



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

August 9, 2022

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on August 9, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, WSU Extension Agent Carrie Backman.

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 August 9, 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 August 9, 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 112-22 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 \$1,411.89
- C. Resolution No. 113-21 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 \$75.18
- D. Voucher Approval - \$780,395.22
- E. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$4,375.00

Public Comment

Sam Shogren, Wahkiakum Port District No. 2 Manager, spoke in recognition and acknowledgement of all the first responders, county staff and volunteers regarding the lost individuals in the river at Vista Park.

A resident commented on still having issues with food vending permits and policies.

A Fair Board member advised that the fair ground paving is getting started and that the goat barn construction is also underway.

Public Works

Publish Requests for Proposal for Columbia Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Shoulder

Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director, cleared up the clarified on the request to publish from last week; it was for the Columbia Street project, not the East Valley project.

Publish Requests for Proposal for Wilson Creek Bridge East Valley Road Bridge Repair

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of advertising a request for proposals for the Wilson Creek Bridge project. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Bid Acceptance for Elochoman Valley Road Overlay Project

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to accept the Lakeside Industries bid for the Elochoman Valley Road Overlay Project (in the amount of \$212,711.50). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health and Human Services

Amendment with Cascade Pacific Action Alliance for Local Forum Funding

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the 2022 Local Forum Amendment with Cascade Pacific Action Alliance. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Amendment to Consolidated Homeless Grant

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the Board Chair signature on Amendment B of Contract #22-46108-33 between the Washington Department of Commerce and Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services Department. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Coordinated Care 2023 Contract

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the Chair's signature on the Coordinated Care 2023 contract. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**WSU Extension
Wahkiakum Marine Resources Committee and Wahkiakum Conservation District**

Internship Program Presentation

Carrie Backman, WSU Extension Agent, was present along with an intern to discuss the internship program between the Wahkiakum Marine Resources Committee and the Wahkiakum Conservation District. The program has two youth interns this year. The funding for the program is from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office through the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI) with Darin Houpt as project lead from the Conservation District. The Board spoke in appreciation of the program.

Commissioner Reports

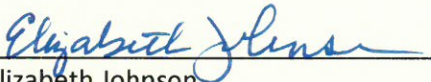
Commissioner Cothren reported on the Fish Recovery Board meeting; several Wahkiakum projects will be awarded grant funding. He also commended our local fire districts for their response to the Cape Horn wildland fire.

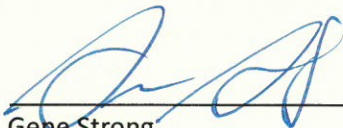
Commissioner Tischer reported on his meeting with a representative from the Economic Development Administration and the discussion on attracting business to the area. He also discussed the efforts of the workgroup for the courthouse office relocation project.

Commissioner Strong commented on his meetings and work for the past week.

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