085273  THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Tom Handy Chairman, and Michael Largent (remotely) Commissioner, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended. Arthur D Swannack Commissioner was unavailable.

9:00 a.m. – Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Remotely:  Bill Tensfeld, Chris Nelson, Cynthia Hayward, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Wraylee Flodin and Anthony Kuipers.

085274–085275  1-2. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Assessor’s Office Staffing
- Critical Areas
- Ordinance/Scriveners Error
- Lease Option/Whitcom Building
- ARPA Update

9:20 a.m. – Recess.

10:00 – Reconvene/Board Business/Workshop Continued.

085276  3. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Lobbyist Report – Zak Kennedy

10:15 a.m. – Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Flag Salute.

Present:  Mark Storey and Ginny Rumiser.

Remotely:  Bill Tensfeld, Chris Nelson, Cynthia Hayward, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Wraylee Flodin and Anthony Kuipers.

D085276A  4.  Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

085277  5.  Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to accept the consent agenda as presented.

085278  6.  Treasurer’s Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of $24,928.64, Payroll warrants numbered 358717-358720 for $654,805.19 and General Claims/Veterans’ Relief warrants numbered 358830-358954 for $1,781,798.91 approved.


085289  9.  Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the 2022 signature delegation authorization form for Developmental Services.

085290  10.  Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the 2022 signature delegation authorization form for the Fair Department.
085291  11. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the 2022 signature delegation authorization form for the Parks and Recreation Department.

085292  12. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to appoint Rachel Lewis as custodian for Developmental Services petty cash fund.

Resolution No. 085292
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need to change the pre-existing petty cash custodian within the Whitman County Developmental Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Developmental Services Department would like to make Rachel Lewis the Custodian for the Developmental Services - Petty Cash; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AUTHORIZED that the Whitman County Developmental Services Department’s petty cash account #001.000.000.111.70.15 shall be $25.00 and be maintained by Rachel Lewis.

Done this 18th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tom Handy, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Corey Mitzimberg
Deputy Clerk of the Board

085293  13. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to appoint Rachel Lewis as custodian for the Parks and Recreation Department petty cash fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 085293
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need to change a pre-existing Petty Cash custodian within the Whitman County Parks Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Parks Department would like to make Rachel Lewis the Custodian for the Parks and Recreation - Petty Cash; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AUTHORIZED that the Whitman County Parks and Recreation Department’s Kamiak Butte Petty Cash fund 001.000.000.111.70.042 shall be $100.00 and be maintained by Rachel Lewis.

Done this 4th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tom Handy, Chairman

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
Corey Mitzimber
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

085294  14. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to appoint Kayla Thrall as custodian for the District Courts petty cash fund.

085295  15. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the revised Countywide Petty Cash Fund as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 085295
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 18th day of January 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need and requirement of regulating the various petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts in all county funds; and,

WHEREAS, responsibility for the various petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts must be entrusted to specific individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the following are the revised petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts for Whitman County:

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14. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to appoint Kayla Thrall as custodian for the District Courts petty cash fund.

15. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the revised Countywide Petty Cash Fund as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the following are the revised petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts for Whitman County:

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Dated this this 18th day of January 2022 and effective as of this date.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION OF ) RESOLUTION NO. 085296
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR TAXING ) CERTIFYING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES
DISTRICTS FOR COLLECTION IN 2022 ) FOR TAXING DISTRICTS IN 2022

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 13th day of January, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.070, it is the duty of the county legislative authority of each county, on or before the 1st Monday in December each year, to certify to the County Assessor the amount of taxes levied upon the property in the county for county purposes, and the respective amounts of taxes levied by the Board for each taxing district within or coextensive with the county, for district purposes.

WHEREAS, additional tax levies and budget information was received by the Commissioners for Districts after the required deadline,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners in accordance with RCW 84.52.070, to certify to the Whitman County

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Corey Mitzimberg
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

085296–085302 16. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to ratify the Chairman’s signature certifying the additional 2022 Taxing Districts levies and/or budgets.

