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083468 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** Michael Largent, Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Dean Kinzer Commissioners (remotely), Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (remotely) and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Jessica Jensema, Bill Tensfeld, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Ellary Holliday, Kim Weerts, WC Gazette, Sharron Cunningham, Tom Handy, Chris Nelson, Jacob Jones, and Paul Kimmell (9:00 a.m.).

083469-083470 1-2. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Fund 511
- American Legion Designation
- County Road Speed Studies
- Pullman Chamber Commerce Mtg.
- Fire Long Term Recovery
- FEMA Declaration
- Manning Bridge
- Asbestos Clean-Up
- Property Taxes
- Port of Wilma

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Remotely: Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, Jessica Jensema, Lance Bishop, Tom Handy, Jody Opheim, Andrew Engell, Sharron Cunningham, WC Gazette, Anthony Kuipers, Dean Cornelison, Hailey Lewis, Paull, Sandy Jamison, and Chris Nelson (10:15 a.m.).

D083470A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

083471 4. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

083472 5. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$400,657.11**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **351594-351683** for **\$752,053.33** approved.

083473 6. October 5, 2020 minutes approved.

083474-083475 7. Personnel change orders approved.

083476 8. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the amendment to the 2020 COVID-19 Nonprofit Relief Program as presented.

083477 9. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve amending Resolution #054809 (Commissioners' Special Revenue fund) as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 083477
OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County met in regular session on Monday October 19, 2020; and,

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners recognize the need to update and amend resolution #054809 establishing a dedicated special revenue fund to be used as an operating reserve by the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Operating Reserve Fund 133.010.002 shall not exceed a maximum balance of \$500,000; and,

WHEREAS, the fund shall only be used when the net of a budget amendment for the general fund results in a fund balance decrease and/or to cover unexpected costs; unless otherwise approved by the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the transfer shall happen after each qualifying amendment or as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners that the 133.010.002 dedicated Commissioner Operating Reserve Fund will be used to offset amendments and unexpected costs that result in a decrease to the General Fund Cash, unless otherwise determined, and shall not accumulate more than the set maximum.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083478 10. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve amending Resolution #039583 (Unemployment Revolving fund) as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 083478
OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County met in regular session on Monday October 19, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners recognize the need to update and amend resolution #039583 establishing payments from each County fund, on a monthly basis, an amount equal to 1.5% of the total actual monthly payroll into the Unemployment Revolving fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners wish to set a maximum and minimum fund balance to aid in determining when contributions by all County funds shall commence and cease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, Unemployment Revolving Fund #511.012.000 shall not exceed a maximum balance of \$180,000 and shall not drop below a minimum balance of \$60,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, when the fund exceeds the maximum balance at the end of the County fiscal year, the Administrative Services Director shall notify the Board of County

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Commissioners and all County departments' collections from each county fund shall cease at the beginning of the following fiscal year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, when the fund drops below the minimum balance at the end of the County fiscal year, the Administrative Services Director shall notify the Board of County Commissioners and all County departments' collections from each county fund shall commence at the beginning of the following fiscal year an amount equal to 0.5% (.005) of the employees' gross wages; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners contributions to the Unemployment Revolving Fund be made when directed by the Administrative Services Director in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

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083479 11. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve an agreement between Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Whitman County Contract #2063-91260.

083480 12. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign a letter to the Department of Ecology requesting continuation of agriculture burning delegation authority for 2021-2022.

083481 13. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2020 3rd quarter Public Disclosure Commission lobbyist report.

083482 14. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter appointing Commissioner Largent to a two-year term on the LEOFF I Board expiring December 31, 2022.

083483 15. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the resolution designating the State American Legion the responsible party of indigent veterans who have passed away and have no known relatives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 083483
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 19th day of October, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 73.08.070, the American Legion of Washington requests to be designated as the official authority within Whitman County to ensure the lawful disposition of the remains of any deceased indigent Veterans or family member who dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses; and,

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WHEREAS, RCW 73.08.070 specifies the requirement of the County to designate a proper authority to be responsible in such cases; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of United States 38 CFR 14.628(a), the American Legion is recognized and approved by VA Secretary under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel (OGC) for all matters regarding Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognized the need and on March 21, 2016 set a reasonable maximum limit of \$1,000.00 for burial, RCW 73.08; to be effective as of April 1, 2016; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the American Legion of Washington is designated as the official authority in Whitman County to ensure the lawful disposition of the remains of any deceased indigent Veterans or family member who dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses and has no known relatives.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board
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Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083484 16. There were no COVID-19 related updates or decisions.

