



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 March 8, 2022

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 8, 2022, 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, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, HHS Budget & Finance Manager Michelle Collupy, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Director Chris Bischoff.

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 March 8, 2022. 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 April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 36-22 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$5,589.13 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Lorraine Fuller and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- C. Resolution No. 37-22 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$7,313.20 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Samantha Boyce and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- D. Resolution No. 38-22 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 \$924.37
- E. Resolution No. 39-22 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 \$1,249.84

- F. Resolution No. 40-22 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 \$74.18
- G. Voucher Approval - \$ 818,341.75

Public Comment

A comment was heard praising the board on their fiscal discipline of the budget process but questioning the conflict regarding the \$6,000 expenditure for the county fairgrounds.

New Business

Cowlitz Tribe Grant Support Letter

Peter Barber, Cowlitz Tribe, discussed the project proposal in the Grays River watershed. Poul Toftemark, Grays River Habitat Enhancement District (GRHED), commented that the GRHED also supports this project proposal.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the support letter for the grant application by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe for the Grays River project proposal, WCRRRI proposal # 22-1347. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health and Human Services

Copier Purchase – Cost Revision

The quote for the replacement copiers has increased as it did not contain a necessary component. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the purchase of three copiers with \$20,551.59 coming out of Health and Human Services Funds. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Auditor

Agreement with DDJ CPA Incorporated

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of accepting the agreement between Wahkiakum County and TDJ CPA Incorporated. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Grant Agreement with Department of Ecology – Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Update

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of the Chair's signature approving the Shorelands FCAAP Competitive Planning Grant Agreement for the update of the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Open Sealed Bids
2022 Roadside Mowing**

The Clerk of the Board read aloud the sole sealed bid that was received; the bid was from Bush Whacker's LLC.

Bush Whacker's, LLC

Pass mile: \$65.53

Total bid: \$61,331.00.

Commissioner Reports

The Board members each provided a report of their activities and board assignments from the past week, including updates on pending legislation.

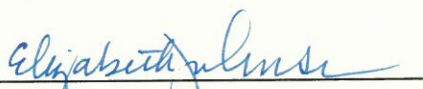
**Workshop
Nuisance Solid Waste Issues**

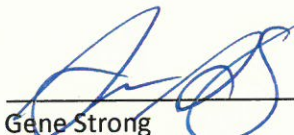
The Board discussed the feasibility of potentially revising the Nuisance Solid Waste Ordinance to help solve the issues with a few properties that continue to remain out of compliance. Part of the discussion centered on issues with right-of-way encroachment and mud and debris tracked onto public roadways. Other discussion focused on potential sanitation issues of people residing in RVs without septic disposal capabilities. Chris Bischoff, HHS Director, discussed issues with regulation and enforcement.

The Board spoke in support of forming a committee, with representation from the Sheriff's Department, HHS and the County Commissioners to propose a recommendation, specifically regarding the right-of-way encroachments and hazards.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board