



## 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

February 16, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on February 16, 2021, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Treasurer Tammy Peterson, Road Crew Supervisor Jeff Tobin.

#### 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 February 16, 2021. 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 February 16, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 25-21 a resolution authorizing a loan of monies from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund to the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$750,000.00
- C. Resolution No. 26-21 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 \$211.86
- D. Resolution No. 27-21 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 \$17,438.60
- E. Resolution No. 28-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Criminal Justice Cumulative Reserve Fund for transfer to the Drug Buy Fund for payment of Criminal Justice expenses in the amount of \$15,000.00

- F. Voucher Approval - \$ 137,082.98
- G. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$ 15,000.00

### **Treasurer**

#### Annual Report of Tax Refunds Paid

Treasurer Tammy Peterson reviewed the annual report of tax refunds with the Board. Property tax refunds for 2020 totaled \$18,012.34; with \$9,665 of that being for senior tax exemptions.

### **Public Works**

#### Amendment to FEMA Public Assistance Grant

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of Washington State Military Department Amendments E, F and H for Grant D09-122, extending the grant expiration date to December 31, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Acceptance of 2021 Rock and Asphalt Products Quotes

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to accept the 2021 rock quotes (from Naselle Rock & Asphalt, Lodestone Quarry, JL Stordahl & Sons and Burns Construction). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to accept the 2021 asphalt quotes (from Lakeside Industries and Naselle Rock & Asphalt). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Capital Improvement Project List

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to adopt Resolution No. 29-21 a resolution adopting Wahkiakum County Capital Improvement project for years 2021 through 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Winter Snowstorm Update

Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director, discussed the status of the winter storm and the events over the past weekend, which included significant ice damage on the west end of the county and heavy snow over the entire area. The Board commended the road crews and the PUD crew for their work over the weekend.

### **Health & Human Services**

#### 2021 Local Forum Partner Agreement

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the Chair’s signature on the 2021 Local Forum Partner Agreement between Cascade Pacific Action Alliance and Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services in the amount of \$10,420 annually. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### COVID Update

Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, provided an update to the Board. Wahkiakum County moved to Phase 2, effective Sunday. However, the Governor is not expected to release phase 3 criteria for several weeks. The county has not received any vaccine first doses for the entire month of February; none are expected until

early March. There are two vaccine waiting lists so that once vaccines arrive, they can be immediately distributed. There are about 200 people left on the priority list for ages 65 and over. In addition, a second waiting list was created for anyone over 18 with underlying conditions, as well as those over 50 years of age in a multi-generational household.


### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gene Strong advised that the fair board had an updated quote for the ramp walkway on the T-building at the fairgrounds. The quote had increased by approximately \$120 to \$3,148.89. The Board was in consensus to move forward with the project.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Chair Gene Strong adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

  
Gene Strong  
Chair of the Board