

086765 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, Washington on Monday, April 17, 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 – Call to Order/Board Business/BoCC Workshop

Attendance:

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Craig Wines, Dean Cornelison, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Joshua Vincent, Kelli Campbell, Sandy Jamison, Sarah Hardy, Wraylee Flodin, Whitman County Prosecutors Office and Livy Harnack-Whitman County Gazette.

In Person: Bill Tensfeld

- 086766 1. The following items were discussed with no action taken.
- Kamiak Butte Wind Farm
 - Voluntary Stewardship Program
 - Agenda update/Remove Item 6
 - LSC & CRAB Review
 - ADA Plan/Parking Lots
 - Building Codes
 - 911 Certification Board
 - Kamiak Butte House
 - County Credit Card Company

9:15 AM – Recessed

10:15 AM – Reconvened/Board Business

New/Old Business

D086766A 2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D086766B 3. There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

D086766C 4. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to accept the consent agenda as presented.

- 086767 4a. The following was approved.
- Treasurers Wire Transfers & Check report \$ 70,718.84
 - Payroll Claims \$563,853.38
 - Numbered: 366213-366219
 - General Claims/Veterans’ Relief Warrants \$604,327.95
 - Numbered: 366349-366479

086768 4b. April 3, 2023 Minutes approved.

086769-770 4c. Personnel Change Orders approved.

D086770A 4A. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to amend the agenda adding item 6A, Credit Card Company Change.

086771 5. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to appoint Gary Schell to the Whitman County Citizens' Commission for Elected Officials for a second four year term ending December 31, 2027.

086772 6. Removed from agenda.

086773 6a. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded and carried to move forward with moving all Whitman County credit cards to Umpqua Bank with a limit up to \$400,000.00.

086774 7. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to sign the letter being sent to Senators' Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, U.S. Representatives Cathy McMorris Rogers and Dan Newhouse, Governor Jay Inslee, in opposition to the breaching of the four lower Snake River Dams from the Eastern Washington Council of Governments (EWCOG).

086775 8. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to award the Almota 3 Road Project to M.A. DeAtley Construction, Inc. for the bid amount of \$3,841,564.00.

086776 9. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the Resolution adopting a Countywide Americans with Disabilities Transition plan for County Facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of adopting a Countywide Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan for County facilities.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington, in the matter of adopting a Countywide ADA Transition Plan;

WHEREAS, Whitman County has contracted with the team of Coffman Engineers and ZBA Architecture to prepare an ADA Transition Plan for County facilities, and

WHEREAS, Coffman/ZBA has conducted the field surveys and summary report dated April 12, 2023,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Whitman County adopts the April 12, 2023 ADA Transition Plan prepared by Coffman/ZBA for use by Whitman County staff in assessing and addressing future accessibility improvements to County facilities.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 17th day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Arthur Swannack, Commissioner

Tom Handy, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BY: Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

086777 10. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve publishing the notice of projects that have been completed by the Whitman County Forces Construction.

086778 11. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to purchase an undeveloped parcel of land in the Town of Lacrosse, directly adjacent to the Whitman County Road Shop, to improve access for the Road Department operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 086778
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of purchasing an undeveloped parcel of land in the Town of LaCrosse, directly adjacent to the Whitman County Road Shop, to improve access for Road Department operations.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington, in the matter of purchasing an undeveloped parcel of land;

WHEREAS, current access to the LaCrosse Road Shop is through private property, which has changed ownership in the last year, and

WHEREAS, the new owners of the private property are averse to continuing to allow County forces access the shop across their private property, and

WHEREAS, County staff have identified a better way to provide long term and safe access to the County facility by purchasing an adjacent undeveloped parcel of land from a different individual, and

WHEREAS, the owner of the adjacent property owner, John Kirkpatrick, is willing to sell the undeveloped parcel of land to Whitman County at a price consistent with the assessed value of the property and adjacent properties,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Public Works staff are authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the property and take necessary actions to complete the property purchase on behalf of Whitman County.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 17th day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

BY: Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Arthur Swannack, Commissioner

Tom Handy, Commissioner

086779 12. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to publishing the notice of public Hearing on amending the Six-Year Road Program (2023-2028) to be held in the in the Whitman County Commissioners Chambers on May 1, 2023 at 10:20 a.m.

Public Works Division Updates

086780 13. The following division updates were provided by Public Works County Engineer, Dean Cornelison and County Building Inspector, Ginny Rumiser

Engineering

County Engineer Dean Cornelison said the 2022 County Wide Seal Coat project is slated to restart in June, weather permitting. Inclement weather halted work being completed last year.

Building

Ms. Rumiser shared the Building Department, 2023 1st Quarter Activity Report, sharing the following;

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- Building Permits Issued: 55
- Building Permits Pending: 21
- Total Inspections: 74
- Total Final Inspections: 18
- Total Miles Driven: 4,255 (Average daily miles 66.48)

- Total Valuations: \$3,691,929.00
- Total Permit Fees: \$ 28,018.00
- Total Plan Review Fees: \$ 16,603.00
- **Total Fees: \$ 44,621.00**

086781 14. Correspondence was received regarding a Path Forward to resolve the issue of Railbanking the CAP Corridor.

086782 15. The Pending List was reviewed.

D086782A 16. Approved documents were signed.

10:45 AM – Recessed

1:00 PM – Reconvene – Executive Session

Attendance:

In Person: Bill Tensfeld

086782B 16. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened for an Executive Session at 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM to discuss Real Estate Sale, Purchase or Lease, RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b)(c).

2:00 PM – Recessed to Monday, April 24, 2023

THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner’s Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Largent Chairman, Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner, Tom Handy, Commissioner and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended

9:00 AM – Reconvened-Board Business and Workshop

Attendance:

Remotely: Joshua Vincent, Sandy Jamison, Suni Wood, Kristina Cooper, Crystn Guenther, Kelli Campbell, Sarah Hardy, Katie Jensema, Chris Nelson, Wraylee Flodin, Brandy Dean, Mark Storey and Livy Harnack.

In Person: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Jessica Jensema, Lance Bishop and Sandy Jamison

Consent Agenda:

- 086783 18. The following was approved.
- Treasurers Wire Transfers & Check report \$ 1,447,147.66
 - Payroll Warrants \$ 587,530.32
 - Numbered: 366483-366490
 - General Claims/Veterans’ Relief Warrants \$ 288,454.53

086784-790 18b. Personnel Change Orders approved.

Workshop

086791 19. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

- 2023 Budget-Quarter 1
- Superior Court Audio Visual Funding
- ARPA Funds
- License Plate Readers
- Insurance 2024-2025
- WCIF-Pharmacy Rider

10:30 AM – Recess

11:00 AM – Reconvene – Executive Session

Attendance:

Remotely: Kelli Campbell
In Person: Bailey Wiedmer

086792 20. The Board of County Commissioners reconvened for an Executive Session at 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM to discuss Collective Bargaining Units.

Attendance:

Remotely: Kelli Campbell
In Person: Bailey Wiedmer, Jessica Jensema, Jacy Leach, Keaton Wheeler and Sandy Jamison

086793 21. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

- Reclassification/Promotions-Finance Administrative Department

3:00 p.m. – Adjournment.

D086793A Commissioner Swannack **moved** to adjourn the April 17 and April 24, 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 April 24, 2023. The foregoing action made this 24th day of April 2023.

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

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners

