



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
July 18, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on July 18, 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. Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Building Inspector/Planner Dave Hicks, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

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 July 18, 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 July 18, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 96-13 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 \$4,414.99
- C. Resolution No. 97-13 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 \$17,324.62
- D. Voucher Approval - \$162,941.27

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Appointment to the Wahkiakum County Planning Commission

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to appoint Ruby Wargnier to the Planning Commission, effective through December 31, 2024. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Request for an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking of Unlicensed Vehicles with the Right-of-Way

Paul Lacy, Engineer, advised there is an issue with unlicensed and uninsured vehicles being parked in the right-of-way area. He requested an ordinance be drafted that would prevent this and allow the vehicles to be ticketed and towed if necessary. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of drafting an ordinance and holding a public hearing. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Ferry Service Closure on July 26, 2023

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren authorize ferry service shut down on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. through Thursday, July 27 at 5:00 p.m. for ferry ramp repairs. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of Grant Agreement No. SWMLSWFA-2023-WaCoPW-00181 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Wahkiakum County for the Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for the funding period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Building & Planning

Shoreline Permit – Alternative Fishing Gear Research

Mike Clark has applied for a permit for alternative fishing gear research for the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office. The Wahkiakum County Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of this application. Discussion ensued and public comments were heard from Blair Peterson and Todd Souvenir. In addition, the Planning Chair, Scott Anderson, spoke in support of the permit, advising that the Planning Commission considered the legality of the issue and came to a unanimous vote to recommend approval.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the Shoreline Permit applied for by Mike Clark for alternative fishing gear research for the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife and for the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office. Vote: Aye – Strong and Tischer. Commissioner Cothren abstained. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

The Board reviewed their work over the past week.

Adjournment

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

Attest: Elizabeth Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: Lee Tischer
Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board