

**BOCC MINUTES-01/31/2022**

**085327 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, January 31, 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

**Remotely:** Bailey Wiedmer, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Crystn Guenthner, Cynthia Hayward, Dean Cornelison, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Anthony Kuipers, Molly from the Colfax Chamber, Whitney Bond from the Colfax Downtown Association, Michael from the Palouse Chamber and Hailey Lewis (9:58).

**085328-085329 1-2.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Council on Ageing/ARPA Funding
- Veterans Service Officer
- Martin Hall Update
- Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee/Award Criteria
- Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Update
- County Engineer Position
- COVID-19 Update
- Sheriff Office/ARPA Funding
- Whitman County Non-Profit/ARPA Funding Grants
- Pullman Non-Profits/ARPA Funding

**10:00 a.m. - Recess.**

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

**In Person:** Mark Storey.

**Remotely:** Bailey Wiedmer, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Cynthia Hayward, Dean Cornelison, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Sharron Cunningham, Whitney Bond (Colfax Downtown Association), Molly (Colfax Chamber) and Michael (Palouse Chamber).

**D085329A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**085330 4.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

**085331 5.** Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$194,877.45**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **359069-359125 & 359128-359132** for **\$363,249.17** approved.

**085332 6. January 17, 2022** minutes approved.

**085333-085337 7.** Personnel change orders approved.

**085338 8.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the Sheriff's signature delegation authorization form.

**085339 9.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing a notice for revisions to the Whitman County Water Conservatory Board.

**085340 10.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent to comply with Washington State Department of Transportation Title VI plan. Public Works Director, Mark Storey shared the

requirements from the Department of Transportation are to complete trainings, complete a report and send the letter of compliance, all of which are complete. Motion **carried**.

**085341** 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion to approve and sign the interlocal agreement with the cities and/or local jurisdictions of Albion, Colfax, Rosalia, Tekoa, Palouse and Pullman for the Corporative Shoreline Master Programs update. Mr. Storey said the contract has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Ecology as well as several city attorneys and the County Prosecutor. Motion **carried**.

**085342** 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution establishing the Doneen Quarry.

**RESOLUTION NO. 085342  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISIONERS**

**In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Doneen Quarry, C.R.C.P. No. 175, Project No. XFC2200.**

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

This contract provides for the 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:

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION</b>
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$ 4,000.00
Inspection	\$ 15,000.00
Crushing & Stockpiling	<u>\$485,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$504,000.00

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 21, 2022  
ESTIMATED date of completing work: June 30, 2022

DATED this 31st day of January, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board  
Corey Mitzimberg  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Commissioner

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**D085342A** 13. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**D085342B** 13A. The new scale for the landfill scale project has been ordered to deflect any supply chain issues per Mark Storey, Public Works Director. He said the intent is to request permission to go out for bid in the spring (March, April, May) with the project completion the end of October, early November. Mr. Storey commented the project dates need to be specific and the parts needed available. Most of the parts are readily available "off the shelf" other than the scale itself hence the reason for ordering today. Commissioner Swannack asked if the current concrete workers strike in Seattle, WA would have any impact on the project. Mr. Storey was not aware of the strike and will look into it, but he didn't anticipate any delays.

**Engineering Division:**

**D085342C** 13B. Mr. Storey stated the Gordon Quarry project has been running for two weeks, and is within 8-9 days of completion. This will produce approximately \$300,000.00 of rock.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D085342D** 13C. Snowplows continue to be maintained for any upcoming winter road conditions and regular maintenance work continues to be done.

**D085342E** 13D. Mr. Storey shared roads remain closed to heavy loads as temperatures fluctuate, making the roads soft and vulnerable to damage.

**Administrative Division:**

**D085342F** 13E. The Engineering position should be in effect March 1, preceded by a Personnel Change Order(PCO), Resolution and Public Works Department organizational chart update.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**D085342G** 14. The following correspondence was received:

**085343** 14A. A notice of licenses due to expire April 30, 2022 was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**085344** 14B. An executed copy was received from Washington State University for agent wages Extension.

**085345** 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**D085345A** 16. Approved documents signed.

**10:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Joint Workshop with Port of Whitman.**

**Present:** Karl Webber, Kristine Meyer, Tom Kammerzell, Calvin Johnson, Larry Farr, Karen, Bryan and Sarah from Ziplly Fiber.

**Remotely:** Rich French , Debbie Snell, Kara Riebold, Evan Ellis, Senator Schoesler, Anthony Kuipers, Evan Ellis, Bobbie Ryder, Lisa Carloye, Richard Wesson, Bob Morris, and Haley Lewis.

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**085346**        **26.**    The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Ziplly Fiber/Fiber to Home Project
- Legislative Update
- WSU Steam Plant Project
- Palouse Knowledge Corridor/New Executive Director
- Pullman Civic Trust/Rail Banking

**3:30 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D085346A**    Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **January 31, 2022** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Auditorium, in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington, on **February 7, 2022**. The foregoing action made this **31st** day of **January, 2022**.

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

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COREY MITZIMBERG  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners