THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Annie Pillers, Alan Thompson, Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Chris Skidmore, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Joshua Vincent, Kelli Campbell, Sarah Hardy, Sharron Cunningham, Sandy Jamison, Mark Storey and Whitman County Prosecutors Office.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

In-Person: Mark Storey, Jessica Jensema, Nancy Belsby and Lisa Carloye.
Remotely: Alan Thompson, Bailey Wiedmer, Jacy Leach, Keaton Wheeler, Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell, Kristina Cooper, Sarah Hardy, Joshua Vincent, Karen Hinnenkamp, Ashley and Olivia Harnack, Whitman County Gazette.

D085852A 4. Pledge of Allegiance

D085852B 5. Public Comment opened

- Chairman Handy shared the Comprehensive Plan Hearing will be rescheduled to July 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. due to a publication error.
- Chairman Handy said June 30, 2022 the Executive Director for SWEDA has resigned, giving a two week notice.
- Lisa Carloye, shared on map 6 in the Comprehensive Plan, the BNSF railway from Pullman to Colton to Uniotown then over to the Idaho border is abandoned per the GIS map provided by Washington State Department of Transportation. She also commended the Comprehensive Plan in it recognizes the importance of the mechanism of railbanking for preserving the rail lines. She appreciates the work done for preservation of recreation and agricultural land.

Consent Agenda:
D085852C 6. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to accept the consent agenda as presented.

085853 7. Treasurer’s Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of $1,152,678.99, Payroll warrants numbered 361258-361272 for $684,634.50 and General Claims/Veterans’ Relief warrants numbered 361507-361586 for $186,292.17 approved.

085854 8. June 6, 2022 minutes approved.


D085857A 9A. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and carried to amend the agenda adding items 10A and 10B to set a hearing date and notice to publish for the Comprehensive Plan rescheduled hearing date.
10. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the notice to publish for public meeting for Budget Amendment 2.

10A. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the hearing date for the Comprehensive Plan to July 5, 2022 at 1:30 PM in the Public Service Building Auditorium.

10B. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve to publish a Notice of Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan.

11. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the resolution for updating the Palouse Empire Fair/Fairgrounds Fee Schedule for 2023.

12. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the Signature Delegation Form for the Auditors Office.

13. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the Signature Delegation Form for the WSU Extension Office.


15. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the Board of Health Code update.

Commissioner Swannack gave an introduction to the hearing, stating House Bill 1152 passed in 2021 requiring the County to amend the Whitman County Board of Health’s code requiring an additional three non-elected members to the Board of Health in addition to the current three elected members, which are the Whitman County Board of Commissioners. To do this the code must be amended. The presented code amendment has been reviewed by the Whitman County Prosecutor and with a few edits has been approved. The amendment is now before the Board of Commissioners for adoption.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

15A. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the amended Board of Health Ordinance as presented.

16. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and carried to approve the Memo of Understanding between the Auditors Office, County Commissioners and Administrative Services. The transfer of and supervision of Finance Staff is pending Union Approval.

DIVISION UPDATES:

17. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Solid Waste Division:

17A. Public Works Director, Mark Storey shared they are working with a consultant to get the scale shack and scale replacement project at the solid waste facility ready for rebid in July or early August.

CORRESPONDENCE:

18. The following correspondence was received:
085866 18A. A Notice of Expiration was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

085866 18B. A membership request from the Colfax Arts Council was received.

085867 19. Commissioners’ pending list reviewed.

D085867A 20. Approved documents signed.

10:35 a.m. – Recess.

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

Present: Debbie Anderson and Jill Mohr from the Colfax Arts Council, Janet Schmidt from WSU Extension

Remotely: Jessica Jensema, Lacy Leach, Joshua Vincent, Sarah Hardy and Mark Heitstuman, WSU Extension office.

085868-085869 21–22. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Colfax Arts Council/Wall Mural
- WSU Extension Office update

2:15 p.m. – Recess.

D085869A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent Commissioners, and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D085869B 23. Approved consent agenda items signed.

085869C 24. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of $170,110.21, General/Veterans’ Relief/Payroll warrants numbered 361624–361720 for $266,826.02 approved.

085870–085879 25. Personnel change orders and Small Business Grant Contracts approved

9:05 a.m. – BOCC Workshop.

In Person: Lynn Kimball


085880–085881 25A–27. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Presentation: Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington
- Whitcom Payroll
- IRS Rate Changes
- Water 101
- Assessor Position Change
- TCP Mobile Application

9:30 a.m. – Recess
1:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Workshop

Present: Bailey Wiedmer, Kelli Campbell and Jessica Jensema.
Remotely: Annie Pillers, Crystn Guenthner, Sandy Jamison and John-Mark Mahnkey.

085882 28. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- 2023 Budget Discussion

2:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D085882A Commissioner Largent moved to adjourn the June 21 and June 27, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Swannack and carried. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Auditorium of the Whitman County Auditorium, Colfax, Washington, on July 5, 2022. The foregoing action made this 27th day of June 2022.

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

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Corey Mitzimberg              TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN
Clerk of the Board             Board of County Commissioners