



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
October 17, 2023

Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on October 17, 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. Clerk Kay Holland, Deputy Clerk Jessica Reddon, 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 October 17, 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 October 17, 2023. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 137-23 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 \$3,000.00
- C. Resolution No. 138-23 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 \$3,083.97
- D. Resolution No. 139-23 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 \$21,996.09
- E. Voucher Approval - \$227,151.83
- F. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$14,174.00
- G. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$14,174.00
- H. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$14,174.00
- I. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$6,262.00

J. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$6,262.00

K. Voucher Approval – Transfer Batch - \$6,262.00

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Presentation of Risk Management Service Award

Mark Sherwood, Senior Risk Manager, Clear Risk Solutions, working with the Washington Counties Risk Group, presented the Risk Management Service Award for the 2022 year.

MOU with AFSCME and MMP for Health Insurance Benefit Cap Increase

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Memorandum of understanding with the American Federation of State, Conty and Municipal Employees union and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Masters, Mates & Pilots union, both to increase the county's monthly contribution for employee medical benefits to \$1,650. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Superior Court Clerk

Interlocal Agreement for Imposing Filing Fee Surcharges to Fund Courthouse Facilitator Program

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to adopt the Resolution to impose filing fee surcharges and user fees to fund the Courthouse Facilitator Program and move to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the funding of the Court Administrator/Recorder and Senior Court Administrator/Recorder/Court Facilitator for the Superior Court of the combined Judicial District of Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Recess

Chair Lee Tischer recessed the regular meeting at 9:48 a.m. to proceed into a public hearing.

Public Hearing

Ordinance – Superior Court Clerk's Records of the Court

Chair Lee Tischer called for public comment.

Kay Walters, Skamokawa, questioned what would change with this ordinance.

There were no other public comments.

Jessica Reddon, Deputy Superior Court Clerk, advised that the ordinance would allow for the creation of an subscription to access the courts records, with renewals in January, following the first year which would be pro-rated.

Reconvene

Chair Lee Tischer closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Superior Court Clerk

Ordinance Providing for Modifications to Access to the Clerk's Records of the Court

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to adopt Ordinance No. 170-23 an ordinance amending RCWC 9.94.020.030 providing for modifications to access to the Wahkiakum County Clerk's records of the court. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

MOU with AFSCME for Temporary Sharing of an Employee with District Court

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Strong to approve of the Memorandum of Understanding between Wahkiakum County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for a temporary employee share agreement between Superior Court and District Court. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Commissioners

Letters of Intent to US Army Corps of Engineers for Grays Bay and Deep River Projects

These letters are attachments to the application to the US Army Corps of Engineers to request funding for Grays Bay and Deep River area projects to alleviate funding and increase navigability.

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Strong and Cothren to approve of the signing of both letters of intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Grays Bay and Deep River dredging projects. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

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 10:07 a.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Lee Tischer
Chair of the Board