

081209 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 4, 2019** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Michael Largent and Dean Kinzer, 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, Bill Tensfeld, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Chris Nelson, Denis Tracy, Connie Ellis, Kara Davidson, and Jacob Jones(9:00 a.m.).

081210 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- GCBH LLC-ASO
- Process for Zone Changes
- Martin Hall Meeting Dates
- Interlocal District Agreements
- Liquor License Application
- Budget Amendment #1
- Property Tax Refunds
- Port of Whitman Workshop
- Facilities Director Position
- Local Revital. Financing Report
- IT Director Interview Team
- Special Meeting 2/4/19
- SR 26 Passing Lane Support
- Courthouse Safety Issues
- 2019 CEDS Listing
- Revised Travel Code
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Capital Improvement Program
- Grandstands Purchase Order
- RFP for Timekeeping Software
- Treasurers' Responsibilities
- Intent to Surplus Bleachers
- County Auditor/City of Pullman

10:10 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Present: Chris Nelson, Sharron Cunningham, Kara Davidson and Jacob Jones.

D081210A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

081211 3. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

081212 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$72.00**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **341062-341119** for **\$224,820.15** approved.

081213 5. January 22, 2019 minutes approved.

081214-081217 6. Personnel change orders approved.

081218 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to allow unionized employees who are becoming elected officials to donate up to 200 hours of sick leave to the sick bank under the conditions spelled out in the County's Sick Leave Policy, Resolution 081065.

081219 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to establish restricted REET Technology Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 081219

OF

**THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington recognizes the need to create the restricted REET Technology Fund 124.050.024 to accommodate the Assessor's portion of the REET funds and have the Treasurer's office serve as custodian per RCW 82.45.180.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County agree to create the restricted REET Technology Fund 124.050.024.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED 4th day of February 2019 and effective as of this date.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

10:05 a.m. - Troy Henderson and Paul Spencer.

081220 **9.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the 2019 District Court signature delegation authorization form.

081221 **10.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to designate Cathrine Wigen as custodian of the Extension petty cash fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 081221
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 4th day of February 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need to maintain the pre-existing petty cash account within the Whitman County Extension office; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AUTHORIZED that the Whitman County Extension office's petty cash fund and account number 106.240.000/111.70.07 for \$50.00 is entrusted to Cathrine Wigen, employee of the Whitman County Extension, with the responsibility of overseeing and rectifying the petty cash/postage and cash drawer accounts.

Signed this 4th day of February 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

081222 **11.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to designate Troy Henderson as custodian of the Colfax Fiscal and Pullman Petty Cash Fund; Noel Christiansen as custodian of the Colfax front desk Petty Cash Fund; and Meghan Johns as custodian of the Pullman front desk Petty Cash Fund for the Whitman County Health Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 081222
BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need to update the custodians of the Colfax and Pullman Public Health petty cash/cash drawer accounts; and,

WHEREAS, it has been verbally noted that the responsibility of the Public Health petty cash accounts are entrusted to the following individuals; and,

Colfax - Fiscal	001.000.000	111.70.02	- Troy Henderson
Colfax - Front Desk	001.000.000	111.70.021	- Noel Christiansen
Pullman - Petty Cash	001.000.000	111.70.023	- Troy Henderson
Pullman - Front Desk	001.000.000	111.70.024	- Meghan Johns

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners verifying that the below listed individuals are entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing and rectifying the following Public Health petty cash/cash drawer accounts; and,

Colfax - Fiscal	001.000.000	111.70.02	- Troy Henderson
Colfax - Front Desk	001.000.000	111.70.021	- Noel Christiansen
Pullman - Petty Cash	001.000.000	111.70.023	- Troy Henderson
Pullman - Front Desk	001.000.000	111.70.024	- Meghan Johns

Done this 4th day of February 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

D08122A **12.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the special purpose taxing district agreements as presented.

- 081223** **12A.** Oakesdale Cemetery District #1
- 081224** **12B.** Fire District #3
- 081225** **12C.** Rosalia Park & Recreation District #5
- 081226** **12D.** Fire District #13

081227 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept and sign the E19-182 Hazard Mitigation Sub-award Agreement and Signature Authorization Form.

081228 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to grant permission for Fountain Flying Service LLC to fly over congested areas in the unincorporated areas of Whitman County during the 2019 growing season.

081229 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve liquor application for MNM Holidays LLC.

081230 16. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of call for bids for the 2019-2020 legal printing.

081231 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the publishing and notice of hearing for proposed revisions to WC Code 2.39-Travel/Advance Travel.

