

084521 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, July 6, 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 Dean, Chris Nelson, Fletcher Aukerman, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Sharron Cunningham and Wraylee Flodin.

Guests: Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette.

In Person Attendance:

Staff: Lance Bishop and Sandy Jamison.

084522 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- State Auditor Entrance Meeting
- Letter to WC Gazette re: Ewan
- Courthouse Construction
- McKinstry Asbestos Removal
- ARPA Funds Coordination with Pullman
- Open Positions in Public Works Dept.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

Remote Attendance:

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Guests: Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette.

In Person Attendance:

Staff: Lance Bishop and Sandy Jamison.

D084522A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

084523 3. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

084524 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$2,151,603.21**, Payroll warrants numbered **355396-355411** for **\$341,486.11** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **355479-355608** for **\$256,457.22** approved.

084525 5. June 21, 2021 minutes approved.

084526-084530 6. Personnel change orders approved.

084531 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize publishing a notice for vendors, contractors and consultants for the County's small works rosters.

084532 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the grant application data form for the Sheriff's Registered Sex Offender verification grant.

084533 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to grant an extension to October 31, 2021 for the Colfax Downtown Association for 2020 Public Facilities(.09) awarded funds.

084534 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the 2021-2022 Military Department contract #E22-043 and signature authorization form for Whitcom.

084535 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept WCIF's Long Term Care plan, pending Union approval.

084536 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve McKinstry proceeding with Phase 4, Part 2 which includes improvements to the Courthouse, Jail and Public Service Building.

084537 13. The bid opening for the Palouse Empire Fair RV Park was held. The following bids were received.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
ML Albright, Lewiston ID	\$464,715.00 includes tax
NNAC, Coeur d'Alene, ID	\$552,215.00 includes tax
Palouse River Rock, Colfax, WA	\$496,330.00 includes tax

084538 14. The commissioners will make an award/rejection today at 2:45 p.m.

084539 14A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

084540 15. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the proposed vacation of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond.

A staff report was provided by Engineer Mark Storey as follows: "The alleyway in said Block 2, Original Town of Diamond does not exist and is being used as part yard and part pasture ground by the adjacent landowners. The alleyway is not needed for the public and should no longer be in the County transportation system. My recommendation is to vacate and abandon all of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond. The whole distance is approximately 300 feet.

In my opinion it is not advisable to preserve said platted alleyway in said Block 2, Original Town of Diamond for the County transportation system in the future. Therefore, it is seen as a benefit to the County that said alleyway should be vacated and should be passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land."

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

084541 16. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution to vacate and abandon all the Alleyway in Block 2 in the Town of Diamond.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to Vacate)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>084541</u>
and Abandon all of the Alleyway in)	
Block 2, Original Town of Diamond in)	

the SE ¼ Section 34 & SW ¼ Section 35,)
Township 17 North, Range 42 East, W.M.)
Whitman County, WA)

RESOLUTION VACATING

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon all of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond on the 7th day of June, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond for the County transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation and abandonment of all the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 6th day of July, 2021, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation and abandonment of said alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond located in the SE ¼ of Section 34 and the SW ¼ of Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 42 East, W. M., Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land. The whole distance is approximately 300 feet.

EXCEPT FOR, any existing public utility easements, are to be reserved and retained over and through the entire vacated area of the alleyway in Block 2, Original Town of Diamond,

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 6th day of July, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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

Tom Handy, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

084542 17. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the proposed sale of surplus county property.

A staff report was provided by Director Mark Storey, recommending the sale of the surplus property.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

There being none the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

084543 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution to dispose of surplus property as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF RESALE) RESOLUTION NO. 084543
OF COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, The Whitman County Commissioners have advertised and held a public hearing on July 6, 2021 to hear arguments for or against the declaration of the items listed below; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation, have declared the attached list of items as surplus to the County's needs.

ER&R Vehicles and Equipment:

<u>Equip.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>
7002	1984	Chevrolet	Custom Deluxe 30	1GBJC34J6EV119301
7101	1999	Dodge	Ram 2500 HD	3B7KC2664XM557489
7108	2006	Ford	F-250	1FTSF21P26ED71963
7301	1999	Dodge	Ram 2500HD	387KC2660XM557490
8053	2009	Ford	Escape	1FMCU93G79KC80771
8054	2011	Chevrolet	Colorado	1GCTBFEX88127305
9022	2011	Ford	Explorer	1FMHK8880BGA39613

Other Department Owned Vehicles and Materials

Fair	Unknown	John Deere	CCA 10' Cultivator	
Fair	Misc.	Cinder Blocks	10 Separate Lots Ranging from 117-223 blocks ea.	
Sheriff	1977	International	Loadstar 1700	D0822GHB12076

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Whitman County Treasurer advertise and sell, according to law, the above surplus items.

Dated this 6th day of July 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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

Tom Handy, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

084544 19. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to publish the notice of sale for surplus property.

084545 20. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve and sign the Voluntary Stewardship State Conservation contract.

084546 21. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the notice of public hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2027).

DIVISION UPDATES:

D084546A 22. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Solid Waste & Recycling:

D084546B 22A. The Director noted the long haul solid waste contract is ending next year.

Engineering Division:

D084546C 22B. Director Mark Storey shared the Cherry Cove project is close to complete.

D084546D 22C. The Director mentioned the department is awaiting State approval for the Johnson Road project.

Maintenance Division:

D084546E 22D. Director Mark Storey said sealcoating is almost complete for this year.

D084546F 22E. According to Mr. Storey, the Belmont Bridge is planned to be set Monday, July 12, 2021, and the Sage Bridge culvert was installed.

Building & Planning Division:

D084546G 22F. The Director advised the Board a new building inspector has been hired internally and the permit specialist position will be advertised.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D084546H 23. The following correspondence was received:

084547 23A. A copy of the Whitcom Executive Board resolution dated 06/16/2021 regarding K&K Properties and their leases with the Whitcom Executive Board was received.

084548 23B. Governor Jay Inslee released a statement ahead of Washington's upcoming June 30, 2021 reopening for individuals and businesses preparing to return to normal capacity.

084549 23C. The WSAC 2021 End of Session report and Courthouse Briefing documents was received.

084550 23D. An executed copy of the AMPD Lighting and Audio Visual contract for the Palouse Empire Fair was received.

084551 23E. An executed copy of the Interlocal agreement between Whitman County and the Port of Whitman for roads at the Port of Wilma was received.

084552 24. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D084552A 25. Approved documents signed.

11:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

Remote Attendance:

Staff: Bailey Wiedmer, Lance Bishop, Cynthia Hayward, Brandy Brown, Kelli Campbell, Whitman County Prosecutor and Fletcher Aukerman.

Guests: Lydia Fletcher, Evan Ellis, Whitman County GOP and Whitman County Gazette.

In Person Attendance:

Staff: Laurie Miller, Lori Nails, Lisa Aase, Sandy Jamison, Lana Cloninger, and Chris Nelson.

Guests: Kelley Messinger, John Brabb, Wraylee Flodin and Michelle Beckman.

084553 26. Chairman Swannack explained today's process for selection of a County Assessor.

084554 27. Each candidate was called upon to give a brief statement about themselves, in the order as submitted by the Whitman County Republican Central Committee.

1. John Brabb
2. Wraylee Flodin
3. Kelley Messinger

084555 28. Each candidate participated in a question and answer session, in the order as submitted by the Whitman County Republican Central Committee.

084556 28A. John Brabb provided a cover letter, resume and a 30/60 day action plan for success.

084557 28B. Wraylee Flodin provided a cover letter and resume. Letters of recommendation were received from Chris Nelson, WC Treasurer and Acting Assessor Laurie Miller in support of Ms. Flodin.

084558 28C. Kelley Messinger provided a resume and copies of his Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom.

2:00 p.m. Recess

084559 29. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session until 2:25 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for deliberations related to appointment qualifications.

2:25 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

084560 30. Commissioners ballots distributed and votes cast.

084561 31. Voted Ballots read by the Clerk.

- Commissioner Largent cast his vote for Wraylee Flodin
- Commissioner Handy cast his vote for Wraylee Flodin
- Chairman Swannack cast his vote for John Brabb

084562 32. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to appoint Wraylee Flodin as the Whitman County Assessor.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 084562
APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSOR
OF WHITMAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in compliance with the duties set forth in Article II Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, the Republican Central Committee has provided the Board of County Commissioners three nominees for appointment as Whitman County Assessor; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners by public vote during a public meeting, did, by a majority vote select Wraylee Flodin as the Assessor of Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, to allow for a smooth transition, the Board of County Commissioners has decided Wraylee Flodin, shall take office as Assessor of Whitman County beginning immediately; and, WHEREAS, the Board wants to express its appreciation to Laurie Miller for her exemplary performance as Acting Assessor and to the staff of the Assessor's Office for their assistance and cooperation during this transitional period.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, beginning immediately, Wraylee Flodin, is the Assessor of Whitman County, with all the rights, duties, and obligations said office requires.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2021 in Colfax, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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

Tom Handy, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

084563 33. The oath of office was administered by Superior Court Judge Libey and signed.

084564 34. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to reject all bids for the Palouse Empire Fair RV Park. A new call for bids to be made in the near future.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D084564A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman 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. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

D084564B 35. Approved consent agenda items signed.

084565 36. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$668,343.11**, and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **355638-355810** for **\$393,507.36** approved.

084566-084578 37. Personnel change orders approved.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remote Attendance:

Staff: Bailey Wiedmer, Chris Nelson, Sharron Cunningham, Bill Tensfeld, Fletcher Aukerman, Brandy Dean and Sandy Jamison.

Guests: Jacob Jones and WC Gazette.

084579 **38.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Labor & Industry Emergency Heat Rule
- SWEDA/Business Resilience Plan
- McKinstry Update

- Call for 2022 Budget

9:15 a.m. - Adjournment.

D084579A Commissioner Handy **moved** to adjourn the **July 6th** and **12th, 2021** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **July 19, 2021**. The foregoing action made this **12th** day of **July 2021**.

ss/ TOM HANDY, COMMISSIONER

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

ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners