



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
September 14, 2021**

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on September 14, 2021, 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, Undersheriff Gary Howell, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Kuhlmeier.

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 September 14, 2021. 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 April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 116-21 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 \$2,115.09
- C. Resolution No. 117-21 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 \$15,642.03
- D. Voucher Approval - \$ 169,440.64

Public Comment

Several public comments were heard in opposition to Covid vaccine mandates.

Sheriff's Office

Resolution to Amend Civil Fee Rates

The Sheriff's civil fee rates have not changed since 2008, while inflation has increased costs, including wages, vehicle maintenance and supplies.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to adopt Resolution No. 118-21 a resolution amending Resolution No. 142-07 by making alterations to the Sheriff's Civil Fee Schedule, adjusting for inflation, and bringing the fees in line with modern practices. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Extension Office

Interagency Agreement with WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife – Marine Resources Committee

This agreement supports the administrative capacity for the Wahkiakum Marine Resources Committee and provides funds for MRC coordination, projects, and participation in the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council for the term July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve and sign the Marine Resources Committee Grant Agreement/Contract #21-18590 in the amount of \$77,000.00 between Wahkiakum County and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Recess

Chair Gene Strong recessed the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m. to begin an executive session to discuss a potential litigation issue with the Prosecuting Attorney for a period of 10 minutes.

Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Potential Litigation

Present: Chair Gene Strong, Commissioner Dan Cothren, Commissioner Lee Tischer, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow.

Extension of Executive Session

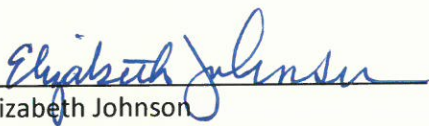
At 10:25, the Board announced an extension of the session for an additional 5 minutes.

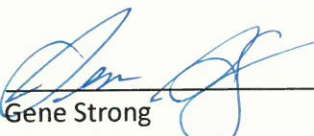
Reconvene

Chair Gene Strong reconvened the regular meeting at 10:32 a.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board