



## 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 August 1, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on August 1, 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. Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Auditor Nicci Bergseng, IT Manager Josh Holt, HHS Community Services Manager Julie Johnston.

#### 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 August 1, 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 August 1, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 101-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Emergency Medical services Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$5,379.01
- C. Resolution No. 102-23 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 \$634.94
- D. Resolution No. 103-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$164.90 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of claims related to medical expenses for a LEOFF member
- E. Resolution No. 104-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$84.95 from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$84.95
- F. Voucher Approval - \$94,844.26

## Public Comment

A fair board member commented on the upcoming county fair.

## New Business

### Special Occasion Liquor License

The Wahkiakum County Fair has applied for a Special Occasion Liquor License for September 1st, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and September 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. both days; at the fairgrounds located at 16 fairgrounds Road in Skamokawa. The Board unanimously had no objections to this Special Occasion Liquor License application.

### Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME for Step Advancements

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for step increases based on the amount of time spend within a step and a revised 2023 salary table. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## IT Manager

### Renewal Contract with More Power Technology Group

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the Chair's signature on quote QWSQ2584-02, the 3-year More Aware Premium Agreement Proposal (with More Power Technology Group). Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Public Works

### Camera Upgrade for the Puget Island Ferry Landing

The camera located at the ferry landing is malfunctioning and needs to be replaced. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept the Day Wireless Systems quote for the ferry landing camera upgrade in the amount of \$3,967.71. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

### Engine Rebuild for the county Road Dump Truck

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to accept the quote from Patriot Mobile Repair, LLC, in the amount of \$12,490.35 for the engine repair of the Kenworth Dump Truck #16. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

## Health & Human Services

### Community Outreach Specialist

Julie Johnston, HHS Community Services Manager, discussed this position and the request to hire concurrently for training purposes and to hire an additional FTE. Following discussion, it was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of updating the Community Outreach Specialist position and to approve of hiring concurrently. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The Board took no action at this time on hiring ad additional FTE.

**Commissioner Reports**

The Board discussed their work over the past week.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Attest: Elizabeth Johnson  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: Lee Tischer  
Lee Tischer  
Chair of the Board