



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
November 16, 2021**

Chair Gene Strong called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on November 16, 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, HHS Director Chris Bischoff.

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 November 16, 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 November 9, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 142-21 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 \$76,518.48
- C. Resolution No. 143-21 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 \$14,961.73
- D. Voucher Approval - \$924,052.28
- E. Notice of Public Hearings: 2022 Revenue Sources and 2022 Final Budget and Levies, public hearings to occur at 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. respectively on MONDAY, December 6, 2021 in the Commissioners Third Floor Meeting Room, Wahkiakum Courthouse, 64 Main Street in Cathlamet and remotely via Zoom
- F. Resolution No. 144-21 an amended resolution granting to Western Wahkiakum Telephone Company a franchise for communication lines

Public Comment

There were no public comments

New Business

Request to Purchase County Owned Parcel

The Board expressed hesitation to sell this parcel as the public uses these islands for duck hunting and other forms of recreation. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren that the board will not move forward with the public hearing to sell this parcel. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Auditor's Office / Payroll

Contract with Public Employees Benefit Board

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to authorize the Chair's signature on the Public Employer Group Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Health Care Authority, Contract #K5694. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Extension Office

Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State University for 2022 Funding

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Washington State University (WSU) and Wahkiakum County for \$15,000 funding for 2022. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Health & Human Services

Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma – Pierce County Health Department – Online Food Safety Services

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has an online system for food safety testing program that we have been using for several years. It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Tischer and Cothren to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement between Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Contract Amendment with Amerigroup Washington, Inc.

Wahkiakum Health and Human Services (WHHS) provides direct Medicaid based behavioral health services to Wahkiakum County residents. WHHS is reimbursed for these services through multiple Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). This amendment is with one of the MCOs that WHHS has been providing services to for a couple of years. The amendment is for an increase of up to \$470,000 annually.

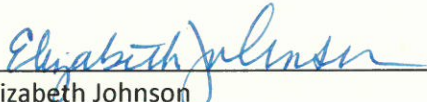
It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer to approve the contract amendment between Amerigroup Washington, Inc. and Wahkiakum County. Vote: Aye – Strong, Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.


Commissioner Reports

The Commissioners reported on their assignments and activities. Commissioner Tischer, Liaison to the Town of Cathlamet, reported that the Town voted to close the Community Center.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board