

**BOCC MINUTES-01/16/18**

**079815 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, January 16, 2018** 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Chris Nelson, Kelli Campbell, Scott Jackson, Garth Meyer (9:00 a.m.) and Bill Tensfeld (9:10 a.m.).

**079816 1.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Health Director
- Rosalia P&R District #5
- 2017 Financials
- Planning Commission
- VOAD Meeting
- WSAC Dues
- Lobbyist Update #2
- PRA Tracking
- Levy Lid Lift Webinar
- Voucher Approval
- Sick Leave Policy
- Telephone Servers
- Fair Staffing/Legislation

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.**

Present: Chris Nelson, Paul Spencer and Scott Jackson.

**D079816A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**079817 3.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

**079818 4.** Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$627,238.64**, Payroll warrants numbered **334159-3341665** for **\$535,497.54** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered 334170-334301 for **334166-334169** for **\$2,625.51** and **\$137,410.77** approved.

**079819 5.** January 2, 2018 minutes approved.

**079820-079830 6.** Personnel change orders approved.

**079831 7.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize \$100,000 for the 2018 Public Facilities (.09) allocation for cities/towns/districts.

**079832 8.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter to Whitman County cities/towns/districts regarding the 2018 Public Facilities (.09) grant process.

**079833 9.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Juvenile Services revised signature delegation authorization.

**079834 10. Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** that the request to replace VoIP services be approved as presented.

**10:20 a.m. - Garth Meyer.**

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**079835** 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the WA Military Department contract amendment #E18-036(A) for Whitcom operations.

**079836** 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Jaimelee Gecas to a 4-year term, expiring 12/31/21 on the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials in the Professional Personnel Management position.

**079837** 13. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to appoint Russell Jamison to a 4-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/20 on the Whitman County Planning Commission.

**079837A** 13A. The Board opted not to appoint Bailey Bressler to the Planning Commission at this time since there is currently a WSU student representative on the Commission.

**079838** 14. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to approve the 2017 Local Revitalization Program report for submission to the Department of Revenue.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**D079838A** 15. The following correspondence was received:

**079839** 15A. A letter was received from Andrew L Kottkamp, Hearing Examiner for Whitman County stating there were no land use applications in 2017 that came to him for a decision.

**079840** 15B. Notice of the 06/30/18 expiration of marijuana licenses in Whitman County was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**079841** 16. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**D079841A** 23. Approved documents signed.

**10:40 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:00 a.m. - Public Works.**

Present: Mark Storey, Alan Thomson, Katrin Kunz, Paul Spencer, Barbara O'Donnell, 2 zone change representatives, Scott Jackson and Garth Meyer.

**079842** 16A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**079843** 17. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the Windy Eagle, LLC zone change.

Staff report provided by Katrin Kunz as follows: Request for rezoning of approximately 20-acres located northeast of Pullman on the north side of Pullman Airport Road in the SW ¼ of Section 30, Township 15 N, Range 46 E.W.M. from the Agricultural District to the Cluster Residential District.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

Mark Storey indicated staff is recommending the Board move forward with the zone change.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

**079844** 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the amendment of the Whitman County zoning map for the Windy Eagle, LLC zone change from the Agricultural District to a Cluster Residential District.

**ORDINANCE NO. 079844**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO A CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commission that these should be accepted and this action is consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.

Change the zoning for Windy Eagle LLC, for 20 acres from the Agricultural District to a Cluster Residential District for property located north of Pullman Airport Road, north east of Pullman, in the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 15 N., Range 46 E., W. M., Whitman County, Washington.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, on the 16th day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dean Kinzer, Chairman

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Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**079845** 19. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for the Colleen Schoepflin zone change.

Staff report provided by Katrin Kunz as follows: Request for rezoning of approximately 2.5-acres in the Airport Commercial District rezoned to the Agricultural District and approximately 1.5 acres in the Agricultural District rezoned to the Airport Commercial District located at 801 Ringo Road, approximately 1.5 miles south of Palouse in Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 34 E.W.M.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

Mark Storey indicated staff is recommending the Board move forward with the zone change.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

**079846** 20. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the amendment of the Whitman County zoning map for the Colleen Schoepflin zone change from an Airport Commercial District to the Agricultural District and from the Agricultural District to an Airport Commercial District.

