



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
June 20, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on June 20, 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, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson. Auditor Nicci Bergseng, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Director Chris Bischoff.

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 June 20, 2023. 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 June 20, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 86-23 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 \$30.28
- C. Resolution No. 87-23 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 \$99.99
- D. Voucher Approval - \$175,215.44

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Appointment to the Workforce Southwest Washington Board

Bill Sauters, Jr. was nominated and approved by the Workforce Southwest Washington Board of Directors for appointment, representing Wahkiakum County organized labor. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to appoint Bill Sauters, Jr. to the Workforce Southwest Washington Board from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Liquor License Renewal

A notice of Liquor License renewal was received for Sevellia Salazar, doing business as Duffy's Irish Pub, located at 3779 West State Route 4 in Grays River. The Board unanimously had no objections to this Liquor License renewal.

Special Occasion Liquor License

A notice of a Special Occasion Liquor License application was received for the Wahkiakum County Fair, for their event on July 14, 2023 from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds, 16 Fairgrounds Road in Skamokawa. The Board unanimously had no objections to this Special Occasion Liquor License.

Health & Human Services

Business Associate Contract Amendment with Allgood Communications for After-Hours Answering Service

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair's signature on the Allgood Communications Business Associate Agreement. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Fair Board

Electrical Upgrade for Arena

Several contractors/vendors were contacted for the three electrical projects, however, only two responsive quotes were received for each project.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the quote from Renaud Electric, in the amount of \$2,535.00 plus tax for the main breaker at the fairgrounds, with the funding coming from County Properties to be reimbursed from the Fair when their FEMA funds are received. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Electrical Services to the Fairgrounds Park

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the quote from Renaud Electric, in the amount of \$4,069.00 plus tax, for the fairgrounds park electrical meter, with the funds coming from County Properties to be reimbursed from the Fair when their FEMA funds are received. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Electrical Service to the New Goat/Sheep/Swine Barn

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the quote from Renaud Electric, in the amount of \$6,045.00 plus tax, for the electrical service to the goat barn, with the funds coming from County Properties to be reimbursed from the Fair when their FEMA funds are received. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

**Bid Opening
Janitorial Services**

The Clerk of the Board opened and read aloud the sealed bids that were received.

	<u>Monthly Cleaning Charge</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>	<u>Emergency Call-In</u>
Dust N Shine, LLC	\$4,704.56	\$61,230.72	\$42.50
ABM Industry Groups	\$5,337.53	\$64,050.24	\$50.00

Commissioner Reports

The Board provided their weekly updates.


**Workshop
County Growth and Developmental Issues**


Present: Chair Lee Tischer, Commissioner Gene Strong, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson. Undersheriff Gary Howell, HHS Operations Manager Duncan Cruickshank, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, Building Inspector/Planner Dave Hicks

The Board discussed issues surrounding increased growth and development in the county. Topics included residential buildings being built without proper permitting, pole buildings being converted into living units, issues surrounding RVs as permanent residences, septic issues, conversion of timberlands and farmland to residential and the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion only; no action taken at this time.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board