



## 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 26, 2022

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on July 26, 2022, 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, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, 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 July 26, 2022. 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 July 26, 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022
- B. Verified Claims – Commissioner Lee Tischer - \$400.91
- C. Resolution No. 104-22 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 \$2,507.96
- D. Voucher Approval - \$ 161,746.53

#### Public Comment

A Fair Board member commented that the fair is the third Thursday in August, August 18th through the 20th. The market sale is on Friday.

## New Business

### Liquor License Renewals

DG Strategic VII, LLC, has applied for a Liquor License renewal at: Dollar General Store, 4 N. Jacobson Road in Cathlamet. In addition, Marker 29, LLC has also applied for a Liquor License renewal at: Skamokawa Resort, 1391 W. SR-4 in Skamokawa. The Board unanimously had no objections to either of these liquor license renewal applications.

### Marijuana Processor License Renewal

HTP Properties, LLC has applied for a renewal for a marijuana producer license at: Royal Highness, 490 SR-409 in Cathlamet. Vote - No objection: Tischer and Strong; Object: Cothren. Passed as 'no objection' based on majority vote, 2-0.

### Letter of Support – Cowlitz Indian Tribe Grant Application

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the letter in support of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's grant application for the "America the Beautiful Challenge". Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Public Works

### Public Assistance Grant Agreement for Winter Storm Damage

This grant agreement is for the storm damage from December 2021 to January 2022. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to enter into a Public Assistance Grant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department for reimbursement of winter storm damage expenses. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Sheriff

### Hiring Two Part-Time Deputies

The Sheriff's office is currently short by two deputies as one deputy recently left the department and another is out on maternity leave, in addition, some deputies will be using vacation time. Sheriff Mark Howie proposed hiring two part/time, temporary reserve deputies to help cover a few shifts. There will be no impact to the budget due to the vacant deputy position.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve hiring two reserve deputies, part-time, to help cover shifts. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Dan Cothren spoke on the Encumbered Lands meeting that included strategizing for the next legislative session. He also discussed the impacts on public access and recreation. Commissioner Lee Tischer also spoke on timber issues. Commissioner Gene Strong met with Shoalwater Bay Tribe and they are interested in joining us on the Gray's Bay flooding issues.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Attest: Elizabeth Johnson  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: Gene Strong  
Gene Strong  
Chair of the Board