

Minutes for January 6, 2014

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075030 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 06, 2014** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Arthur D Swannack and Dean Kinzer Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich and Sally Ousley.

075031 1. Items discussed included Commissioners' committee assignments, Safety Committee representation, Public Hospital District #4 loan, Commissioner Largent announcement, Human Resources closures, 2014 amendment for budget corrections, Hawkins meeting, strategic planning, Commissioners workshops, Pullman tax sharing, criminal justice contracts, PCO review, levy lift and minimum wage. No action taken.

9:50 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Flag Salute.

Present: Sally Ousley Gary Petrovich and Bob Lothspeich.

D075031A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

D075031B 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Swannack to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Kinzer and **carried**.

075032 4. General Claims/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **308253-308280** for **\$307,201.21** and **308384-308406** for **\$21,406.28** approved.

075033 5. December 30, 2013 minutes approved.

075034-075043E 6. Personnel change orders approved.

075044 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to nominate Commissioner Swannack as Chairman for 2014; motion **carried**.

075044A 7A. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to nominate Dean Kinzer as Vice-Chair for 2014; motion **carried**.

075045 8. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2014 Commissioner Committee assignments.

2014 WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Commissioner District I, Art Swannack

Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern WA (ALTCEW) (Partially Paid Expenses)
Eastern WA Council of Governments (EWCOG)
Incident Team (IT)
Martin Hall Juvenile Facilities Consortium (MH)
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC)
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) (Paid Expenses)
Workforce Development Council (WDC)

Commissioner District II, Dean Kinzer

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)
Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)
Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA)
Whitcom Executive/Finance Board (WEC/WFC)

Commissioner District III, Michael Largent

Greater Columbia Behavior Health Regional Support Network (GCBH) (Primary, Mike Berney-Alternate)
Joint Planning Advisory Committee II (JPAC)
Law Enforcement Officers/Firefighters I Board (LEOFF)
Palouse Empire Fair Board (PEFB)
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) (Paid Expenses)
Washington Rural Counties Insurance Pool (WRCIP) (Paid Expenses)
Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) (Partially Paid Expenses)

Chairman Only Attends

Board of Adjustment (BOA)
Canvass Board (CB)
Hearings Examiner Board (HEB)
Finance Committee (FC) (Assigned by Chairman to Largent)

All Commissioners Attend

Board of Equalization (BOE)
Board of Health (BOH)
Financial Review Meetings (FR)
Latah/Whitman County Meetings (L/W)
Port of Whitman/Whitman County Commissioners (P/WC)
Penta Counties Meetings (PCM)

Commissioners Attend by Invitation Only

Accounting Technicians Meeting (ATM)
Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee (BRATC)
Board of Law Library (BLL)
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
Citizens' Commission for Salary for Elected Officials (CCSFEO)
Civil Service Commission (CSC)
Classification Committee (CC)
Developmental Services Advisory Board (DSAB)
Elected & Appointed Team Committee (EAT)
Emergency Communication Advisory Committee (ECAC)
Extension Steering Advisory Committee (ESAC)
Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)
Noxious Weed Control Board (NWCB)
OKKO Club (OK)
Park Board (PB)
Planning Commission (PC)
Pro Mall Condo Association (PMCA) (Shannon Hatley)
Public Defense Advisory Committee (PDAC)
Road and Bridge Advisory Board (RBAB)
Rural Library Advisory Board (RLAB)
Safety Committee (SC)
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Water Conservancy Board (WCB)
Web Site Development Committee (WSDC)

075046 9. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2014 Whitman County dues as follows.

Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern WA	\$ 4,484.00
National Association of Counties	\$ 896.00
Office of Minority & Business Women	\$ 150.00
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee	\$ 5,000.00
Palouse Basin Water Summit	\$ 250.00
Southeast WA Economic Development Assoc.	\$ 1,500.00
WA Association of County Officials	\$ 7,577.00
WA State Association of Counties	\$ 8,599.00
TOTAL	\$28,456.00

075047 10. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the post issuance compliance policy for the Solid Waste loan.

075048 11. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution authorizing an interfund loan for Public Hospital District #4.

RESOLUTION NO.075048
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 6TH day of January, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Public Hospital District #4, a newly formed Hospital District has requested a short term interfund loan to cover startup costs for the district prior to tax proceeds coming in; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Hospital District was established by vote on November 6, 2012 and the Hospital District Commissioners have requested a regular levy of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the interfund loan will be repaid May 20, 2014 at an interest rate of 2.25%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$5,000.00 is loaned to Public Hospital District #4, from the Whitman County Current Expense Fund at an interest rate of 2.25%, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

075049 **12.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 4th quarter Public Disclosure Commission lobbying report for 2013.

075050 **13.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Mathew Peterson to the SWAC representing Republic Services. Mr. Peterson's term will expire 13/31/14.

075051 **13A.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Dave Patterson to the SWAC. Mr. Patterson's term will expire 12/31/15.

075051A **14.** An executed copy of the Washington State Patrol agreement #C140487GSCGSC, State Fire Mobilization was received (12/31/18).

075052 **15.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

Item #16 and #17 appears after item #19.

D075052A **18.** Approved documents signed.

D0750552B **19.** No need for Tuesday, January 7, 2014 workshop.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Phil Meyer.

ACTION ITEMS

075053 **16.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the recommendation to publish the notice of call for bids for oil and grease.

075054 **16A.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the contract with M.L. Albright & Sons, Inc. for the Rural Road Safety Program for 2010 project.

DIVISION UPDATES

Maintenance Division:

D075054A **17.** Phil Meyer stated county roads will be closed to heavy truck traffic on Wednesday/Thursday of this week.

Administrative Division:

D075054B 17A. Mr. Storey noted Road Department staff has been filling in at the Landfill due to long-term staff shortages of Landfill staff members. Therefore he felt it necessary to proceed with the hiring of a full time employee. The Board voiced no objections.

Engineering Division:

075055 17B. Documents associated with the Countywide Overlays 2 bid received.

075056 17C. Documents associated with the Rural Road Safety Program 2010 bid received.

075057 17D. Documents associated with the Fuel Bid received.

11:10 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

075058 20. Mr. Berney briefed the commissioners on the January 6, 2014 GCBH Board meeting.

D075058A 20A. Authorize the Chair to sign six possible contracts:

The Board had been told by the State they would be issuing new contracts in January 2014 for the Medicaid and State-only contracts between the State and GCBH. Instead, the state issued amendments that run through December 2015.

An amendment to the PATH contracts between the State and GCBH was before the GCBH Board. This amendment changes several fiscal line items but not the contract totals. It was also noted that these same changes would be passed on to the two providers with these programs (Yakima and Tri-Cities).

All contracts were included in one motion. Whitman County voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

D075058B 20B. Request from Chelan-Douglas RSN:

Chelan-Douglas RSN contacted GCBH staff requesting they once again lease up to 10 GCBH allocated beds at Eastern State Hospital. GCBH leased beds to Chelan-Douglas for a significant part of 2013 and it seemed to work out fine for both parties. GCBH and Chelan-Douglas were able to work out a reasonable compromise on Chelan-Douglas' last payment under the old contract.

Therefore, Whitman County voted in favor of authorizing a contract for up to 10 beds and the motion passed unanimously.

D075058C 20C. Election of GCBH Officers:

The GCBH Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2014.

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Chair: Commissioner Shon Small
Vice Chair: Commissioner Obie O'Brien
Treasurer: Commissioner Jim Jeffords
Secretary: Commissioner Kevin Bouchey
There were no nominations from the floor.

Whitman County voted in favor of the slate of officers and the motion passed unanimously.

D075058D 20D. Letter from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): The State received a letter from CMS regarding their concerns about how services provided through the Regional Support Networks have been procured. The State needs to provide a corrective action plan. Currently the most likely scenario would be for the State to establish 7 to 9 regions (fewer than the current number of Regional Support Networks) and then competitively procure Mental Health and Chemical Dependency services together. The Governor has said he will continue to seek input from interested parties including Elected Officials. Whitman County could get moved into a different region as part of this process. No action taken.

D075058E 20E. In response to Commissioner Swannack's inquiry, Mr. Berney said assistance for Whitman County juveniles at Martin Hall was discussed briefly and is now on GCBH's radar.

075059 21. Tuesday, January 8, 2014 workshop cancelled.

1:45 p.m. - Recess.

D075059A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 14, 2014** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Dean Kinzer and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich, Kelli Campbell, Bill McKee and Sally Ousley.

D075059B 22. Approved documents signed.

075060-075062 22A. General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **308286-308304** for **279,718.84**, **308305-308322** for **\$173,367.20** (2014) and **308407-308541** for **\$363,043.31** (2013).

075063 22B. Personnel change orders.

D075063A 23. No need for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 workshop.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

075064 24. Items discussed included lobbyist conference call schedule, County's role with State, State overhaul of Health Delivery services, Whitcom, levy lid lift, BRATC term limits, 2014 Public Facilities allocation, Hawkins

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workshop, 2012 audit update, financial policies/performance and document imaging. No action taken.

075065 **25.** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 workshop cancelled.

11:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D075065A Commissioner Kinzer **moved** to adjourn the **6** and **13, 2014** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **January 21, 2014**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of **January 2014**.

ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

DEAN KINZER, ACTING CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners