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**085505 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, March 21** at **9:00 a.m.** Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Michael Largent (ABSENT) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (ABSENT) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

**Remotely:** Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Crystn Guenther, Dean Cornelison, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Olivia Harnack, Anthony Kuipers.

**085506 1.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- McKinstry Change Orders
- Courthouse Carpeting
- Spam/Phishing Reminder
- Malden Update
- Whitcom Update
- Planning Board/David Tysz
- Veterans Service Operator
- Comprehensive Plan
- Solid Waste Project Bid Update
- Road Department Update
- COVID-19/Omicron Status Update

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

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

**Present:** Bailey Wiedmer, Brandon Kruger, Dean Cornelison, Mark Storey, Mitch Engel, Dave St. John and Zach St. John.

**Remotely:** Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Lance Bishop, Fletcher Aukerman. Kelli Campbell, Wraylee Flodin, Wraylee Flodin, Olivia Harnack and Lydia Fletcher.

**D085506A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**085507 3.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

**085508 4.** Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$384,238.35** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered 359882-359999 & 360000-36003 for **\$560,096.16** approved.

**085509 5.** March 7, 2022 minutes approved.

**085510-085513 6.** Personnel change orders approved.

**085514 7.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the Washington State Military Department Signature Form for Contract E19-182.

**085515 8.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution expressing Board recognition and support of the Whitman County Safety Program.

**085516 9.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve a Board Order implementing an employee retention incentive, pending Union agreement replacing the March 7, 2022 signed Board Order.

085517 10. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the signature delegation authorization form from the Auditors Office.

085518 11. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the presented option 1 of the small business assistance grant awards with ARPA funds.

085519 12. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to award Bristol Bay Flooring the Whitman County Courthouse carpet installation bid.

085520 13. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to approve the Chairman signing the Certificate of Diversion and Road Expenditures for traffic Law Enforcement. Public Works Director, Mark Storey shared this is a yearly requirement, certifying the amount of money and budget spent on traffic law enforcement. This is local property tax money, used for local traffic law enforcement. This has been signed by the Sheriff and Auditor, the certification is entered April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Mr. Storey asks the Board to move forward with the certification as presented. Motion **carried**.

085521 14. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to approve and sign **the Liquid Asphalt Contract** with Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc. Mark Storey shared this was awarded in the last session, this document is the contract to finalize the award. Motion **carried**

085522 15. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to approve and sign the Right-of-way acquisition procedures. Mr. Storey stated he and Dan Hall have been working on this and every three years it is required the Commissioners approve of the Right-of-way acquisition process, procedures and who is authorized to do so. The presented documents name himself and Dan Hall in charge of Right-of-way acquisitions in compliance with Federal requirements. Motion **carried**

085523 16. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman to amend the Six-Year Transportation Program (2022-2027).

County Engineer, Dean Cornelison asked if anyone was attending for this hearing, one person from the public said he was attending to the Commissioner meeting in whole. He was given the Public Involvement Form to complete. The citizen did not share his name or complete the form.

Mr. Cornelison stated the amendment will add two projects the Countywide guardrail improvements project, funded by a Safety Grant, received last Fall and Sealcoat project, funded with Federal money using a contractor. To fund these projects, they must show in the Six-Year Transportation Program.

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

085524 17. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2022-2027).

**RESOLUTION NO. 085524  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on the 21st day of March, 2022.

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

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

DATED this 21st day of March, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tom Handy, Chairman

ATTEST:

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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, Commissioner

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ABSENT  
Michael Largent, Commissioner

**085525**      **18.**      The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman to vacate and abandon a portion of Almota Road No. 8000, Klaus Road No. 8090, Aeschliman Road No. 8095 and Long Hollow Road No. 8230.

Public Works Director, Mark Storey stated the vacation and abandonment hearing is a clean-up of existing right of way used during construction or the roadway was moved. Both Mr. Storey and County Engineer, Dean Cornelison recommend moving forward with the abandonment and vacation.

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

**085526**      **19.**      Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve vacation and abandonment of a portion of Almota Road No. 8000, Klaus Road No. 8090, Aeschliman Road No. 8095 and Long Hollow Road No. 8230.

**RESOLUTION NO. 085526**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the matter of intent to vacate and abandon portions of the Almota Road, No. 8000; Klaus Road, No. 8090; Aeschliman Road, No. 8095; and Long Hollow Road, No. 8230 as shown on the plans for construction of C.R.P. No. 8000-8 located in the SW ¼ of Section 8; the NW ¼ of Section 17; the NE ¼ of Section 18 and SE ¼ of Section 18; the NE ¼ of Section 19, the SE ¼ of Section 19 and the SW ¼ of Section 19; the NW ¼ of Section 20; the NW ¼ of Section 30 and the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 15 North, Range 43 East W.M., and the NE ¼ of Section 25 and SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 15 North, Range 42 East W.M., Whitman County, Washington.**

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon portions of the Almota Road, No. 8000; Klaus Road, No. 8090; Aeschliman Road, No. 8095; and Long Hollow Road, No. 8230 as shown on the plans for construction of C.R.P. No. 8000-8 located in the SW ¼ of Section 8; the NW ¼ of Section 17; the NE ¼ of Section 18 and SE ¼ of Section 18; the NE ¼ of Section 19, the SE ¼ of Section 19 and the SW ¼ of Section 19; the NW ¼ of Section 20; the NW ¼ of Section 30 and the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 15 North, Range 43 East W.M., and the NE ¼ of Section 25 and SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 15 North, Range 42 East W.M., Whitman County, Washington, on the 22nd day of February, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve said Roads for the County transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation and abandonment of said Roads.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 21st day of March, 2022, 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 Roads is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that those portions of the Almota Road, No. 8000; Klaus Road, No. 8090; Aeschliman Road, No. 8095; and Long Hollow Road, No. 8230 as shown on the plans for construction of C.R.P. No. 8000-8 located in the SW ¼ of Section 8; the NW ¼ of Section 17; the NE ¼ of Section 18 and SE ¼ of Section 18; the NE ¼ of Section 19, the SE ¼ of Section 19 and the SW ¼ of Section 19; the NW ¼ of Section 20; the NW ¼ of Section 30 and the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 15 North, Range 43 East W.M., and the NE ¼ of Section 25 and SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 15 North, Range 42 East W.M., Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All those portions of said Almota Road; said Klaus Road; said Aeschliman Road; and said Long Hollow Road being replaced by new alignments for County Road Project No. C.R.P. 8000-8 Almota Road, recorded in the Whitman County Engineers office, and lying outside the new County road right of ways, as shown on said road construction plans, is preliminarily found to be of no use to Whitman County and that the vacation of said roads may be in the best interest of Whitman County except that portion of said Almota Road that lies between Engineer's station 88+75.00 left and station 89+50.00 left to alleviate access issues caused by the relocation of said Almota Road.

EXCEPT FOR, any existing public utility easements, are to be reserved and retained over and through the entire vacated area of said Roads.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 21st day of March, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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Tom Handy, Chairman

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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, Commissioner

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ABSENT  
Michael Largent, Commissioner

**085527 20.** The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman to vacate and abandon all of Jessen Road.

Public Works Director, Mark Storey said Jessen Road is aligned between Pandora and St. John Road, and until a citizen put up a gate and another citizen complained, he was unaware this road was more than a right-of-way. The first citizen was notified to not lock the gate. This event brought up the discussion on whether or not this should be a County Road, as it has been hasn't been maintained as a county road for 70 years and has only existed as a right of way for that same period of time. Mr. Storey said there is a small portion visible from the South end however for all practical purposes this road is gone. With that the decision was made to move forward to vacate/abandon Jessen Road. County Engineer, Dean Cornelison read the Engineers report.

REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**In the matter of intent to vacate and abandon all of the Jessen Road in the East ½ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 44 East, W.M., Whitman County, Washington.**  
HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY

Pursuant to the instructions contained in the resolution upon the above matter adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on the 22nd day of February, 2022, I have examined the Jessen Road located in the East ½ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 44 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, and I now report upon the proposed vacation and abandonment of said Road, pursuant to R.C.W. 36.87, as follows:

The Jessen Road no longer exists as a functioning public County Road and has not been in the current County Transportation system for many years. The Jessen Road and road right of way are not needed and should no longer be in the County transportation system. Jessen Road distance is approximately 1.0 mile.

In my opinion it is not advisable to preserve said Road for the County transportation system in the future. Therefore, it is seen as a benefit to the County that said Road should be vacated and should be passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Cornelison, P.E.  
County Engineer

A letter received from McGuire, DeWulf, Kragt and Johnson, P.S. Attorneys at Law on behalf of Mitch and Jennifer Engel against the vacation of Jessen Road. The reasons stated are they believe this will land lock the property farmed by the Engels with no legal access and in the event of a fire, access to fields would be difficult.

Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy state it is legal to vacate the road and does not see the Engels would be landlocked.

Citizen, Mitch Engel stated this vacation would landlock the property they own as well as what they lease and farm. He shared because of a gate put up he will have to drive on farm land. He said this is the one access we have to get out for grain, etc. He also stated his biggest concern is fire, with the vacation and gate, he feels it would be difficult to get firetrucks in as needed. Commissioner Swannack said he serves as a volunteer fire fighter and in his experience, firetrucks will get to where they need to be regardless of right-of-way's or gates. He also asked about the trestle and if Mr. Engel owned the property there. Mr. Engel responded he farms this property and understood it was illegal to drive on railroad tracks. Commissioner Swannack agreed it is illegal and asked if a road could be set up if needed. Mr. Engel answered yes.

Dave St. John and his son, Zach St. John shared they farm south of the abandoned railway and Jessen Road has never been maintained. They purchased the property on Jessen Road knowing this is not a road. He also said they own property to the west of it, a piece his son farms. He shared there was an easement and access from Pandora Road. Once the bridge was removed and roads were put in for the John Wayne Trail, they noticed theft of hay, straw, machinery and tools. Mr. St. John also shared there is a road the Engels can use as there was a permit issued allowing crossing of the John Wayne Trail and to cross the railroad tracks. Commissioner Handy asked if County Engineer Dean Cornelison had anything additional to share, he said no other than he recommends moving forward with the vacation.

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

**085528**      **21.**    Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution vacating and abandoning all of Jessen Road.

**RESOLUTION NO. 085528**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of intent to vacate and abandon all of the Jessen Road in the East ½ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 44 East, W.M., Whitman County, Washington.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon all of the Jessen Road located in the East ½ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 44 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, on the 22nd day of February, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve the Jessen Road for the County transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation and abandonment of all the Jessen Road.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 21st day of March, 2022, 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 Jessen Road is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all of the Jessen Road located in the East ½ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 44 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All of the Jessen Road lying south of the southerly right of way line of Pandora Road, County Road No. 0010 and north of the northerly right of way line of St. John Road, County Road No. 0050, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land. The whole distance being approximately 1.0 mile.

EXCEPT FOR, any existing public utility easements, are to be reserved and retained over and through the entire vacated area of the Jessen Road.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 21st day of March, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tom Handy, Chairman

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Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

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ABSENT  
Michael Largent, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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

**085529**      **22.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to approve the resolution prohibiting a Whitman County Local Income Tax. Commissioner Swannack, shared over the past years Legislation has passed down costs to Counties however not funding. Some of the activities has been to create a tax from the local cities or counties rather than funding at a State level. Commissioner Swannack proposes a ban on local income tax. Motion **carried**.

**Resolution No. 085529**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROHIBITING A LOCAL INCOME TAX ON WAGES, SALARIES, INVESTMENTS, THE SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES, OR ANOTHER INCOME SOURCE**

WHEREAS, Article VII, #1 of the Washington State Constitution establishes the basic framework for taxation in the state of Washington, including what shall be permitted as a

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tax;  
WHEREAS, after the City of Seattle attempted to enact an income tax on certain individuals applicable within its municipal boundaries, the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I ruled in Kunath v. City of Seattle, 10 Wash. App. 2nd 205 (2019) that such a tax, when selectively applied, was unconstitutional and invalid; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court denied the appeal of the Kunath case such that the ruling stands at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners desires to declare its position regarding the potential for local governments to impose a local income tax on its resident and businesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses large and small provide the economic lifeblood in our County, the region, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners knows that a strong and encouraging business climate is one of the best ways to attract and retain good businesses to employ people in family-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, imposing a local income tax may generate additional revenue in the short term, however the collection costs to operate such a tax would be high and likely offset the collected additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, imposing a local income tax would most likely result in less long-term revenue due to the dampening effect it would have on our businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners hereby declares and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The board of County Commissioners hereby declares that the imposition of a County income tax on the businesses and residents of unincorporated Whitman County is prohibited. Such a tax would be in direct conflict with the high value the County places on promoting economic development through the attraction and expansion of financially healthy, family-wage paying employers. Small businesses are the backbone of our local, regional, state, and national economy and it is imperative that the County not put unnecessary hurdles in the way of their success. As such, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners prohibits the imposition of a county income tax in the event a local income tax is determined legal and permissible by the Washington State Legislature or the Washington State Supreme Court.

Section 2. Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Clerk of the Board  
BY: Corey Mitzimberg  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner  
ABSENT  
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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**085530**      **23.**      Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing a notice of public meeting for Budget Amendment 1.

085531 24. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to appoint David Tysz to the Planning Commission.

**Public Works DIVISION UPDATES:**

D085531A 25. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Maintenance Division:**

085532 25A. Mr. Storey stated they went to quote for bridge lumber as they do every year. The County has approximately 20 wood bridges, when maintenance is required its often new stringers or deck planks. These supplies need to be ordered as usually not available at local lumber store. They went out to quote from Bridgewell Resources, Tigard, OR, Pearson Farm and Fence, Colfax, WA and Kennedy Johnson Lumber, Mountlake Terrace, WA. Quote has been awarded to Bridgewell Resources of Tigard, OR for \$35,128.00 before tax, the other two entities declined to bid on.

D085532A 25B. Maintenance Manager, Brandon Kruger said they are hauling gravel, grading and ordering materials for the Bridge Crew. Some planks have been replaced already. Dirt road grading will commence later this week and next. Many roads are passable however still will be graded.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

D085532B 26. The following correspondence was received: None

085533 27. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D085533A 28. Approved documents signed.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

**Remotely:** Jessica Jensema and Mike Berney of Palouse River Counseling and Greater Columbia Administrative Service Organization (ASO).

085534 29. Mr. Berney reviewed the ASO's meeting of March 3, 2022.

1. GCBH - ASO Issue: Executive Session(s):
  - Background: An Executive Session of the Board was held in both February and March.
2. GCBH - ASO Issue: Fiscal and Administrative Updates
  - Warrants and vouchers for January and February were presented.
  - The ASO Financial Statements for CY 2021 and through January 2022 were reviewed. Everything looks to be as anticipated.
  - GCBH computer servers have reached the end of their useful life. Staff are preparing information on the cost of replacing these servers.
  - Request to authorize the Chair to sign a contract with Benton County for the distribution of their share of Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) funding through June of 2022.
  - Outcome: Whitman County voted in favor of the motions to approve paying the warrants/vouchers and to authorize the chair to sign the CBRA contract with Benton County. All votes were unanimous.
3. GCBH - ASO Issues: State updates:
  - Review of behavioral health related activity currently before the legislature
    - All three (Governor, House and Senate) budgets are out
    - The bill for the State to set aside specific funding for the court costs related to the Involuntary Treatment Act has failed for this session.



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Currently these funds come out of general ASO dollars to serve low-income Non-Medicaid individuals.

4. GCBH - ASO Issues: ASO Updates
  - The State Auditor's Office has begun its annual audit of the ASO.
  - The GCBH Behavioral Advisory Board recommended the Board approve a number of revised GCBH policies.
  - Outcome: Whitman County voted in favor of the revised policies. The vote was unanimous
5. GCBH - ASO Issue: Public Comment
  - Two members of the public spoke about the cancelation of the Crisis Services Contract with the current provider for Benton and Franklin Counties.
6. Other Issues:
  - District Court's "Community Court" is up and running.
  - The Substance Use Disorder Recovery Navigator Outreach Team for Whitman County is progressing. A program manager has been hired and the Advisory Group has met once.
  - Practicum Program Update - an agreement with WSU has been signed

Commissioner Handy asked where the Practicum Program stands at this point, knowing ARPA funds will be allocated. Mr. Berney shared with the contract being signed with WSU they are able to move forward and are on track. Commissioner Swannack asked for further update, since this program was started last summer. Mr. Berney responded with the first step was the contract with WSU, which was under review for some time. The contract was received two weeks ago. The next step, in April the practicum site will be available for viewing by WSU psychology students, the professor in charge of this program feels this opportunity will be very popular amongst students due the variety of work they will be doing. The earliest the practicum will start is in May and at the latest in the fall. Administrative Service Director, Jessica Jensema shared there is \$750,000.00 bookmarked for the program however a subrecipient agreement will need to be signed. Ms. Jensema will work with Mr. Berney to start the subrecipient agreement process. Commissioner Swannack commented there will need to be a budget and deliverables shared due to ARPA requirements. Mr. Berney responded that they will provide what is needed to move forward.

**2:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**3:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

**Present:** Kelli Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer and Denis Tracy.

**085535 30.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until **4:30 p.m.** in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to pending or potential litigation.

**5:15 p.m. - Recess.**

**D085535 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday March 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Michael Largent (ABSENT) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (ABSENT) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.**

**D08535A 31.** Approved consent agenda items signed.

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**085536**      **32.**    Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$139,358.93**, Payroll warrants numbered **360015-360019** for **\$497,215.28** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **360020-360063** for **\$48,254.40** approved.

**085537-085546 &**    **33.**    Personnel change orders approved and Small Business Grants signed.  
**085547-085552**

- **085553**      **33a.**    Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to amend the agenda adding item #35, the Washington Counties Insurance Fund Executive Update.

**9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.**

**Remotely:** Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Crystn Guenthner, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, David ?, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Linda Landers, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham and Anthony Kuipers.

**085554**      **34.**    The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Courthouse Construction Update
- Veterans Service Officer Application Status
- Avista Work Force Development
- New World Sustainability
- Public Works Update
- COVID-19/Omicron Update
- Elberton/Forestry Management
- Small Business Grant Awards

**9:30 a.m. - Recess**

**10:00 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.**

**Remotely:** Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Chris Skidmore, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Sharron Cunningham and Bobby Jackson.

**085555**      **35.**    The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Washington Counties Insurance Fund Executive Update

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

**D085555A**    Commissioner Swannack **moved** to adjourn the **March 21<sup>st</sup>** and **March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Handy and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Auditorium of the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington, on **April 4, 2022**. The foregoing action made this **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **March 2022**.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, 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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TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners