

WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 21, 2023

087028 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, Washington on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Largent Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Tom Handy, Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 AM – Called to Order-Workshop

Attendance:

- Remotely – Brandy Dean, Craig Wines, Chris Nelson, Cynthia Hayward, Jessica Jensema, Jonathon Yarbrough, Katie Jensema, Marie Roberts, Sarah Hardy, Suni Wood, WF, Brian and Kent.
- In Person – Mark Storey, Craig Wines, Judd Thompson, Sandy Jamison, Kelli Campbell and Bill Tensfeld

087028A 1. The following items were discussed with no action taken:

- Adams County/Coroner Svcs.
- Chipman Trail Bridge
- Salary Shifts
- Winona Trestle
- Fireside Building
- 2024 Health Insurance
- WCIF Letter of Intent
- Road Vacations
- Lacrosse fence
- Winona Fire
- Taylor Schoolhouse
- Pullman trestle fire
- Haystack fire
- Primary election certified
- Update for County credit cards
- Blackout curtains-Chambers
- PSB Contractors
- Chipman trail/railbanking

9:50 AM- Recessed

10:15 AM – Reconvened- Board Business

Attendance:

- Remotely – Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Keaton Wheeler, Juvenile Dept., Sarah Hardy and Sandy Jamison.
- In Person – Bill Tensfeld and Mark Storey

New/Old Business

2. Pledge Allegiance was recited
3. There was no public comment

087029 4. Consent Agenda items approved.

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| a. 087029 | Treasures Wire Transfers & Check Report | \$ 188,666.65 |
| 087029 | Voucher Claims - #368670-368759 | \$ 421,148.32 |
| b. 087030 | August 7-20, 2023 Minutes | |
| c. 087031-087036 | Personal Change Orders Approved | |

087037 5. Commissioner Swannack motioned, Commissioner Handy seconded and it was carried to approve the updated Workplace Violence Prevention Policy.

087038 6. Commissioner Swannack motioned, Commissioner Handy seconded and it was carried to approve the .09 funding request from Colfax Highschool to purchase a new scoreboard for the Colfax McDonald Park Softball Field. Commissioner Swannack abstained from the vote as he doesn't agree the project qualifies per the .09 guidelines.

087039 7. Commissioner Swannack motioned, Commissioner Handy seconded and it was carried to sign the letter of support for the Childcare Center for the Department of Commerce.

087040 8. Public Works Division Updates were provided by Public Works County Director Mark Storey.

- **Engineering:**

- Almoda Phase 3 is on stand-by due to sub-contractor scheduling however should begin again Monday, August 28. The road will not be shut down, there will be traffic delays with a pilot car to escort traffic.
- The scale project at the Whitman County Solid Waste Landfill is progressing well with paving scheduled for Thursday, August 9th. The completion date has been moved to September 5th, 2023.

- Mr. Storey also shared he received a letter from L&I regarding the injury in the shop with an allowance of 15 days to appeal. Fines are being assessed for the injury and the lacking Hazard Communications plan.

087041 9. Correspondence – A letter was received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Suckley's Bumble Bee and need for its protection under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

087042 9a. Correspondence – A flyer was received for the Whitman County Employee Golf Tournament.

087043 10. Pending List was reviewed

D087043 11. Approved Documents Signed

087044 12. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to go into executive session until 11:00 AM for matters related to RCW 42.30.0110 (1)(b)(c), real Estate sale, Purchase or Lease.

11:00 AM – Return to Open Session/Board Business

087045 13. Commissioner Swannack motioned, Commissioner Handy seconded and it was carried to draft, sign and present a letter of intent for a property purchase.

11:05 AM – Recessed to Monday, August 28, 2023

Monday, August 28, 2023

THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner's Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Michael Largent Chairman, Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner, Tom Handy, Commissioner attended and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board was absent.

9:00 AM – Reconvened-Board Business and Workshop

Attendance:

Marks Storey, Dean Cornelison, Brian Wilson, Bill Tensfeld, Kelli Campbell, Craig Wines, Sandy Jamison and Chris Skidmore.

Workshop

087046 14. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

- Chipman Trail Bridge
- Winona Trestle
- County Website
- Broadband & .09
- Road Dept. Update
- Almota Road Paving
- Health Insurance

Consent Agenda:

D087046 15. Approved Consent agenda items signed.

The following was approved.

- a. 087047 Treasures Wire Transfers & Check Report \$ 280,874.90
- 087047 Voucher Claims - #368470-368648 \$ 577,565.33
- b. 087048 – 087057 Personal Change Orders Approved

087024 16. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to go into executive session from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM to discuss negotiations.

12:00 PM – Return to Open Session/Adjourn

Commissioner Swannack moved to adjourn the August 21 and August 28, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Handy and carried. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Commissioner's Chambers of the Whitman County commissioners Chambers, Colfax, Washington, on September 5, 2023.

The foregoing action made this 28th day of August 2023.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ TOM HANDY, COMMISSIONER

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners

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