



## 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 18, 2021

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 18, 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.

#### 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 18, 2021. Vote: Aye –Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

#### Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer approving the consent agenda for April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye –Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 65-21 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 \$2,611.71
- C. Resolution No. 66-21 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
- D. Resolution No. 67-21 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 \$158.42
- E. Voucher Approval - \$140,430.16

**New Business**

Resignations and Vacancies on Boards and Commissions

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to accept the resignations of Susan Burkhalter and Pam Anderson from the Board of Equalization. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Chinook Indian Nation Federal Recognition

The Board discussed a proposed resolution in support of federal recognition of the Chinook Indian Nation. Following discussion, the Board was in consensus to address this issue again at their next meeting.

**IT Manager / Sheriff's Office**

Upgrade to the Detention Center Security System

The upgrade amount was presented as not to exceed \$76,000 and being funded from County Properties. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Detention Center Security System refresh. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Public Works / Building & Planning**

Call for Bids for Janitorial Service

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve of the Janitorial Service call for bids. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Fairgrounds T-Building Ramp Project

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the quote for \$18,170.28 for an aluminum ramp for the fairgrounds T-Building. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Commissioner Reports**

Columbia Street Speed Limit

Following discussion, the Board was in consensus to pursue lowering the speed limit on Columbia Street to 30 mph.


DNR Purchase of Timberlands

Commissioner Cothren reported that the Department of Natural Resources is in the process of purchasing 280 acres of land in Wahkiakum County, to replace encumbered lands that have been transferred to conservation status. This would be the first time that they have purchased lands using the Encumbered Lands process for Wahkiakum County.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

  
Gene Strong  
Chair of the Board