



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** **September 19, 2023**

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on September 19, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff, 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 September 19, 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 September 19, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Verified Claims for Commissioner Gene Strong - \$107.42
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023
- C. Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023
- D. Resolution No. 124-23 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 \$10,283.43
- E. Resolution No. 125-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Inter Local Cooperation Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$1,013.67
- F. Resolution No. 126-23 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communication Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$25,603.86
- G. Voucher Approval - \$174,704.00

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

New Appointments to the Emergency Communications Advisory Board

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to appoint the list of new members to the Emergency Communications Advisory Board for a 3-year term. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

The appointments are as follows:

- Austin Smith, representing Wahkiakum Fire District No. 2, as the primary.
- Duncan Cruickshank, representing Wahkiakum Fire District No. 2, as the alternate.
- Mark Letham, representing Wahkiakum Fire District No. 3, as the primary.
- Tyson Clark, representing Wahkiakum County Public Works, as the alternate.
- James Smith, representing the Town of Cathlamet Public Works, as the primary.
- David McNally, representing the Town of Cathlamet, as the alternate.
- Dan Kay, representing Wahkiakum PUD, as the primary.
- Erin Wilson, representing Wahkiakum PUD, as the alternate.

Health & Human Services

Contract Amendment – Choice Regional Health Network

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair's signature on Amendment #WDYCCTP_CB027574.1_WCHHS between Choice Regional Health Network and the Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services Department in the amount of \$8,750.00. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Contract Amendment - Molina

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the Chair's signature on the Molina Amendment for Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) full coverage. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Superior Court Clerk

Request to Hire a Deputy III/Collections Officer/Chief Deputy Applicant at a Step 3

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of hiring the Deputy III/Collections Officer/Chief Deputy Applicant at Pay Class 8, Step 3 per current union agreement. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Reports

The Board each reviewed their work over the past week.

Order of Adjournment

Chairman Tischer recessed the September 19, 2023 regular meeting, to 6:00 this evening, Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Rosburg Hall in Rosburg for the Grays Bay-Area Workshop hosted by Jackson Blalock from the Pacific Conservation District.

Grays Bay-Area Workshop

Commissioners Lee Tischer and Gene Strong attended this event at the Rosburg Hall in Rosburg.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned following the workshop.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board