083485 17. There were no fire related updates or decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D083485A 18. The following correspondence was received:

083486 18A. A notice from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board was received informing the county Happy Times LLC (formerly Assumption), has applied for a marijuana license with marijuana retailer privileges.

083487 18B. A letter was received from Scotty Cornelius, Pullman resident, acknowledging appreciation for paving Johnson Road into Moscow. With increased traffic, he is requesting additional signage and reduced speed limit.

083488 18C. An executed copy of the Professional Services Agreement Amendment #1 was received from Opheim Consulting, LLC for extended CARES consultation services.

083489 19. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

Remotely: Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, Jessica Jensema, Lance Bishop, Tom Handy, Jody Opheim, Andrew Engell, Sharron Cunningham, WC Gazette, Anthony Kuipers, Dean Cornelison, Hailey Lewis, Paull, Sandy Jamison, and Chris Nelson (10:30 a.m.).

083490 20. The regular meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. and the hearing, continued from the October 5, 2020 meeting, was convened by the Chairman for the 2021 Whitman County budget. Administrative Services Director, Jessica Jensema, provided a brief report.

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Ms. Jensema stated there has been no change in projected revenue. The Treasurer anticipates a reduction of \$30,000 in property taxes. Expenditures in Current Expense have been reduced to \$16,971,541 which currently leaves a deficit in the 2021 budget of approximately \$989,000. Negotiations with bargaining units continue to be ongoing.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened.

083491 21. Commissioner Swannack stated he did not feel ready to move forward. Departments still need to work on budget cuts and the county is still waiting on tax levies. The commissioners need to see those final numbers before passing the 2021 budget. He stated he would like to see the projected deficit be more in the neighborhood of \$800,000. He asked Ms. Jensema to coordinate another budget workshop in early November. Commissioner Largent and Commissioner Kinzer agreed.

10:45 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey and Dan Gladwill (10:45 a.m.).
Remotely: Dean Cornelison, Hailey Lewis, Jessica Jensema, Ellary Holliday, Lance Bishop, Tom Handy, Jody Opheim, Andrew Engell, Sharron Cunningham, WC Gazette, Paul 1, Kim Weerts and WC Gazette (10:45 a.m.).

083492 21A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

083493 22. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution establishing the maximum speed limit for the Sand Road #9060 from MP 0.0 (intersection with Johnson Road) to MP 0.66 and from MP 6.07 to MP 6.57 (Idaho state line) to be set at 35 mph.

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

In the Matter of Establishing Speed) RESOLUTION No. 083493
Limits for an Improved County Road,)
Sand Road #9060, Whitman County, WA) ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD recognizes that the County Engineer has studied the character of the Sand Road, and is making a recommendation to the BOARD regarding the posted speed limit on the road, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of portions of the road are such that setting the posted speed to 35 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Sand Road #9060, MP 0.0 (intersection with Johnson Road) to MP 0.66, and MP 6.07 to MP 6.57 (Idaho State Line) shall be set at 35 mph. The change shall be implemented on December 1, 2020. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083494 **23.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution establishing the maximum speed limit for the Becker Road #9210 from MP 0.00 (intersection with Johnson Road, north end) to MP 5.90 (intersection with Johnson Road, south end) to be set at 40 mph.

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

In the Matter of Establishing Speed)
Limits for an Improved County Road,)
Becker Road #9210, Whitman County, WA)

RESOLUTION No. 083494
ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD recognizes that the County Engineer has studied the character of the Becker Road, and is making a recommendation to the BOARD regarding the posted speed limit on the road, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of portions of the road are such that setting the posted speed to 40 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Becker Road #9210, MP 0.0 (intersection with Johnson Road, north end) to MP 5.90 (intersection with Johnson Road, south end) shall be set at 40 mph. The change shall be implemented on December 1, 2020. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083495 24. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Kinzer seconded the motion and carried to approve the resolution establishing the maximum speed limit for the Elberton Road #2400 from MP 0.00 (intersection with Dry Creek Road) to MP 2.51 (intersection with Draper Brown Road) to be set at 35 mph.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Establishing Speed Limits for an Improved County Road, Elberton Road #2400, Whitman County, WA) RESOLUTION No. 083495 ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD recognizes that the County Engineer has studied the character a portion of the Elberton Road, and is making a recommendation to the BOARD regarding the posted speed limit on the road, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of portions of the road are such that setting the posted speed to 35 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Elberton Road #2400, MP 0.0 (intersection with Dry Creek Road) to MP 2.51 (intersection with Draper Brown Road) shall be set at 35 mph. The change shall be implemented on December 1, 2020. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC Clerk of the Board BY: Connie Ellis Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083496 25. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Kinzer seconded the motion and carried to approve the resolution establishing the maximum speed limit for the Draper Brown Road #2530 from MP 0.00 (intersection with Elberton Road) to MP 1.20 (near top of the hill) to be set at 30 mph.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Establishing Speed Limits for an Improved County Road, Draper Brown Road #2530, Whitman County, WA) RESOLUTION No. 083496 ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD recognizes that the County Engineer has studied the character a portion of the Draper Brown Road, and is making a recommendation to the BOARD regarding the posted speed limit on the road, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of portions of the road are such that setting the posted speed to 30 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Draper Brown Road #2530, MP 0.0 (intersection with Elberton Road) to MP 1.20 (near top of hill) shall be set at 30 mph. The change shall be implemented on December 1, 2020. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083497 **26.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution establishing the maximum speed limit for the Cashup Flats Road #3500 from MP 0.00 (intersection with SR195 at Ragon Road) to MP 6.10 (intersection with SR23 at Shields Road) to be set at 40 mph.

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

In the Matter of Establishing Speed) RESOLUTION No. 083497
Limits for an Improved County Road,)
Cashup Flat Road #3500, Whitman) ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS
County, WA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD recognizes that the County Engineer has studied the character a portion of the Cashup Flat Road, and is making a recommendation to the BOARD regarding the posted speed limit on the road, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of portions of the road are

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such that setting the posted speed to 40 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Cashup Flat Road #3500, MP 0.0 (intersection with SR195 at Ragon Road) to MP 6.10 (intersection with SR23 at Shields Road) shall be set at 40 mph. The change shall be implemented on December 1, 2020. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

083498 27. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing the notice for dirt road closures as presented.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D083498A 28. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Building Division:

083499 28A. Dan Gladwill provided the 2020 3rd quarter building activity report. He reported, overall, it has been an average quarter which is unexpected and good in light of COVID-19.

D083499A 28B. Mark Storey is working with Prosecutor, Denis Tracy, on a new interlocal agreement which will be used to begin farming out building inspection services to offset costs.

D083499B 28C. The Moderate Risk Waste facility remodel project is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

D083499C 28D. Solid Waste will be raising its rates from \$110 to \$114 per ton for 2021.

Engineering Division:

D083499D 28E. The crew has crushed approximately 60,000 tons of rock at the Glorfield Quarry crushing site. It is a good price so they are crushing as much as they can. They are also crushing experimental rock and will use it as a blend.

Maintenance Division:

083500 28F. Mark Storey distributed a copy of the winter snow and ice priorities letter distributed to schools and U.S. Post Offices. It outlines which roads will be plowed first, and has pertinent contact information.

D083500A 28G. The crew is taking advantage of the rain and is busy grading graveled county roads.

Planning Division:

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D083500B 28H. A consultant has been selected to start working on the Comprehensive Plan. Several Firms were interviewed. Clay White with LDC Consultants was chosen. Mark Storey stated he envisioned the Commissioners, Planning Commission and staff meet to discuss items to be addressed in the revision. He asked the commissioners to begin thinking about issues to discuss.

D083500C 28I. Mark Storey cautioned the commissioners the Planning Commission may soon be in need of a new member or two.

D083500D 28J. The Planning Commission is wanting to advance their proposed marijuana code to the Board of County Commissioners. A hearing is scheduled for November 4th to gain public input. They are currently working on zoom hearing perimeters since this is a potentially contentious issue.

Administrative Division:

083501 28K. Mark Storey distributed the Public Works' Department work schedule to commence beginning November 2, 2020.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

D083501A 29. Approved documents signed.

11:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/SAO 2018-2019 Audit Entrance Conference.

Remotely: Jonna Davis, Matt Thompson, Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Ellary Holliday, Lance Bishop, Tom Handy, Paul, Sharron Cunningham, Jones, Kelli Campbell, Chris Nelson, Sandy Jamison, and Telephone (11:30 a.m.).

083502 30. Jonna Davis, State Auditor's Office (SAO) audit lead, opened the entrance conference by stating they will be performing the accountability audit for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. She provided a report on the levels of reporting briefly explaining findings, management letters, and exit items.

Matt Thompson, Assistant Audit Manager, stated the cost of the audit is estimated to be approximately \$63,500, plus limited travel expenses as the majority of the audit will be done remotely. During the course of the audit they will be communicating with Whitman County Finance Administrator, Sharron Cunningham. He reported some emerging issues which can affect local governments are 1) converting to new computer systems and 2) cybersecurity performance audits. This is an intensive, opt-in, no cost audit of selected facets of IT security. It is funded by Initiative 900 for performance audits. Mr. Thompson closed by encouraging county feedback. He requested the county complete the audit survey at the conclusion of the audit.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Remotely: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH), Lance Bishop, Tom Handy, and Ellary Holliday (1:30 p.m.).

083503 31. Mr. Berney reviewed the regular Executive Committee Board meeting held on September 3 and October 1, 2020 of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (GCBH0-ASO).

D083503A 31A. ASO Issue: Executive Session(s):
No executive session was needed.

D083503B 31B. ASO Issue: Approval of warrants and vouchers:
Warrant and vouchers for August and September 2020 were approved.

D083503C 31C. ASO Issues: State Updates:

The state revenue picture does not seem as bleak as it once did. The Governor's budget is expected to be released in December. ASO will be subject to B&O taxes this year.

D083503D 31D. ASO Issues: ASO Updates:

The new Rain Tree Information System for GCBH is still being tested and has yet to go live. The Health Care Authority (HCA) conducted their audit of GCBH-ASO starting on October 6th. The ASO announced they will disperse July-December Enhancement Funds within the next month or two. Staff has requested confirmation from the Board on not paying inpatient invoices unless clean data has been submitted by the time the 365 day limit has been reached. The Board confirmed this understanding. Involuntary commitments have increased in Greater Columbia.

D083503E 31E. ASO Issue: Criminal Justice Treatment Account Update:

There are two categories of funds in this account: treatment funds and therapeutic courts. Last year all the GCBH Member Governments decided to have the treatment dollars flow through the ASO. Unexpectedly, HCA wanted to pass some additional therapeutic court funding through the ASO. Whitman County's share of these funds would be approximately \$3,400/month or a little under \$41,000/year but are not guaranteed past the end of this year. The Whitman County Board of County Commissioners requested Mike Berney check with current planned drug courts to see what they would like to do. This was done. When Yakima County submitted their plan, the HCA changed what they were looking for. The motion was to distribute the new dollars like current treatment dollars. Whitman County abstained.

D083503F 31F. ASO Issue: Other Business:

There was no other business for September or October.

D083503G 31G. Other Issues:

Palouse River Counseling continues to provide most services via tele-health or telephone. Requests for services are beginning to increase.

Mr. Berney provided a designated crisis responder update. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and **carried** to decommission two of the designated crisis responders for Whitman County. One of them is Angela Stone and the other is Kristine Nasse. Commissioner Swannack was absent.

1:45 p.m. - Recess.

D083503H THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** Michael Largent, Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Dean Kinzer Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board and Connie Ellis, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D083503H 32. Approved consent agenda items signed.

083504 33. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$338,308.26**, Payroll warrants numbered **351694-351704** for **\$456,767.51** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **351705-351774** for **\$445,570.85** approved.

083505-083515 34. Personnel change orders approved.

083516 35. Commissioner Kinzer provided a brief report from the Washington State Association of Counties meeting. 542 businesses have applied for paycheck protection.

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SEWEDA has distributed \$2,915,179 to local businesses, but is not obligated and will not be sending 1099 forms. However, Commissioner Kinzer warned, these businesses are required to claim these funds on their income taxes. In Whitman County alone, 224 businesses have benefited from CARES dollars, and 115 jobs were saved because of it.

083517 **36.** There were no fire related updates or decisions.

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9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Ellary Holliday, Mark Storey, WC Gazette, Sharron Cunningham, Bill Tensfeld, Jessica Jensema, Tom Handy, Bill, Brandy Dean, Jacob Jones, Telephone and Chris Nelson.

083518 37. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Commissioners' Phones
- Procurement Policy
- Public Service Building Update
- Office of Public Defense
- County Snow Removal
- Solid Waste Facility Update
- County Road Advisory Board meeting
- Board of Adjustment
- Planning Commission/Marijuana Code
- Martin Hall Budget
- Washington Counties Insurance Fund

9:25 a.m. - Adjournment.

D083518A Commissioner Swannack **moved** to adjourn the **October 5** and **October 19, 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 **November 2, 2020**. The foregoing action made this **26th** day of **October 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