

## *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 25, 2020**

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on August 25, 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, Sheriff Mark Howie, DEM Coordinator Beau Renfro, HHS Operations Manager Duncan Cruickshank, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

### **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 25, 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 25, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020
- B. Resolution No. 103-20 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Emergency Medical Services Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$17,700.94
- C. Resolution No. 104-20 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 \$1,070.62
- D. Resolution No. 105-20 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. 106-20 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 \$304.28

- F. Voucher Approval - \$ 58,181.47
- G. Holiday Closure: Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2020

### **New Business**

#### Liquor License Application

A Liquor License Application for added privileges was applied for by the Millersgroup, LLC, doing business as the Rosburg Store, located at 4193 State Route 4 West in Rosburg. The Board unanimously had no objections.

### **Department of Emergency Management**

#### Grant Amendment – 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of Grant Amendment E20-141A to extend the performance period to September 30, 2020. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant

This matching grant is a Homeland Security pass through grant from the Washington State Military Department; it funds part of the Department of Emergency Management Coordinator position. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the Chair's signature on the FFY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant #E20-264 in the amount of \$14,144. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### **Public Works**

#### Lighting and Electrical for SAR Storage Building on Division Street

The Department of Emergency Management has requested that lighting and electrical outlets be installed in the new Search and Rescue storage building at 70 Division Street. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to accept Local Electric's estimate to install lighting and wiring into the Search and Rescue storage shed in the amount of \$2,665.79. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### **Health & Human Services**

#### MOU for Community Resource Coordinator

This new position is funded by the Wahkiakum Community Network, Town of Cathlamet and WorkForce Southwest Washington. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the Memorandum of Understanding with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for the Community Resource Coordinator, a new limited duration, 40 hour per week position at a Pay Class 4. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gene Strong discussed Grays River issues and the virtual county fair. The entire Board spoke in appreciation of Joe Blalock, Fair Board President, for the time and work that he has committed to the virtual fair.

Commissioner Mike Backman advised that the school re-opening was the topic of many meetings that he attended, including the HHS Advisory Board and the Local COVID Response Group. The Marine Resources Committee is exploring various grant opportunities for the county. Lastly, Backman reported on speaking with State Representative Jim Walsh regarding current county concerns and the PUD Manager regarding broadband issues.

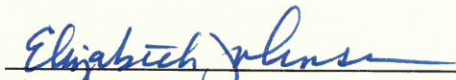
Commissioner Dan Cothren discussed revenue concerns for the 2021 budget. However, he advised that the timber market is very favorable right now; a lumber shortage is fueling the market. Cothren continues to work with the DNR to explore the potential for opportunities for the county to capture more revenues during this high timber market. In addition, he is actively working with the DNR and the other timber counties to lobby the legislature for the \$6M request for the timber counties this legislative session.

Treasurer Tammy Peterson spoke in appreciation of Commissioner Cothren's understanding of the county's timber revenue issues and his work with the DNR and the legislature.

### Adjournment

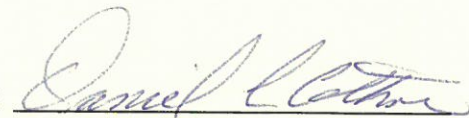
With no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:



Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Daniel L. Cothren  
Chair of the Board