

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 August 16, 2022

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on August 16, 2022, 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, Sheriff Mark Howie, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Treasurer Tammy Peterson.

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 August 16, 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren approving the consent agenda for August 16, 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 114-22 an amended resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$242.82 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Kari Powers and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- C. Resolution No. 115-22 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$802.98 from the Contingent Liabilities Cumulative Reserve Fund for payment of accumulated annual leave to Jill Vallejo and for payment of county share of FICA/Medicare
- D. Resolution No. 116-22 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 \$4,252.94
- E. Resolution No. 117-22 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 \$158.74
- F. Voucher Approval - \$ 141,004.17

Public Comment

A Puget Island resident questioned the status of adding the additional properties nearest the ferry to the beach nourishment permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Public Works

Resolution Establishing Equipment Rental Rates for 2023

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to adopt Resolution No. 118-22 a resolution establishing Equipment Rental Rates for 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Publish Request for Proposals for East Valley Road Approach Project

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve of advertising a request for proposals for the East Valley Road Approach project. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Monica Budd, Chamber Director, was present to provide an update to the Board. The current Chamber membership is up 26% over 2021. Bald Eagle Days was successful with over 100 vendors; the crab feed had more than 600 guests and the 'Hook the Hawg' Salmon Derby had 127 participants, with 2/3 of those coming from outside the county. These events all bring in outside dollars to local businesses, including restaurants and lodging businesses. The Chamber has created new brochures for the ferry and for restaurants, with a lodging brochure in the works, as well. In addition, a new county map will also be created, as the current one is over a decade old. On the ADO (Associate Development Organization) front, the Chamber has made 24 recruitments, 25 assists in startups, 107 BREs (Assistance tin Business Retention and Expansion) and 25 trainings.

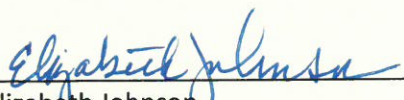
Commissioner Reports

The Board presented their weekly reports.

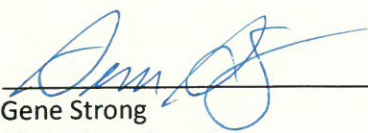
Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Gene Strong
Chair of the Board