



Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Lee Tischer, Chair
District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren
District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong

MINUTES Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners Regular Meeting March 7, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 7, 2023, 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 Lee Tischer, Commissioner Gene Strong, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, IT Manager Josh Holt, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Undersheriff Gary Howell.

Flag Salute

Chair Lee Tischer led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong approving the regular meeting agenda for March 7, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren approving the consent agenda for March 7, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 34-23 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 \$2,094.46
- C. Resolution No. 35-23 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 \$4,127.30
- D. Voucher Approval - \$92,878.69

Public Comment

No public comments made.

New Business

Liquor License Renewal

A Liquor License Renewal was applied for by Logan Britt, dba The Duck Inn, located at 1377 West SR-4 in Skamokawa. The Board unanimously had no objections.

Liquor License Application – Change of Corporate Officers / Stockholders

A Liquor License Application for a Change of Corporate Officers/Stockholders was received for The Dollar General Store located at 4 North Jacobson Road in Cathlamet. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to accept the application for change of corporate officers for The Dollar General Store. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Planning Commission

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept the resignation of Robert Ward from the Wahkiakum County Planning Commission. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The Board thanked him for his service on the board.

Appointment to the Marine Resources Committee

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to appoint Jeanne Hendrickson, representing the Town of Cathlamet, to the Marine Resources Committee through December 31, 2024. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Letter of Support for the PUD CDS application for Alternate Water System on Puget Island

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the letter in support of the Wahkiakum PUD's request for Congressional Directed Spending funding for an alternate water supply system for Puget Island. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Letter of Support for the TOC CDS application to restore JBH House and Johnson House for Visitor Center

Cathlamet Mayor David Olson spoke on this topic. Following discussion, it was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Tischer to approve of the letter in support of the Town of Cathlamet's request for Congressional Directed Spending funding to preserve and restore both the Julie Butler Hansen House and the Johnson House and operate them as a Visitor Center, with the understanding that it will take a later approval to allow the Johnson House to become a part of the project. Vote: Aye – Strong and Tischer; Commissioner Cothren abstained. Motion passed with majority vote.

IT Manager

Xerox Agreement for External Security Testing

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve and sign the Xerox Services Agreement and Statement of Work. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Call for Bids for Roadside Mowing

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to call for bids for Roadside Mowing; bids to be opened on March 21, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Acceptance of 2023 Rock Products Quotes

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept the 2023 Rock Products quote. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Acceptance of 2023 Asphalt Products Quotes

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept both the 2023 Asphalt Products quotes. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health & Human Services

Contract Amendment with Insight Medical Group for Psychiatric Nurse Telehealth Services

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair’s signature on the Telehealth Coverage Services Addendum #3 with Insight Medical Group approving an increase of hourly telehealth charges from \$108 to \$140 per hour. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Resolution Creating a New Fee Schedule for Food Permits

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of Resolution No. 36-23 a resolution creating a new fee schedule for food permits. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Board of Health

Liz Kimble, Lead Mental Health Therapist, discussed the mental health services provided by the county. Services are available for ages 5 and up through both individual and group counseling. There is psychiatric medication prescribing capacity for both youth and adults. Jail transition services are provided. Support for youth is available through a grant program and coordination with the Child & Adolescent Clinic and the school district and there is a child psychiatrist on site.

Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, provided other public health related updates to the Board. There is still a mask mandate in effect for clinical services, that expires on April 3rd. There has been an unprecedented level of RSV and flu this season, though they are beginning to taper off now.

Fair Board Update

Patty Dursteler, Fair Manager, discussed the future events at the Fairgrounds including the flea market, Easter bingo, Easter Egg Hunt and carnival, Car Show, mud wrestling and the fall Smoke on the Water Music Fest with food and retail vendors. In addition, they are researching how to upgrade electrical services for the arena and extend it to the park.

Commissioner Reports

The Board discussed their work over the past week.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Attest: Elizabeth Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: Lee Tischer
Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board