Board of County Commissions
Of Whitman County, Washington

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Tom Handy, Chairman

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Commissioner handy and Maribeth Becker, CMC
Commissioner Arthur D Swannack
Deputy Clerk of the Board
Assessor the amounts to be levied by each of the taxing districts, as attached, for collection in 2022; and, Approved by the Chairman. January 13, 2022 and ratified by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners in regular session at Colfax, Washington, on this 18th day of January, 2022.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING AN ) RESOLUTION NO. 085304
EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 38.52 )

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners, Whitman County, Washington, has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(7), the Board of County Commissioners may make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and fire regulations that are not in conflict with the state law; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(42.30.080), the Board of County Commissioners may dispense with the notice requirements for a special meeting when such a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or damage; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38.52 RCW, in the instance where an emergency is declared, the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County has the right to exercise certain powers and duties as provided for in said chapter without the necessity of complying with time consuming procedures and formalities; and,
WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management has briefed the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County of the January 7, 2022 high wind event (65 mph+) at the Almota Radio Site where the shelter, radio equipment and tower were all damaged. The site is at low power and channels are only partially working. Almota Radio Site controls channels for Law: Steptoe West and East and Fire: West and East. Safety agencies in the southwest and southeast portion of Whitman County have only partial 911 radio coverage; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the advice of the Whitman County Emergency Management Director, the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County is desirous of declaring an emergency pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38.52 RCW without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publications of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of entering into contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38.52 RCW, the Board does hereby acknowledge and declares an emergency exists due to the January 7, 2022 high wind event (65 mph+) at the Almota Radio Site where the shelter, radio equipment and tower were all damaged and in so doing does authorize the execution of powers vested in Chapter 38.52 RCW by the Board of County Commissioners without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Corey Mitzimberg
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

085305 20. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize the amount of $100,000.00 for the 2022 Public Facilities (.09) Funds allocation.

085306 21. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to sign a letter notifying eligible organizations the 2022 Public Facilities (.09) Funds grant application period is now open.

085307 22. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to sign a letter of agreement allowing Fountain Flying Service to fly over congested areas in the unincorporated areas of Whitman County during the 2022 growing season.

085308 23. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion to approve and sign an interlocal agreement with the Town of Endicott for Building and Development Department services. Public Works Director, Mark Storey shared this interlocal agreement started late last spring, early summer, however the Town of Endicott just recently decided to take advantage of this service. The Prosecutor’s office has reviewed and approved the agreement. Motion carried.

085309 24. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion to approve the Chairman signing the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Annual Reporting
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Systems (C.A.R.S.) Road levy certification for 2022. Mr. Storey said this is a standard process and all figures were received from County Assessor, Wraylee Flodin. The certification also requires a signature from the Director and Chairman. Motion **carried**.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

D085309A  25. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Engineering Division:**

D085309B  25A. Public Works Director Mark Storey shared a crusher has been set up at the Gordon Quarry location with production expected to begin this week.

**Maintenance Division:**

D085309C  25B. Mark Storey shared road restrictions are in place and the road department has received several access requests all of which have been approved. However, due to potential damage to roads, some requests may have to be denied.

**Planning Division:**

D085309D  25C. Per Mr. Storey, the Planning Commission was able to review and complete a draft of the revised comprehensive plan. Next steps include adding photos and table values to the final plan. Mr. Storey said they are very close to completion.

D085309E  25D. Interlocal agreements for the Shoreline Management Plan are in progress. Information is being shared with various agencies and should be available within a month.

**Building Division:**

085310   25E. The fourth quarter as well as the 2021 year end building reports were presented and reviewed by Building Inspector, Ginny Rumiser.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

D085310A  26. The following correspondence was received:

085311   26A. A notice of marijuana licenses due to expire June 30, 2022 was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

085312   26B. The 2021 Hearing Examiners annual report was received from Kottkamp, Yedinak and Esworthy, Wenatchee, WA. Andrew Kottkamp, Hearing Examiner for Whitman County stated there were no land use applications presented to him for decision.

085313   26C. An executed copy of the Spokane County Emergency Management agreement in conjunction with Homeland Security was received.

085314   27. Commissioners’ pending list reviewed.

D085314A  28. Approved documents signed.

12:00 p.m. – Recess.

