

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 16, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 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, District Court Judge Heidi Heywood, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

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

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 39-21 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 \$1,721.36
- C. Resolution No. 40-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of voucher properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$18,438.48
- D. Voucher Approval - \$ 95,022.17

Department of Emergency Management

Grant Amendment / WA State Military Department

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of Grant Amendment number E20-264A (with the Washington State Military Department) to increase the award amount to \$16,967. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

District Court

District Court Overtime Budget

Judge Heidi Heywood advised that the District Court has already exceeded its 2021 overtime budget due to the impacts of COVID-19. Some reimbursement is expected with COVID funds; an increase to the overtime budget for 2021 was requested.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of District Court overtime of \$783.60 for January and February 2021 and a total overtime budget of \$1,283.60 for 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Notice of Work by County Forces: Elochoman 2R Project

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to publish the Notice of Work by County Forces pertaining to Elochoman 2R project in the Wahkiakum County Eagle Newspaper. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

HVAC Replacement for Road Shop #1

The HVAC unit at the Road Shop requires replacement. A one-year-old unit was saved from demolition from the courthouse HVAC project and will be used to replace the unit at the Road Shop. Three contractors were contacted to install the HVAC unit; however, only one quote was submitted.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve the Renaud Electric quote to replace the HVAC unit at Shop 1 in the amount of \$6,737.00 plus sales tax. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Purchase of a CAT Compact Roller for Road Maintenance

County Road is requesting to purchase a new CAT roller with a total cost of \$51,203.28 from ER&R funds. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the ER&R purchase of a CAT CB2.7 Utility Compact Roller using the funds accrued by the previous roller ER&R rental. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

COVID-19 Funding

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of forming a committee comprised of Nicci (Bergseng, Auditor), Tammy (Peterson, Treasurer) and Gene (Strong, BOCC Chair) (to make recommendations to the board regarding the). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Order of Adjournment

Chair Gene Strong recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to reconvene at noon, 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 to allow Commissioner Cothren and Commissioner Tischer to participate in the Washington State Association of Counties / Timber Counties Caucus meeting.

Reconvene

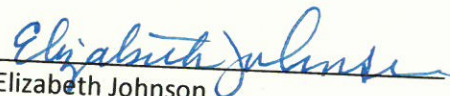
Timber Counties Meeting

Commissioner Cothren and Commissioner Tischer participated in the remote WSAC Timber Counties meeting.

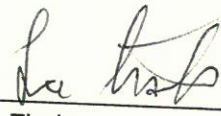
Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned following the timber counties meeting.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Lee Tischer
Vice Chair of the Board