

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
May 11, 2021**

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 11, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Deputy Auditor/Elections Coordinator Kaelee Dearmore, HHS Behavioral Health Manager Tristan Wozniak.

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 May 11, 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 April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 63-21 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 \$553.18
- C. Resolution No. 64-21 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 \$72.18
- D. Voucher Approval - \$727,332.08
- E. Holiday Closure: Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding with Masters, Mates and Pilots union

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Masters, Mates and Pilots union to approve a 3% COLA for the Deckhands and Unlicensed Deckhand positions, effective May 1, 2021, following other county employees 3% COLA. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Pacific County for Engineering Services

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement with Pacific County for interim county engineering services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Auditor / Elections

Administrative Rules for the Local Voters' Pamphlet

Kaelee Dearmore advised that the Washington State legislature recently passed a bill that requires counties to develop a local voter's pamphlet; she presented the Wahkiakum County Administrative Rules for Candidates and for Jurisdictions.

Health & Human Services

Concurrent Hiring of a Mental Health Therapist III

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve hiring overlap of a Mental Health Therapist III to prepare for the resignation of an existing position. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Mental Health Therapist Positions

Following discussion, the Board was in consensus to table this item until it can be presented to the Wage/Salary Committee for discussion and clarity.

Public Works

Letter of Support for Clatsop County's Ferry Access Road Project

Clatsop County requested a letter of support for their grant applications to improve their ferry access road. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the letter of support for the Clatsop County Ferry Road Access Project. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

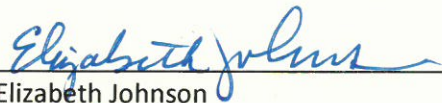
**Bid Opening
Columbia Street Overlay Project**


The Clerk of the Board opened and read aloud the three sealed bids that were received. The bids were as follows:

Lakeside Industries, Longview, WA	\$ 150,100.00
Granite Construction Co., Vancouver, WA	\$ 179,179.00
Naselle Rock & Asphalt Co., Naselle, WA	\$ 152,318.00

Adjournment

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

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
~~Gene Strong~~ Lee Tischer
Vice Chair of the Board