



## Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Lee Tischer

District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren, Chair

District No. 3 Commissioner: Mark Letham

### MINUTES Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners Regular Meeting March 10, 2026

Chair Dan Cothren called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 10, 2026, 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 Mark Letham, Commissioner Lee Tischer, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson. Sheriff John Mason, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Kuhlmeier, Emergency Technology Coordinator Beau Renfro, DEM Coordinator Austin Smith, Assessor Andrew Jenkins, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

#### Flag Salute

Chair Dan Cothren led the flag salute.

#### Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Letham and Tischer approving the regular meeting agenda for March 10, 2026. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Letham approving the consent agenda for March 10, 2026. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026
- B. Resolution No. 37-26 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$3,910.04 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Justin Ullom and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- C. Resolution No. 38-26 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Emergency Medical Services for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$1,662.40
- D. Resolution No. 39-26 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 \$22.53
- E. Resolution No. 40-26 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$4,809.00 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of claims related to legal fees regarding environmental litigation
- F. Voucher Approval - \$891,256.75

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## New Business

### Liquor License Renewal

B&H Koran, Inc., dba Angie's Cathlamet Chevron has applied for a renewal Liquor License. The Board unanimously had no objection to this renewal.

### Contract Amendment – Juvenile Detention

Scott Jacot, Pacific-Wahkiakum County Juvenile Court Administrator, was present to discuss this amendment. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Letham and Tischer to approve of Amendment No. 4 of the Agreement for Detention of Wahkiakum County Juveniles in Cowlitz County Juvenile Detention Facility which increases the current cost per juvenile per day to \$250. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Letter of Support: PUD

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Letham to approve of the letters of support for the PUD's request for Congressional funding for a booster pump station. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Letter of Support: Fire District No. 3

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Letham and Tischer to approve of the letter of support for Fire District No. 3's request for funding for firefighter turnout gear, equipment and hydrant updates. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Public Works

### Resolution Approving an Easement over County Property on Clover Street

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Letham to adopt Resolution No. 41-26 a resolution approving an easement over county property on Clover Street. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Pacific County for Joint Sharing of Equipment

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Letham to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Pacific County for joint sharing of equipment. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Sheriff

### SECO County Equipment Contract for Funding for Courthouse Generator Project

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Letham and Tischer to approve the SECO County Equipment Contract SFY 2026/27 #E26-102 for \$40,000 to help pay for a new generator for the courthouse to support 911 and other emergency needs during a power outage. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Accept Bid for RFP for 'Spare Parts' for Emergency Radio System

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Letham to accept the bid as presented by Communications Northwest in the amount of \$28,775.91 to be paid for from Fund 127, the Radio Communications Fund. Vote: Aye – Tischer, Letham and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Commissioners**

Delegate Representative for Mediation Proceedings Regarding Environmental Litigation

By consensus, the Board decided that Commissioner Letham will attend the mediation proceedings as the Board's representative.

**Commissioner Reports**

The Board provided their weekly reports. Topics included issues on Pleasant Point Road, the status of the legislative session, and timber related issues including foreign ownership of local timberlands.

**Public Comment**

A resident commented that the tall tree at the entrance of Indian Village needs to be trimmed. Following discussion, it was determined that the tree is located on private property.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest:   
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:   
Daniel L. Cothren  
Chair of the Board