

## *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**

**August 11, 2020**

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on August 11, 2020, 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 Dan Cothren, Commissioner Mike Backman, Commissioner Gene Strong, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, DEM Coordinator Beau Renfro, Treasurer Tammy Peterson, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, HHS Operations Manager Duncan Cruickshank, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

#### **Flag Salute**

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

#### **Regular Meeting Agenda**

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the regular meeting agenda for August 11, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### **Consent Agenda**

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the consent agenda for August 11, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2020
- B. Resolution No. 99-20 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 \$1,410.00
- C. Resolution No. 100-20 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 \$14,429.02
- D. Voucher Approval - \$ 814,567.83
- E. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 24,987.72
- F. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 71,960.49
- G. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 20,740.20
- H. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 117,637.00

- I. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 625.00
- J. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 3,741.00

### **New Business**

#### Liquor License Assumption

Aliya & Sahij LLC, Tek Sandhu and Baljinder Sandhu have applied for a Liquor License Assumption for the Cathlamet Mini Mart located at 301 East State Route 4 in Cathlamet. They are applying to assume the license from Gragg's LLC, Gragg's General Store. The Board unanimously had no objections.

#### Liquor License Renewal

Marker 29, LLC, Skamokawa Resort located at 1391 West State Route 4 in Skamokawa has applied for a Liquor License renewal. The Board unanimously had no objections.

#### Marijuana Producer/Processor License Renewal

HTP Properties, LLC, Royal Highness located at 490 State Route 409 in Cathlamet has applied for a Marijuana Producer/Processor Renewal License. No objection: Backman and Strong; Objection: Cothren. No objection by majority vote.

#### Discussion of Potential Firearm Restriction Area Near Vista Park

There was a recent incident at Vista Park regarding a stray bullet entering a tent; the origin of the bullet was unknown following investigation. The bullet came from the west where there is a large tract of private land as well as land owned by timber companies. The investigation showed that the bullet did not originate from the nearby shooting range. The Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in complaints regarding the area and similar issues. In addition, the nearby timberlands have recently been harvested which appears to have increased traffic and activity in the area. The Sheriff was in support of a no-shooting area near the park. The Board advised that the neighboring landowners could drive this issue by a petition of at least 50% of the landowners in the defined area.

### **Public Works**

#### Courthouse Deep Cleaning and Repairs

Several contractors have been solicited for quotes regarding replacing ceiling tiles and patching walls. The janitorial service has been contacted regarding the need for more thorough cleaning. A bid for interior painting will be acquired.

### **Department of Emergency Management**

#### Reallocation of CARES Funding to Support School District Hand Washing Sink

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the reallocation (realignment) of CARES Act funding as proposed in the attached spread sheet, to allow for the support of the School District hand washing sink installation project. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.



### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Mike Backman advised that the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board has plans to begin doing some monitoring of their projects to determine the level of success.

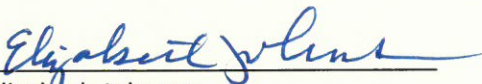
Commissioner Gene Strong reported on participating in several COVID update meetings hosted by the Washington State Association of Counties. The meeting of the Washington Counties Insurance Fund dealt with beginning to set the renewal rates for 2021.

Commissioner Dan Cothren participated in an Encumbered Lands meeting; they have will begin putting a heavier focus on the \$6M request for the timber counties, over the \$28M pilot project. In addition, Cothren met with property owner near the ferry landing regarding beach protection and he will be meeting with Congressional staff and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff to determine possibilities for beach nourishment and protection near the ferry, as well as other erosion topics throughout the county.

### Adjournment

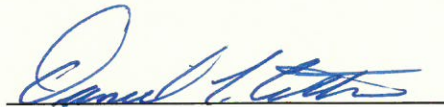
With no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Attest:



Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Daniel L. Cothren  
Chair of the Board