1:30 p.m. – Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Remotely: Mike Berney, Palouse River Counseling and Greater Columbia Administrative Service Organization (ASO) and Mary Collins, Pullman League of Women Voters.

085315   29. Mr. Berney reviewed the ASO’s meetings of December 2nd and 20th, 2021 and of January 6, 2022.

D085315A  29A. GCBH – ASO Issue: Executive Session(s):

- One executive session was held during the December 2nd meeting to review the performance of the Co-Directors.
- Another executive session was held during the January meeting to review contracting issues. The Board came out of executive session and returned to
executive session for an additional 10 minutes. During the 10-minute session Mr. Berney was inadvertently placed into the waiting room and was not able to participate.

- After the January executive session, the Board voted to send a contract termination letter to the crisis provider for Benton and Franklin Counties. The motion passed with Franklin and Whitman Counties abstaining.

D085315B  29B. GCBH – ASO Issue: Approval of warrants and vouchers:
- Warrants and vouchers for October and November approved during the December 2nd meeting. December warrants and vouchers were approved in the January 6th meeting.
- The ASO Financial Statements through October 2021 were reviewed. It looks like there will be a small amount of additional funding that can be released into the service system. Year ending financials will be reported at the February Board meeting. Whitman County voted in favor of the motion to approve paying the warrants/vouchers. The votes were unanimous.

D085315C  29C. GCBH – ASO Issues: State updates:
- One of the behavioral health programs for homeless individuals with behavioral health issues was increased from $100,000 to $1.3 million. In the past this funding has flowed through a large provider based in Yakima County. The old program has been combined with the new one and is called Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program (CBRA).
  - The GCBH contract manager for this funding stream has been hired.
  - The large Yakima County provider who managed this program previously declined to do so for those counties who do not already provide other services. Palouse River Counseling was asked if they would be willing to manage the program for Whitman County and they are.

085315D  29D. GCBH – ASO Issues: ASO Updates
- Greater Columbia calendar year 2022 budget:
  - December 2nd meeting the Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee and staff presented and reviewed the preliminary budget with the Board including revenue/expenditure estimates, a revised organizational chart, and the Funding allocation policy.
  - December 20th meeting: a public hearing on the budget was held. There were no comments from the public.
  - Resolution #22-01 implementing the budget was presented to the Board.
- The State Auditor’s Office is getting ready to start its annual audit of the ASO.
- A number of State contracts and professional service agreements (PSAs) were presented and reviewed. The decision was made to deal with all of them with one motion.
- Outcome: On December 20th Whitman County voted in favor of resolution #22-01. The motion passed unanimously. On January 6th a motion to authorize the chair to sign the contracts and PSAs passed with no dissent, Whitman County abstained.

D085315E  29E. GCBH – ASO Other Business:
- Starting February, the provider in Columbia County will stop providing crisis services in that County and those services will be picked up by a provider from Walla Walla County.
- With the start of 2022, annual training for Board members has rolled around again.

D085315F  29F. Other Issues:
- Continued meetings are being held with District Court regarding establishing a “Community Court”. It is anticipated this court will begin functioning in January of this year.
- Whitman County was granted one of the Substance Use Disorder Outreach Teams. Palouse River Counseling was chosen as the contractor to develop this team.
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Michael Largent (remotely) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. – Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Remote: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Cheri Kramer, Crystn Guenther, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Mary Collins, Anthony Kuipers and Asa Clark (Land Trust).

The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Civic Trust/Rail Banking
- McKinstry Phase 5 Change Orders
- Whitman County Lease Property
- Road Restrictions/Permits
- Public Works Staff update
- Hayward Road Summary
- Public Works/Gravel/Levy
- COVID-19 Impacts
- Palouse Land Trust

9:30 a.m. – Recess.

1:00 p.m. – Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Remote: Lance Bishop, Bailey Wiedmer, Jessica Jensema and Kelli Campbell (2:05).

The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Information Technology Infrastructure

2:20 p.m. – Adjournment.

Commissioner Largent moved to adjourn the January 18th and 24th, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Swannack and carried. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Whitman County Public Service Building Auditorium, Colfax, Washington, on January 31, 2022. The foregoing action made this 24th day of January, 2022.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners