



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 23, 2021

Vice Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on March 23, 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, IT Manager Josh Holt, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Sheriff Mark Howie.

Flag Salute

Vice 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 23, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong approving the consent agenda for March 23, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 41-21 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of expenses from the Emergency Medical Services Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$40,000.00
- C. Voucher Approval - \$ 87,196,91

New Business

Letter to Corps for Consideration for Dredge Spoil Disposal Sites in Lower Columbia River Channel Maint. Plan
It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the letter to the us army corps of engineers confirming our continued interest to be considered for future dredge placement sites. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Port District No. 1
County Line Park**

County Line Park Water System

Todd Souvenir, Port District No. 1 Assistant Manager, advised that the park has had several failed water tests over the years and adding chlorine to the system is the recommended solution. They have not yet received their most recent assessment back from the state. He will return to the board with the state's requirements, if any, and some general costs of implementing the appropriate water system. No action taken at this time.

WSU Extension Office

Marine Resource Committee Grant Amendment

This amendment allows for the reallocation of grant funds between the projects. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the Chair's signature on the Coastal Marine Resources Committee Grant Contract Amendment #3 in the amount of \$1,216.00 between Wahkiakum County and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

IT Manager

Konica Minolta OnBase Service and Maintenance Renewal Contract

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Service Maintenance Agreement with Konica Minolta (for OnBase software) through March 31, 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Server Upgrade

This service will allow the county's nine servers to be reduced to six servers, resulting in a cost savings. The IT Committee will be reviewing the service the following day at their meeting, but a signature is requested today as savings of \$11,263.62 were negotiated with a signed contract before the first of the month. The total cost will be under \$148,000.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair's signature on the Scale Computing contracts refreshing servers for another 5-years with support and warranty, contingent upon approval by the IT Committee. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Department of Emergency Management

Homeland Security Grant

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair's signature on Grant Agreement Number E21-182 in the amount of \$27,896. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Building & Planning

Sheriff Alley Entry Vestibule

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the quote from H & K Construction in the amount of \$4,100.00 plus tax, with the funding coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Masters, Mates & Pilots Agreement

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Puget Island Ferry Agreement (with the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots Union, Pacific Maritime Region) for 2021 through 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Recess/Reconvene

Chair Gene Strong recessed the regular meeting at 10:04 a.m. to reconvene at 2:15 p.m.

Work Session

Ferry Program Funding

Present: Chair Gene Strong, Commissioner Lee Tischer, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer. Senator Jeff Wilson, Representative Joel McEntire, Representative Jim Walsh.

The Board and the 19th District Legislators discussed the short falls in the funding for the ferry program. An effort will be made to obtain a state budget appropriation for the ferry during this session and then work on a long-term solution for the problem.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Chair Gene Strong adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Gene Strong
Chair of the Board