Howell, IT Manager Josh Holt, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, GIS Technician Lorraine Fuller, HHS Director Chris Bischoff.

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 July 20, 2021. 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 July 6, 2021
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021
- C. Resolution No. 92-21 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 \$1,112.36
- D. Resolution No. 93-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$301.95
- E. Voucher Approval - \$ 51,396.63
- F. Resolution No. 94-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$5,035.28 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Teresa McMahon and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare

Prior Business

Claims for Damages

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to deny all three of the following claims: Biener claim of \$300.05, Stube estimate of \$500.00, and Carlson, estimate of \$900.00. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Relocation of Grays River Stream Gauge

The Department of Ecology installed the updated stream gauge in the early spring of 2021; however, the location of the gauge may affect the historic view of the covered bridge. Ecology has offered an alternate installation option that will be less intrusive to the historical aesthetics of the bridge. It will cost approximately \$3,000.00 to move the communicator and install a new radio transmitter and the funding would come out of the Flood Control Fund. The Board was in consensus to authorize the Public Works Director to pursue more definitive pricing and information before making a decision. No action taken.

Building & Planning

Petition for a New Private Drive

The private drive is located off from Raistakka Road. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the name 'Phipps Drive' for the private drive. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health & Human Services

Creation and Hiring of a Limited Duration Interim Behavioral Health Manager

The current Behavioral Health Manager will be going out on an extended maternity leave sometime in the next several months. Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, requested to hire an interim position from August 2021 to March 2022.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the creation and hiring of a Limited Duration Interim Behavioral Health Manager in Health and Human Services if the budget allows. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

IT Manager

IT Report

Josh Holt, IT Manager, provided an update to the Board. Discussion included the status of the server replacement project, the recent power outage, potentially replacing the generator and the recent email hacking issues.


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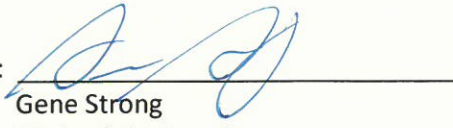
Delegate for Community Center and for Joint Waterfront Meeting

The Board agreed by consensus that Commissioner Lee Tischer will attend the Community Center meetings, as well as the joint waterfront meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board