

BOCC MINUTES-01/19/21

083850 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent (remotely) and Tom Handy Commissioners (remotely), Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Laurie Miller and Robin Jones (9:00 a.m.).

Remotely: Chris Skidmore, Ellary Holliday, Bailey Wiedmer, Kelli Campbell, Jessica Jensema, WC Gazette, Anthony Kuipers, Sandy Jamison, Brandy Tom, Sharron Cunningham, Bill Tensfeld, Chris Nelson, Wraylee Flodin, Telephone and Jacob Jones (9:00 a.m.).

083851-083852 1-2. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Personnel Promotion/Assessor
- Public Health Personnel Change
- Malden/Pine City Grant Writer
- Non-Represented Wage Increase
- Letter to Governor Inslee
- Out-of-Class Pay/Superior Court
- Moderate Risk Waste Facility/Opening
- County Census
- KHQ Video Endorsement

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Remotely: Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, WC Gazette, Anthony Kuipers, Bill Tensfeld, Lance Bishop, Bailey Wiedmer, Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell, Dan Gladwill, Paul Kimmell, Telephone, and Tom Cornelison (10:15 a.m.).

D083852A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

083853 4. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

083854 5. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$224,828.63**, Payroll warrants numbered **352880-352885** for **\$657,941.36** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **352983-353124** for **\$540,575.06** approved.

083855 6. January 4, 2021 minutes approved.

D083855A 7. There were no Personnel Change Orders.

083856 8. Due to time sensitivity, Chairman Swannack signed the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) Certification of Consistency on January 6, 2021. Commissioner Largent and Commissioner Handy did not oppose.

083857 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign a letter to Governor Inslee expressing disappointment and requesting him to reverse his recent decision to change the COVID-19 recovery plan rules.

083858 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the credit card request for Commissioner Tom Handy with a \$5,000 credit limit.

083859 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2020 4th quarter Public Disclosure Commission lobbyist report.

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083860 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the 2021 Signature Authorization Delegation for the Sheriff as presented.

083861 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to re-appoint Angela Taylor to the Park Board for a six year term to expire on December 31, 2026 and appoint Pamela Tetarenko to fill an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2024.

083862 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to appoint Ronda Penwell to the Library Board to an unexpired five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

083863 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Fiber Service Agreement between Whitman County Health Department and First Step Internet as presented.

083864 16. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the 2021-2023 Solid Waste Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

083864A 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize a 1% COLA for non-represented salary ranges, excluding all non-represented salary ranges receiving a \$2.00/hour wage adjustment in 2019 to be effective February 1, 2021.

083865 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the CDBG-CV1 contract with the Department of Commerce as presented.

083866 19. The CDBG-CV1 Sub-recipient Agreement with Council on Aging was not available at this time.

083867 20. The CDBG-CV1 Sub-recipient Agreement with Community Action Center was not available at this time.

083868 21. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the amount of \$100,000 for the 2021 Public Facilities allocation.

083869 22. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign a letter notifying eligible organizations the 2021 .09 grant application period is open.

083870 23. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to rescind the Discretionary Public Facilities (.09) awarded on December 7, 2020 to the Pullman Moscow Regional Airport in the amount of \$400,000.

083871 24. This item was tabled until further notice.

083872 25. There were no COVID-19 related updates or decisions.

083873 26. There were no fire related updates or decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D083873A 27. The following correspondence was received:

083874 27A. A letter was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board notifying the county Moffetts Organics, Inc has received domestic winery privileges for less than 250,000 liters at locations 12552 Wawawai Road in Colton and 202 S. Montgomery Street in Uniontown both to expire April 30, 2021.

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083875 27B. A letter was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board notifying the county Altered State, LLC has received Marijuana Producer Tier 3 privileges, Cloud 9 Smoke & Ale LLC has received Marijuana Producer Tier 2 privileges, and The Standard 1, LLC has received non-retail and Marijuana Processor privileges all to expire June 30, 2021.

083876 27C. A letter was received from the law office Kottkamp, Yedinak & Esworthy providing the county with the 2020 Land & Use Hearing Examiner's Annual Report for Whitman County. There were no land use applications in 2020.

083877 27D. A letter was received from the Department of Energy describing the Bonneville Power Administration's decision regarding the Columbia River Basin Tributary Habitat Restoration Programmatic Environmental Assessment.

083878 27E. A letter was received from the Department of Ecology enclosing Delegation Order No. 20AQ-E069 which delegates authority to Whitman County to issue and enforce Agricultural Burning Permits pursuant to Chapter 70A.15 RCW and the rules and regulations of the Department of Ecology.

083879 27F. An executed copy of the Agreement between Whitman County and Whitman County Corrections Officers and Support Staff (COSS) was received.

083880 28. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey (10:30 a.m.).

Remotely: Ellary Holliday, Bailey Wiedmer, Kelli Campbell, Jessica Jensema, WC Gazette, Anthony Kuipers, Sandy Jamison, Brandy Tom, Sharron Cunningham, Bill Tensfeld, Chris Nelson, Wraylee Flodin, Telephone and Jacob Jones (10:30 a.m.).

083881 28A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

ACTION ITEMS:

083882 29. Public Works' Director, Mark Storey, briefly reported the State has decided the energy code portion of the International Building Code (IBC) is not ready to adopt. The rest of the IBC will be adopted February 1, 2021. The State Building Code Official and Fire Marshalls have requested holding off adopting until July 1, 2021. Mr. Storey will be updated later in the day. He requested the commissioners go forward with the hearing, and when the State adopts it will already be in place.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing the Notice of Public Hearing on adopting the International Building Code (IBC) and statewide amendments to be held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.

083883 30. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing the Notice of Public Hearing on the removal of the Marijuana Moratorium to be held Monday, February 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

083884 31. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the Resolution establishing the County Road Crushing Project designated as Cherry Cove Quarry.

RESOLUTION NO. 083884

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Cherry Cove Quarry, C.R.C.P. No. 173, Project No. XFC1901.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

This project provides for the crushing and stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted E.R.& R. fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering	\$ 1,000.00
Inspection	\$ 15,000.00
Crushing & Stockpiling	<u>\$ 314,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 330,000.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the crushing and stockpiling is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: March 1, 2021

ESTIMATED date of completing work: June 30, 2021

ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Tom Handy, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

083885 **32.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Digital Submittal Certification.

083886 **33.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the agreement to purchase the right-of-way at the Gordon Quarry as presented.

083887 **34.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement between Grant County and Whitman County Public Works for labor, equipment and materials as presented.

083888 **35.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and Whitman County Public Works for labor, equipment and materials as presented.

DIVISION UPDATES:

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D083888A 36. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Building Division:

083889 36A. Building Inspector, Dan Gladwill, provided the Building Department's 4th quarter and 2020 year-end report. Overall, it was an above average year.

Solid Waste Division:

D083889 36B. Mark Storey reported they are in the "final throws" of the Moderate Risk Waste building remodel project. The final walk-thru will take place on Wednesday, January 27th. He hopes it will be completed by February 1st.

Maintenance Division:

083890 36C. Mark Storey presented letters written between Brandon Kruger and Freightliner Northwest acknowledging mutual consent to renew the new, current model year 66,000 lb. truck chassis contract to begin on March 2, 2021 and last for one (1) year following.

D083890A 36D. With the increasing need for more road graders, the department will implement a trial system. They recently purchased a new grader, and instead of selling the one it replaced, they will keep it to use as a spare during prime grading times.

D083890B 36E. Mark Storey reported, to date, county roads look pretty good. He is not interested in placing any road restrictions at this time.

Planning Division:

D08389C 36F. A notice to consultants for the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan update is now on the county's website. It is currently missing a link to the questionnaire, but it will be on the front page shortly.

D08389D 37. Approved documents signed.

11:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

Remotely: Ellary Holliday and Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

083891 38. Mr. Berney reviewed the regular Executive Committee Board meeting held on January 7, 2021 of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (GCBH-ASO).

D083891A 38A. ASO Issue: Executive Session(s):

An executive session was held to evaluate the performance of the Co-Directors.

D083891B 38B. ASO Issue: Approval of warrants and vouchers:

Warrant and vouchers for December were approved in the amount of \$1,330,405.45.

D083891C 38C. ASO Issues: State Updates:

The ASO will still be subject to B&O taxes, at least in 2021. If the legislature does not grant relief, the GCBH Attorney will begin to explore if a switch to "Not for Profit" status would make sense for GCBH.

D083891D 38D. ASO Issues: ASO Updates:

There are sufficient funds to cover inpatient liabilities. The ASO would like to get these liabilities resolved to allow any leftover funds to be distributed to the provider network. 2021 marks two (2) years as an Administrative Service Organization (ASO) for GCBH. We were the first county based ASO. Crisis services throughout GCBH are staying fairly stable and meeting unique county needs. There is required training and OIG checks for the new year.

D083891E 38E. ASO Issue: Other Business:

Mr. Berney requested Whitman County to sign Resolution #21-0 regarding the GCBH salary schedule. The Personnel Committee's recommendation was unanimous for a 3% increase. Whitman County voted in favor of the motion to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation. Whitman County Commissioners will take action on February 1, 2021.

D083891F 38F. Initial involuntary detentions have increased from 72 to 120 hours. Palouse River Counseling continues to provide most services via tele-health or telephone. Requests for services have started to increase. Crisis services are similar to previous years, though detentions were up in the last month. This happens periodically.

2:00 p.m. - Recess.

2:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

083892 39. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for matters related to reviewing qualifications of job applicants.

3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

D083892A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent and Tom Handy Commissioners (remotely), Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D083892B 40. Approved consent agenda items signed.

083893 41. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$331,186.86**, Payroll warrants numbered **353127-353133** for **\$459,972.30** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **353134-353197** for **\$506,944.12** approved.

083894-083911 42. Personnel change orders approved.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remotely: Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, Lance Bishop, Bailey Wiedmer, Jessica Jensema, WC Gazette, Kelli Campbell, Anthony Kuipers, Jacob Jones, Sharron Cunningham, Sandy Jamison, Brandy Dean, and Bill Tensfeld (9:00 a.m.).

083912-083913 43-44. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Draft MOU/Pine Creek LTRO
- Assessor/Personnel Promotion
- SEWEDA
- League of Women Voters
- Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee
- GIS/Sole Source
- Moderate Risk Facility Walk-Thru
- Department of Transportation
- CRAB Board
- Vault Storage
- Pending List

083914 45. Lobbyist Conference Call

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Present: Zak Kennedy, Ellary Holliday, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Jessica Jensema, Jacob Jones, Sharron Cunningham, Brandy Dean, Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette. (10:15 a.m.)

The Lobbyist call with Zak Kennedy ended at 10:30 a.m. and the workshop resumed regarding the pending list.

083915 **46.** There were no COVID-19 related updates or decisions.

083916 **47.** There were no fire related updates or decisions.

11:30 a.m. - Adjournment.

D083916A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **January 19** and **January 25, 2021** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Handy and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **February 1, 2021**. The foregoing action made this **25th day of January 2021**.

ss/ TOM HANDY, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

ARTHUR D. SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners