



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 26, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on September 26, 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. Undersheriff Gary Howell, Public Works Director Chuck Beyer, Building Inspector/Planner Dave Hicks.

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 26, 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 26, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 127-23 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 \$2,500.00
- C. Resolution No. 128-23 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 \$912.89
- D. Resolution No. 129-23 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 \$386.27
- E. Voucher Approval - \$ 53,940.40

Public Comment

A North Welcome Slough resident questioned the progress of the beach nourishment program.

New Business

Special Occasion Liquor License Application

The Appelo Archives Center has applied for a Special Occasion Liquor License from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on November 4, 2023 at the Rosburg Community Hall located at 28 Rosburg Community Hall Road in Rosburg. The Board unanimously had no objections to this application.

Building & Planning Department

Bid for Replacement of 6 Gas Heaters to Electric Ductless Units at Johnson Park

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Chair's signature on the Renaud Electric bid for replacement of six gas units to electrical ductless units in the amount of \$46,939 plus tax with the funding coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works

Surplus and Disposal as Scrap of 1968 Ingram Roller

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren scrap Equipment #13, the 1968 Ingram Roller. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Repair Quote for Repairs to the Engine of the Kenworth Dump Truck

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept Patriot Mobile Repair's dump truck engine quote for replacing the camshaft assembly in the amount of \$12,922.63. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Work Order #2 with Maul Foster Alongi for Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve Work Order #2 between Wahkiakum County and Maul Foster Alongi for the completion of the update of the Comprehensive Solid and Moderate Hazard Waste Plan. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Public Works Contract with Hilander Painting, LLC and Hilton Painting, LLC for Exterior Courthouse Painting

Only one responsive quote was received for this project. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to accept and enter into a contract with Hilander Painting, LLC for the painting of the exterior of the Wahkiakum County courthouse. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Fair Board Update

Patty Dursteler, Fair Manager, provided an update on the fair. The county fair was a huge success, and the recent music festival also went well. The electrical upgrades were beneficial. Several SCA

The 2nd SCA group was recently at the fairgrounds. Several SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) groups have been utilizing the fairgrounds. The next grant cycle will include requests for the horse arena footing, sidewalk repairs and pens for the new barn. The fair received positive feedback from their annual review.

**Department of Natural Resources
Timber Harvest Report**

Present were DNR staff Steve Ogden, Assistant Region Manager; Scott Hancock, Acting District Manager and Scott Sargent, Region Manager, Pacific Cascade Region.

The Fir Real Sorts harvest has been completed with disbursement of the funds happening shortly with revenue of approximately \$1.2M. The two smaller sales, Green Thomas and Unibrow, are also complete. The 2024 sale, Pollo Locho Sorts, has an estimated revenue of just over \$1M, which is lower than originally estimated due to high operational costs, low bids and a softening log market. The 2025 sale, Ten Fir Sorts, has no revenue estimate at this time.

Also discussed were recent timberland acquisitions, including the McKinley Bridge property of 120 acres and the Mooers property of 250 acres. The Encumbered Lands revenues are expected to be approximately \$1.8M to the county, with no acreage now being exchanged.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cothren exited the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and Commissioners Strong and Tischer discussed their reports for the past week.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board