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083162 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** Michael Largent, Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Dean Kinzer (remotely) Commissioners, and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, Whitman County Gazette, Kelli Campbell, Bill Tensfeld, Tom Handy, Annie Pillers, Jessica Jensema, Sharron Cunningham, Bill Spence, Maribeth Becker, Jeff Marshall, Hailey Lewis, Bailey Wiedmer, and Chris Nelson (9:00 a.m.).

083163 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- District Court/COVID Purchases
- GIS/Existing County Map
- County Website
- BA #2 Workshop
- Open Meetings/Overflow Room
- PSB Repairs/Engineering
- Emergency Communications System
- Zoom Meeting Requirements

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Remotely: Mark Storey, Lance Bishop, Ellary Holliday, Whitman County Gazette, Kelli Campbell, Tom Handy, Jessica Jensema, Sharron Cunningham, Paul 1, Hailey Lewis, and Brandon Kruger (10:15 a.m.).

D083163A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

083164 3. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

083165 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$10,060.63** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **349743-349877** for **\$72,807.74** approved.

083166 5. June 29, 2020 minutes approved.

083167-083170 6. Personnel change orders approved.

083171 7. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve a notice authorizing publishing for vendors, contractors, and consultants for Whitman County's small works roster.

083172 8. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the District Court's charge account with Staples with a \$2,500 credit limit.

083173 9. There were no COVID-19 related updates.

083174 10. There were no COVID-19 related decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D083174A 11. The following correspondence was received:

083175 11A. A copy of a letter to Judge Libey from the Whitman County Clerk was received requesting the court consider imposing a requirement every person entering Superior Court wear a mask due to shortage of staff who can serve as a courtroom clerk during this

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high risk time. Attached was also a list of questions asking if those requirements could be imposed from an unknown author.

083176 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey and Dan Gladwill (10:30 a.m.).

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Ellary Holliday, Whitman County Gazette, Kelli Campbell, Tom Handy, Jessica Jensema, Sharron Cunningham, Paull, Hailey Lewis, and Brandon Kruger (10:30 a.m.).

083177 12A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

ACTION ITEMS:

083178 13. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing the notice of public hearing on the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2021-2026).

DIVISION UPDATES:

D083178A 14. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D083178B 14A. Barricades are still up at the Almota 4 Road project. It is open to local traffic. The crew will be doing some clean-up this week, and top course gravel will be hauled in next week. Mark Storey reported they are making good progress and the work they have done is good. The road should hold up long term.

Maintenance Division:

D083178C 14B. The Seltice-Warner Bridge replacement is coming along.

D083178D 14C. The crew has been doing chip seal work in Albion. They will also do more in St. John and Oakesdale after completing the prep work.

D083178E 14D. The weather has created ideal working conditions. The department has been out grading, performing weed control and routine maintenance. They will begin asphalt and paint striping in the weeks to come. Garfield County has contracted with Whitman County to do paint striping work in and around Pomeroy.

Building Division:

083179 14E. Dan Gladwill presented and reviewed the 1st and 2nd quarter Building activity reports.

D083179A 15. Approved documents signed.

083180 16. Chairman Largent stated he no longer believed there is a need for the workshop regarding 2020 Budget Amendment #2. Therefore, the 11:15 a.m. workshop was cancelled.

10:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bailey Wiedmer, Gary and Valerie Hunt.

Remotely: Kelli Campbell

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083181 17. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 2:30 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

2:30 p.m. -Recess.

3:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Bill Tensfeld, Denis Tracy and Connie Ellis.
Remotely: Lance Bishop.

083182 18. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 4:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to pending or potential litigation.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D083182A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 13, 2020** at **9:00 a.m.** Michael Largent, Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Dean Kinzer (remotely) Commissioners, and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D083182B 18A. Approved consent agenda items signed.

083183 18B. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$480,148.88**, Payroll warrants numbered **349880-349892** for **\$660,060.05** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **349902-350042** for **\$526,344.61** approved.

083184 18C. Personnel change orders approved.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey, Dean Cornelison and Marc LaVanway (9:05 a.m.)
Remotely: Ellary Holliday, Whitman County Gazette, Sharron Cunningham, Jessica Jensema, Tom Handy, Brandy Kruger, Brandy Dean, Bill Tensfeld, and Cathrine Wigen (9:05 a.m.).

083185 19. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- 6-Yr Transportation Improvement Plan
- Administrative Services Positions
- Redistricting Notice
- Veterans' Advisory Board
- McKinstry Kick-Off Meeting
- Livestock Exhibition
- Power Flickers/IT Issues

083186 20. No need for 10:00 a.m. executive session.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Elizabeth Bullers (1:00 p.m.) and Jessica Jensema (2:00 p.m.).

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083187 **21.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for matters related to job applicant.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

D083187A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Friday, July 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** Michael Largent (remotely), Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Dean Kinzer (remotely) Commissioners, and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

10:30 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Jody Opheim.
Remotely: Ellary Holliday and Lance Bishop.

083188 **22.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- CARES Act Funding

11:30 a.m. - Adjournment.

D083188A Commissioner Swannack **moved** to adjourn the **July 6th, 13th and 17th, 2020** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Kinzer and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **July 20, 2020**. The foregoing action made this **17th day of July 2020**.

ss/ DEAN KINZER, COMMISSIONER
ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners