

BOCC MINUTES-08.15-28.2022

086003 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, August 15, 2022** at **9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended. Tom Handy Chairman, was absent until 11:00 a.m.

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

Present: Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Sheriff Brett Myers, Georgie Leinweber, Ian McMichael, Jody Opheim, Molly Keogh, Rex Rutledge, Suzie McNeilly and Whitney Bond.

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Chris Skidmore, Cynthia Hayward, Deal Cornelison,

Jacy Leach, Jill Whelchel, Katie Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Keaton Wheeler, Kristina Cooper, Sarah Hardy, Noel Christiansen and Wraylee Flodin.

086004-086005 1-2. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Colfax Child Care
- Colfax Pool letter of support
- Notification to Public, Courthouse Departments move back
- Board of Health applications
- Whitcom Budget
- Spillman cost responsibility
- Community Action Center 503 status
- Action items on off weeks
- Port of Wilma Road

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey and Dean Cornelison

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Joshua Vincent, Katie Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Keaton Wheeler, Lance Bishop, Sarah Hardy and Wraylee Flodin and Nicole.

D086005A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

D086005B 4. Public Comment.

Consent Agenda:

086006 5. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

086007 6. Treasurer's General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **362359-362501** for **\$666,674.96** approved.

086008 7. August 1, 2022 minutes approved.

086009-086012 8. Personnel change orders approved.

086013 9. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve a new Mastercard for the Palouse Empire Fair.

086014 10. Bill Tensfeld, Fair Director spoke to the Commissioners regarding his request for authority to accept a quote to re-side the Jones Schoolhouse. Mr. Tensfeld said based on the quotes and the cost he has received, he will need to send the project out for bid. Commissioner Largent recommended and **moved** to table the motion, Commissioner Swannack **second** and **carried** to table the motion for the Fair Director, Bill Tensfeld to accept and award a quote to reside the Jones Schoolhouse.

086015 11. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and carried to approve and sign the Peck Rubanoff Hatfeld agreement for collective bargaining services.

086016 12. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and carried to approve the updates to the Providing Benefits Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 086016
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF the action of the adoption for the Whitman County Policy: Providing Benefits;

WHEREAS, this action provides clarification on enrollment; and

WHEREAS, this action is necessary and in the best interest of Whitman County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board that the above is approved as the attached policy POL-700-HR Providing Benefits.

Dated this 15st day of August 2022 and effective as of August 1, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tom Handy, Chair

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

086017 13. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and carried to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement for Incarceration Service with the City of Colfax.

086018 14. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and carried to approve the resolution establishing a County Road Project designated as Countywide Guardrail Improvements for Pine City Malden Road No. 3000, mileposts 16.52-18.65, Lancaster Road No. 4100, Mileposts 0.19-18.16 and Wawawai Road No. 9000, mileposts 8.12-14.34.

RESOLUTION NO. 086018
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a county road project designated as Countywide Guardrail Improvements, C.R.P.'s No. 3000-17, 4100-4 and 9000-16, Project No.'s XFR2207, XFR2208 and XFR2209.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Countywide Guardrail Improvements be improved as follows:

- Pine City-Malden Road, County Road No. 3000, mileposts 16.52-18.65
Lancaster Road, County Road No. 4100, mileposts 0.19-18.16
Wawawai Road, County Road No. 9000, mileposts 8.12-14.34

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:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 15,000.00
Construction	<u>\$600,000.00</u>
TOTAL (Road Fund)	\$615,000.00

This project is hereby made a part of the officially 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: September 1, 2022

ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 31, 2023

DATED this 15th day of August, 2022.

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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Tom Handy, Chairman

Corey Mitzimberg, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

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D086018A 15. Public Works Director, Mark Storey spoke to the need of the resolution authorizing the County Engineer to award a Capital Project to a bidder. The need for this is the award date is on a Commissioner workshop only, meeting date. Commissioner Swannack responded with the award can happen however should not be a common practice. Commissioner Largent recommended and **moved** to table the motion, Commissioner Swannack **seconded** and **carried** to table the resolution authorizing the County Engineer to award a Capital Project to a bidder.

086019 16. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing a call for bids on the Whitman County Solid Waste Transfer Station Scale Replacement Project.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D086019A 17. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D086019B 17A. County Engineer, Dean Cornelison shared the right of way certificate for Almota Phase Three has been received. The plan is to go to bid in the fall and begin work after the first of the year. He also shared the Seal Coat project is out for bid.

Maintenance Division:

D086019C 17B. Public Works Director, Mark Storey advised Fairbanks Road needs cleaned up due to the storm falling trees. A dirt road in District Two has an excessive amount of mud on the road, this road is also being worked on.

Additional Notes from Public Works Director, Mark Storey:

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D086019D 17C. Mr. Storey shared there will be a request for rezoning in Steptoe coming before the Commissioners soon, a request has been received to have an Assisted Living building there.

He also reminded all at the meeting the Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 22 with a Shot Gun Start Tee Time of 4:00 p.m. He encourages golfers of all skill levels to play. Hamburgers will be supplied and employees offered to bring potluck items.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D086019E 18. No correspondence was received.

086020 19. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D086020A 20. Approved documents signed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Denis Tracy and Jessica Jensema

086021 21. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until **1:45 p.m.** in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to current or potential litigation.

1:45 p.m. - Recess.

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D086021A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, August 22, 2022** at **9:00 a.m.** Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent Commissioners, and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D086021B-086022 22. Approved consent agenda items signed.

086023 23. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$127,742.99**, and General/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **362544-362634** for **\$606,044.69** approved.

086024-086026 24. Personnel change orders approved.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dan Bassler, Dan LeBeau, Josh Vincent, Judge Gary Libey, Judge John Hart and Marlynn Markley

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Cheri Kramer, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Crystn Guenther, , Dean Cornelison, Emily Dawson, Lance Bishop, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Katie Jensema, Keaton Wheeler, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Sarah Hardy, Sandy Jamison, Wraylee Flodin and Ian McMichael from Peace Lutheran.

086027-086028 25. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Harvesting Personal Timber
- Community Action Center-503C status
- EVA Grant-Statistics of Economic Stress
- Commerce Grant for Child Care
- ARPA Budget-Courthouse Update
- Whitcom Budget
- Martin Hall Increase
- IT is at half-staff this week
- Therapeutic Court Overview/Staffing needs
- Port of Wilma Road
- GIS Budget for 2022

11:20 a.m. - Adjournment.

D086028A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **August 15** and **August 22, 2022** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Auditorium of the Whitman County Auditorium, Colfax, Washington, on **August 29, 2022**. The foregoing action made this **22nd** day of **August 2022**.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners