

**084580 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent and Tom Handy 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.**

**Remote Attendance:**

**Staff:** Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Brown, Brandy Dean, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop and Sharron Cunningham.

**Guests:** Lydia Fletcher, Jacob Jones and WC Gazette.

**In Person Attendance:**

**Staff:** Dean Cornelison.

**084581-084582 1-2.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Hoffman Access Road/Emerg. Comm. Tower
- Bald Butte/Emerg. Comm Tower
- Wawawai Road/Camping Issues
- Courthouse Relocation/McKinstry Phase 5
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2022-2027

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

**Remote Attendance:**

**Staff:** Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Brown, Brandy Dean, Chris Skidmore, Dean Cornelison, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop and Sharron Cunningham.

**Guests:** Lydia Fletcher, Jacob Jones, Evan Ellis and WC Gazette.

**D084582A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**084583 3A.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to amend the agenda to include item #28A, an Executive Session.

**Consent Agenda:**

**084584 4.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

**084585 5.** Payroll warrants numbered **355609-355623** for **\$670,167.47** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **355811-355875** for **\$386,351.83** approved.

**084586 6.** July 6, 2021 minutes approved.

**084587-084589 7.** Personnel change orders approved.

**084590 8.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021-2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) Lobbyist report.

**084591 9.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the publishing of a notice of hearing for a proposed new ordinance prohibiting camping in certain portions of the County.

**084592** 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of call for bids for the Palouse Empire Fair RV Park.

**084593** 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the 2021-2022 Whitcom Military Department grant application data form.

**084594** 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the DSHS County Program Agreement #2163-2488 (06/30/22).

**084595** 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign a resolution to revise the bond amounts for elected officials as required by RCW 36.16.050.

**084596** 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve a credit card request for the Assessor's office.

**084597** 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the Washington State Military Dept. #D22-004 and Pre-Disaster Mitigation signature authorization (03/22/22).

**084598** 16. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the grant application data form for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant.

**084599** 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve and sign the Restated Road Access License with DEBH-Bald Butte, LLC.

**084600** 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve and sign the Communication Site Lease with Bald Butte Ranch, LLC., when received (06/01/39).

**084601-084602** 19. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027).

Engineer Dean Cornelison presented the Annual Bridge Report and Priority Rating Worksheet, speaking to both and recommended accepting the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027) as presented.

The hearing was opened to public comment. There being none the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

**084603** 20. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2021-2027) as presented.

**RESOLUTION No. 084603**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the Matter of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027).**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing was held on the 19th day of July, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice of the Public Hearing was published according to law and all present wishing to speak for or against said program have been heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer's Annual Bridge Report and the Road Priority Arrays were available to the Board of County Commissioners and were consulted during the preparation of the program in accordance with WAC 136-14-050 and WAC 136-20-060.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the attached Six Year Transportation Improvement Program be adopted as presented.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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

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Tom Handy, Commissioner

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**ATTACHMENT**

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| 1. Miscellaneous Construction     | 8. Green Hollow Road Phase 3, No. 4400           |
| 2. Almota Road, No. 8000          | 9. Green Hollow Road, No. 4400                   |
| 3. Hume Road, No. 2000            | 10. Lamont Road, No. 4070/Hardy Road,<br>No 4080 |
| 4. Pullman Airport Road, No. 5600 | 11. Lancaster Road, No. 4100                     |
| 5. Country Club Road, No. 9040    | 12. Sand Road, No 9060                           |
| 6. Warner Road Overlay, No. 1100  |  |
| 7. Johnson Road, No. 9050         |  |

**084604**      **21.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to approve the resolution establishing the Port of Wilma Project as presented.

Engineer Dean Cornelison said this project will overlay the roads in the Port of Wilma and improve the draining and pooling problems. He also shared before going to bid, the legalities will be reviewed. The Public Works Department is currently awaiting authorization from Washington State Department of Transportation. Motion **carried**.

**RESOLUTION NO. 084604**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the matter of initiating a county road projects designated as follows for the Port of Wilma HMA Overlay: C.R.P. No. 9005-2, C.R.P. No. 9006-2 and C.R.P. No. 9007-2 Project No. XFR2100.**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Druffel Drive, County Road No. 9005, from MP 0.01 to MP 0.14, the Wilma Drive, County Road No. 9006, from MP 0.01 to MP 1.41, and the Wilma Drive East, County Road No. 9007, from MP 0.00 to MP 0.10, be improved as follows:

HMA Overlay with drainage improvements.

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 county road 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>
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 20,000.00
Contract & Construction Engineering	<u>\$1,580,297.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,600,297.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 9  
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in  
accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: July 19, 2021  
ESTIMATED date of completing work: December 1, 2021

ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2021.

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**084605 22.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize Public Works publishing a notice calling for bids for the Johnson Area Roads project when construction funding is released.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**D084605A 23.** The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Engineering Division:**

**D084605B 23A.** Engineer Dean Cornelison shared the Cherry Cove project is complete and the Belmont Bridge will reopen today.

**Building & Planning Division:**

**084606 23B.** Building Inspector/Permit Specialist, Ginny Rumiser distributed and reviewed the 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Building report. She noted the total number of permits has increased. Residential permits have increased over commercial attributing this to COVID-19 re-opening, cell tower upgrades and residential updates/remodels. Ms. Rumiser did note permits issued to Malden and Pine City have slowed down significantly from last year.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**D084606A 24.** The following correspondence was received:

**084607 24A.** Executed and recorded copies of the Whitcom purchase documents were received from McGuire, DeWulf, Kragt & Johnson.

**084608 24B.** Notice of liquor license due to expire 11-31-2021 was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**084609 25.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**D084609A 26.** Approved documents signed.