**ORDINANCE NO. 079846**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO AN AIRPORT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AN AIRPORT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the



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WHEREAS, the County Engineer is of the opinion that the safety markings at the "S" curve in the vicinity of the railroad overpass would be better served with advance curve warning signs and in-curve markers, rather than with a reduction in the posted regulatory speed, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing benefits of changing the posted regulatory speeds along the road,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Old SR#26 Road #7205, MP 0.00 to MP 2.75, shall be set at 50 mph, and MP 2.75 to MP 3.14, shall be set at 35 mph. The change shall be implemented on February 1, 2018. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dean Kinzer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**D079847A** 22. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D079847B** 22A. The Parvin/Albion Road from Shawnee Road to Albion city limits is being closed today due to the road sliding off into the river. Traffic was permitted over the weekend but due to worsening conditions, it is not in the traveling public's best interest. Crews are installing barricades and signs. The Director pointed out this may not be a quick fix.

**D079847C** 22B. Weight restrictions went into effect last week and the department has been bombarded with requests for permits. They prefer not to write permits for the first two weeks restrictions are in place. If necessary, they will allow permits for feed, fuel and oil deliveries, but not for hauling grain. The road conditions now are like driving on a sponge. If temperatures drop to the freezing level they can allow morning heavy traffic.

Mr. Storey said the department tries to observe their own weight restrictions but this time of year in order to protect the public/fix the roads they have to haul over restricted roads.

**D079847D** 22C. Two crushing projects are in progress; Garfield and Uniontown.

**D079847E** 22D. Whitman County received the 2017 countywide safety project award from Washington State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$640,000 for work in 2018.

**D079847F** 22E. Brandon Kruger reported on the Wawawai Road rock slide involving two separate areas. A rock breaker was rented to reduce the size of the rocks to fit in the loader/trucks out of the area. The road remained open during the process with flaggers and spotters. They are looking at options to prevent this from happening again.

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**D079847G 22F.** The Swannack Road was closed temporarily due to pipes/ditches washing out because the wind blew straw into the pipes. That problem was resolved and the road reopened. As weather permits more work will be done on this road.

**Planning Division:**

**D079847H 22G.** Mr. Thomson advised the commissioners that a new location owned by a different property owner is being proposal for a tower on Bald Butte. The applicant hopes there will be no lights on the tower and no impact on Palouse Prairie. A botanist will inventory the area in the spring.

**D079847I 22H.** A June 30<sup>th</sup> Growth Management Act Critical Areas ordinance update is due. An extension can be requested but Mr. Thomson thought the update can be completed on time.

**Engineering Division:**

**079847J 22I.** Mr. Storey said he is preparing a request to the County Road Administration Board to extend the deadline for Almota Road Phase IV. He asked the Board for a letter support for the same.

**D079847K 22J.** As requested, a **motion** was made by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to amend the agenda to include a letter of support for extending the Almota Phase IV deadline.

**D079847L 22K.** **Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** that the Almota Road Phase IV extension deadline be signed by the Chairman when available.

**Administrative Division:**

**D079847M 22L.** Public Works February 1<sup>st</sup> road levy certification deadline was discussed. Commissioner Swannack pointed out due to state legislative issues, Assessors were advised not to certify the levies until after January 15<sup>th</sup>. Certification of the levy is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**D079847N 23.** Approved documents signed.

**11:40 a.m. - Recess.**

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

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

**079848 24.** Mr. Berney reviewed the January 4, 2018 of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Organization (GCBH) Board of Directors meeting.

**D079848A 24A. Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee Report:**

The Committee met once in December to develop recommendations for the Board of Directors regarding the revenue issues outlined below.

- Meetings in November covered revenue issues and their impacts especially on certain counties. These issues have a greater impact since Greater Columbia BHO will cease operations as of 12/31/2018. In addition there is still no direction from the State regarding reserves.
  - AI/AN Overpayment (CD): 4/16 through 9/17 (1.8 M)
  - Post Eligibility Review (10% decrease in eligible)
  - Rebalance inpatient/outpatient from SFY 17

After reviewing information provided by staff the Committee determined that no additional changes to the funding formula were needed to account for the changes in revenue. The primary issue had been differing interpretations of certain numbers in funding formula.

**D079848B 24B. Regional Addendum Development Committee Report:**

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This Committee was established at the December Board meeting to develop recommendations for the Board to consider regarding input to the Request for Proposals (release date 02/15/18), from the Health Care Authority (HCA), for full integration within Greater Columbia. The Integration Manager from the HCA was in attendance to answer questions and provide information.

- The Committee recommended 5 Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), if they qualify, be able to sign up members under full integration.
  - The HCA has a formula that indicates there are enough covered lives in Greater Columbia to allow for 5 MCOs.
  - The HCA would require that at least 3 MCOs be present in Greater Columbia.
- The question of whether the Counties within Greater Columbia want to form a Leadership Counsel for input after Greater Columbia BHO ceases to exist was brought up during this discussion though it was not part of the charge to the Committee.
- The HCA representative also talked about the decision to be an Early Adopter with Transition versus an On Time Adopter. No decision was made on this issue.

Of those counties voting the Committee's recommendation for 5 MCOs was accepted unanimously.

**D079848C 24C. Regional Office Update:**

- From the Director:
  - Financial Statements for the past 3 months were included as part of the Board packet. There was nothing noteworthy in those statements.
- Children Services:
  - The State hopes to close the WISE Settlement Agreement by this spring.
- Authorize the Chair to sign the following contracts:
  - A pass-through contract was presented relating to continuing the "Housing and Recovery through Peer Services" (HARPS) Program within Greater Columbia. (Note: Comprehensive Health Care in Yakima staffs the program but the services/funding are available throughout Greater Columbia)
  - Acknowledgement of a special grant for 8 step down beds in Walla Walla was made.

Whitman County voted in favor of the motion to authorize the Chair to sign the HARPS contract. Motion passed unanimously

**D079848D 24D. Other Issues:**

- Single Bed Certifications and the fact the courts are ready to proceed.

**2:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**D079848E THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Dean Kinzer, Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent (phone), Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

**D079848F 25.** Approved consent agenda items signed.

**079849 26.** Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$408,194.30** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **334313-334384** for **\$387,397.60** approved.

**079850-079858 27.** Personnel change orders.

**D079858A 27A. Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to amend the agenda to accept the Coroner's resignation/retirement letter.

**079859-078560 27B. Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to accept the Coroner's resignation/retirement letter as of March 1, 2018.

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Coroner Martin's official letter was received at approximately 12:55 p.m. The Republican Central Committee was so notified along with a request for a list of nominees for appointment by the Board.

**9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Rich Old, Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Bill Tensfeld and Jana Mathias.

**079861-079863 28.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Coroner
- Railroad Crossings
- HIRST Fix
- WSAC/LSC Update
- Fringe Benefits Policy
- Garnishments/Attestation
- CPG Grant Funds
- Classroom Recycling
- Bridge Ratings
- Albion-Parvin Road
- Weight Restrictions
- Road Levies
- Fairbanks Road
- Cemetery Road
- Capital Assets
- CRAB/Almota Phase IV Ext.
- PBAC
- QRB - April Meeting
- Martin Hall

**10:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:00 p.m. - BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Becky Byrne, Kelli Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer, Mark Storey and Gary Petrovich.

**079864-079865 29.** Self-insurance for employee medical program was discussed but no action was taken. Following the workshop, Ms. Byrne met with employees to discuss the possibility of the county self-insuring for employee medical expenses.

**2:00 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D079865A** Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **January 16 and 22, 2018** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **January 29, 2018**. The foregoing action made this **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **January 2018**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners