



Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Lee Tischer, Chair
District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren
District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong

MINUTES Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners Regular Meeting May 23, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on May 23, 2023, 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 Lee Tischer, Commissioner Gene Strong via phone, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, DEM/Sheriff IT Beau Renfro, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer.

Flag Salute

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 May 23, 2023, with the removal of the HHS items and the work session with Senator Murray's staff. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren approving the consent agenda for May 23, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 76-23 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 \$242.54
- C. Resolution No. 77-23 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 \$1,086.98
- D. Resolution No. 78-23 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 \$13,748.77
- E. Voucher Approval - \$117,371.49

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Amendment to Agreement with Cowlitz County for Juvenile Detention Services

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve Amendment No. 3 of the Agreement for Detention of Wahkiakum County juveniles in the Cowlitz County juvenile detention facility which maintains the current cost per juvenile of \$152 per day. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Office Relocation Project – Final Billing

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the addition to the Sheriff's Office remodel budget to finalize billing for the project in the amount of \$2,649.30, with these funds to be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Call for Bids for Recycle Bin Hauling

Wahkiakum County offers recycling bins to the public at four locations to reduce solid waste in landfills. The Department of Ecology provides a grant which pays for 75% of the cost of recycle bin hauling.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to authorize the call for bids for recycle bin hauling. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan Project List for 2023-2024

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to adopt Resolution No. 79-23 a resolution adopting the Wahkiakum County Capital Improvement Project List for 2023-2024. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Work Session

Courthouse HVAC System

Discussion centered on the poor temperature regulation in the building, even after the recent HVAC replacement. Discussion also included the inadequate ductwork in the building and potential window upgrades. Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director, will contact the original vendor(s) to have the system inspected.

Commissioner Reports

The Board discussed their weekly reports.

Order of Adjournment

The Board recessed the regular meeting to reconvene on Thursday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rosburg Hall in Rosburg for the Grays Bay-Area Resiliency workshop.

Work Session *Grays Bay – Area Resiliency Workshop*

Present: Chair Lee Tischer, Commissioner Dan Cothren. Commissioner Strong was not in attendance for the work session.

The Board attended the Grays Bay-Area Resiliency Workshop in Rosburg, hosted by the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and Sea Grant Washington.

Adjournment

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

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board