**11:00 a.m. - Recess.**

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

**In Person Attendance:**

**Guest:** Mike Berney.

**084610 26A.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to amend the agenda to include item 28B.

**084611 27.** Briefing held to review the regular Executive Committee (Board) meetings held on May 6, 2021, June 3, 2021, and July 1, 2021, of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (GCBH-ASO).

**D084611A 27A.** GCBH-ASO Issue:

- No executive sessions were needed at any of the meetings.

**D084611B 27B.** GCBH-ASO Issues:

- Warrants and vouchers for April and May were approved.
- June vouchers were not presented because it was the end of the State fiscal year and the ASO must wait until July 15, 2021 to close out the year.
- Whitman County voted in favor of the motions to approve. All votes were unanimous.

**D084611C 27C.** GCBH-ASO Issues:

- The State contract for GCBH-ASO to provide Behavioral Health Services as of July 1, 2021 has not yet arrived for the Chair to sign.
- The State is requiring each ASO to hire a Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP) to be a regional SUD Navigator by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The State will be providing funding for this position once they get the new biennial contracts out.
- Legislation was passed this session (Bill 988) mandating a State-wide crisis line. King and Spokane Counties will be representing all ASOs. This could turn into a mess for GCBH.
- All ASOs are working with the State around the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Court costs.
- One of the behavioral health programs for homeless individuals was increased from \$100,000 to \$1.3 million. In the past, this funding flowed through a large provider based in Yakima County. In the future some funding will be allocated to each county. Stay tuned for more detailed information as it becomes available.

**D084611D 27D.** GCBH-ASO Issues:

- The ASO was able to release an additional \$400,000 to provide services, according to the distribution formula, as part of reconciling the end of the State fiscal year.
- Walla Walla County was the only GCBH county to choose to administer their CJTA funds.
- There were no compliance issues in April, May, or June.

**D084611E 27E.** GCBH-ASO Issue:

- The Accountable Community of Health made a few announcements about several of their programs

**D084611F 27F.** GCBH-ASO Issues:

- The Executive Committee meeting in August will be an in person option.
- Legal:
  - The long time GCBH attorney has been appointed a District Court judge and will no longer be able to represent the ASO. His son, an attorney at the same firm will be the new attorney for GCBH-ASO.
  - A resolution (21-03) to appointment a person/position to accept claims on behalf of GCBH-ASO was presented/discussed.
- Personnel Committee: met and unanimously recommended 2 new positions be approved at the ASO (SUD Navigator, Housing contract manager).
- Motion to change the PSA related to retaining an attorney was made. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve Resolution 21-03 and have the Chair sign

was made and passed unanimously. Motion to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation for 2 new positions was made and passed unanimously.

**D084611G 27G.** Mike Berney said he had meetings with District Court.

**084612 28.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to appoint Widline Fertilien as Designated Crisis Responder for Whitman County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 084612  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the Matter of Appointing a Designated Crisis Responder Under RCW 71.05 And RCW 71.34.**

WHEREAS, Whitman County has the responsibility for implementation of RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 (Mental Illness) which mandates a coordinated system of evaluation and treatment services be provided to involuntary patients and persons voluntarily seeking treatment for mental disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint Widline Fertilien as a Designated Crisis Responder, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners Widline Fertilien be appointed a Designated Crisis Responder for Whitman County.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board  
BY: Corey Mitzimberg  
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**084613 28A.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into Executive Session until 3:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(f.) for matters relating to complaints against a county employee or elected official.

**3:00 p.m. - Return to open session/Board Business Continued.**

**084614 28B.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** effective June 1, 2021 the county will make a medical premium contribution to temporary employees working 130 hours/month or more equal to the employee only premium of the lowest cost medical plan, plus the cost of the WCIF life insurance. Contribution is not be provided for other health insurance coverage or upon waiver of medical insurance.

**3:45 p.m. - Recess.**

**D084614A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent and Tom Handy (remotely) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

**In Person Attendance:**

**Staff:** Jill Whelchel, Denis Tracy, Marlynn Markley, Sharron Cunningham and Lorena Lynch.

**084615 29.** The following item was discussed but no action was taken.

- Blake Disbursement Plan

**2:30 p.m. - Recess.**

**D084615A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 26, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent and Tom Handy (remotely) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

**8:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.**

**In Person Attendance**

**Staff:** Adam Turnidge, Bill Tensfeld, Brandon Kruger, Brandy Dean, Cat Wigen, Chelsea Cannard, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Craig Wines, Crystn Guenther, Dan LeBeau, Gary Libey, Janel Goebel, Janet Schmidt, Jill Whelchel, Kelli Campbell, Kristina Cooper, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Marlynn Markley, Paul Anderson, Scott Watson, Sherri Aune, Sharron Cunningham and Wraylee Flodin.

**Remote Attendance:**

**Staff:** Commissioner Handy  
**Guest:** Whitman County Gazette

**084615B 29A.** The following item was discussed but no action was taken.

- Courthouse Offices Relocation Plan

**D084615C 30.** Approved consent agenda items signed.

**084616 31.** Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$529,567.97**, and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **355898 - 356005** for **\$315,386.58** approved.

**084617-084629 32.** Personnel change orders approved.

**9:15 a.m. - Recess.**

**9:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.**

**084630-084631 33-34.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Washington Association of County Officials 2021-22
- Dues/Conference Fees
- Registration
- Veterans Officer Position

- Public Works Employee Retention
- Capital Improvement Program Ranking List

**11:30 a.m. - Adjournment.**

**D084631A** Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **July 19<sup>th</sup>** and **July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 **August 2, 2021**. The foregoing action made this **26<sup>th</sup>** day of **July 2021**.

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

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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, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners