



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

February 12, 2019

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on February 12, 2019, 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, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Deputy Director Dean Counts, HHS Community Services Manager Julie Johnston, HHS Behavioral Health Manager Tristan Wozniak.

Flag Salute

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was M/S by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the regular meeting agenda for February 12, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was M/S by Commissioners Backman and Strong approving the consent agenda for February 12, 2019. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Resolution No. 23-19 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 \$1,167.46
- B. Resolution No. 24-19 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 \$3,296.51
- C. Voucher Approval – \$ 695,628.66

Public Comment

A resident commented on concerns about senior issues in the county, especially regarding the increased activity at the Hope Center which often results in making parking difficult and potentially dangerous for seniors. In addition, events for seniors have been bumped in the past to allow for other meetings to occur.

The Board request the Health & Human Services department to also utilize the River Street Meeting Room for trainings to avoid bumping other meetings in the future.

A Little Cape Horn resident requested an update on beach nourishment. Public Works Director Chuck Beyer advised that the county is in a discussion with Fish & Wildlife regarding impacts to an endangered species, the streaked horned larks, which are found at the Ostervold site. Except for the endangered species issue, we are getting close to the entire permitting package being complete.

Public Works

Acceptance of 2019 Asphalt and Rock Quotes

It was M/S by Commissioners Strong and Backman to accept the 2019 asphalt quotes from Lakeside Industries and Naselle Rock and Asphalt. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

It was M/S by Commissioners Strong and Backman to accept the 2019 rock quotes from Naselle Rock and Burns Construction. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Ferry Generator Set Contract

It was M/S by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the purchase contract with Cummins Inc. for the purchase of a new Genset for the Ferry Oscar B in the amount of \$28,695.00. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Ferry Rate Adjustment

Public Works Director Chuck Beyer proposed a policy change that would address the fees for trailers on the ferry and avoid a state review. Beyer proposed to take punches for trailers based on how many car spaces they take up; with the cash rate remaining the same. However, after discussion, the Board was in consensus to move forward with proposed rate changes to the state.

Health & Human Services

Personal Services Agreement

Washington state law requires a 5-year homeless housing plan. This contract allows for consultant services to complete the plan. Up to \$15,000 in funding would come from the Homeless Housing Fund.

It was M/S by Commissioners Strong and Backman to approve of the personal services agreement between Freedman Associates LLC and Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Backman and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Johnson House Utilization

After discussion, Commissioners Backman and Strong supported further review for utilizing the house as a rental; while Commissioner Cothren still expressed concerns with the costs and time needed to manage a rental house. The Board's majority consensus was that the building be reviewed for use as a potential rental facility; they requested estimates on the building's immediate and future maintenance needs.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Strong attended the SWCAA and he discussed the wood stove replacement program. The senior lunch was canceled as the Rosburg Hall had frozen water lines. In addition, he discussed the COG sponsored economic/development meeting that he thought was valuable.

Commissioner Backman traveled to Olympia last week to meet with all three local legislators. He has also been working with the Workforce and WorkSource to be able to offer more enhanced local services to the community.

Commissioner Cothren has continued to work on timber issues. The Encumbered Lands Committee is requesting the legislature for a \$28.3M appropriation in the capital budget to fund the pilot project to swap out encumbered lands. In addition, they are requesting two more biennium appropriations of \$6M for the timber counties to sustain them through the transition phase.

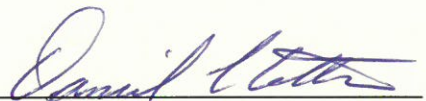
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Dan Cothren adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Daniel L. Cothren
Chair of the Board