081232 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to appoint Greg Jones to a 4-year term expiring 12/31/22 on the Noxious Weed Control Board.

081233 19. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to reappoint Karen Kiessling to a three year term expiring 12/31/21 on the ALTCEW Planning and Management Council.

081234 20. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to reluctantly accept John Kramer's resignation from the Board of Adjustment and to sign a letter of appreciation to Mr. Kramer.

081235 21. No action was necessary for the Joint County Authority ASO interlocal operating agreement.

081236 22. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve to publish the notice for a public hearing to consider declaring Whitman County property surplus.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - 2019 Budget Amendment #1 Hearing

Present: Sandy Jamison, Gary Petrovich, Sharron Cunningham, Chris Nelson, Troy Henderson, Jessica Jensema, Janet Schmidt, Paul Spencer, Kara Davidson and Jacob Jones.

081237 23. The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for proposed amendment #1 to the 2019 budget.

Staff report provided by Gary Petrovich. Elected officials and department heads in attendance provided explanations for their requests.

CURRENT EXPENSE DEPARTMENTS	2019 Adopted Expenditure Budget	BA #1 Revenue	BA #1 Expenditures	2019 Amended Expenditure Budget after BA #1
Administrative Services	208,605			208,605
Assessor	437,945			437,945
Auditor	912,834		7,299	920,133
Child Support Enforce.	129,225			129,225
Clerk	308,903			308,903
Commissioners	427,288			427,288
General Government	4,328,944			4,328,944
Coroner	192,267			192,267
District Court	829,623			829,623
Emergency Management	297,179			297,179
Extension	138,881			138,881
Facilities Management	689,722		55,865	745,587
Fair	406,092			406,092
Health	888,825			888,825
Human Resources	222,533			222,533
Information Technology	245,966			245,966
Juvenile	587,703			587,703
Parks & Recreation	260,487		4,897	265,384
Prosecuting Attorney	723,427			723,427
Sheriff	3,994,000			3,994,000
Superior Court	235,733			235,733
Treasurer	411,391			411,391
Weed	106,780			106,780
Fund Balance Adjustment		68,061		-
	16,984,353	68,061	68,061	17,052,414

OTHER FUNDS	2019 Adopted Budget	BA #1 2019 Revenues & Expenditures	2019 Amended Budget BA #1	
Self-Insurance	55,000		55,000	101.012.000
Building & Development-PW	255,647		255,647	102.400.000
Countywide Planning-PW	483,792		483,792	103.400.000
Developmental Services	1,002,842		1,002,842	104.340.000
Extension Publications	200		200	106.240.000
Veterans Relief	135,550		135,550	108.060.000
Homeless Housing Plan	275,000		275,000	109.012.000
County Road-PW	19,116,800		19,116,800	110.400.000
Public Facilities Improvement	550,000	1,400,000	1,950,000	112.010.000
Hotel/Motel Tax	26,500		26,500	115.300.000

Domestic Violence Services	700		700	116.010.000
Boating Safety	107,100		107,100	117.140.000
Inmate Welfare	34,000		34,000	118.140.000
Historic Preservation/Program	54,100		54,100	120.010.000
Sheriff K-9 Unit	13,500		13,500	122.140.000
Paths & Trails-General	212,002		212,002	123.310.000
REET Technology	16,200	203,955	220,155	124.050.000
Donations & Planned Giving-Fair	5,956		5,956	125.300.000
Donations & Planned Giving-Parks	345,098		345,098	125.310.000
Treasurer M&O	29,370	232,550	261,920	126.050.000
Quad-City	407,898		407,898	127.140.000
Crime Victims/Witness	118,520		118,520	128.100.000
Juvenile Special Revenue Funds	87,235		87,235	129.170.000
Inter-Local Drug Fund	19,000		19,000	130.140.000
Auditor's Document Preservation	272,000		272,000	132.060.000
Commissioners Special Revenue	529,579		529,579	133.010.002
Elections Reserve	44,000		44,000	134.060.000
Prosecutor Stop Grant	24,119		24,119	135.100.000
District Court-Elec Monitoring	44,105		44,105	136.030.001
Federal Equitable Sharing	250,500		250,500	138.140.000
Washington Housing-SHB 2060	36,000		36,000	141.010.000
Trial Court Improvement-Superior	48,396		48,396	143.020.000
Trial Court Improvement-District	91,639		91,639	143.030.000
Emergency Communications	1,317,395		1,317,395	144.260.001
Debt Service External-PSB Bond	362,700		362,700	200.010.003
Debt Service	86,890		86,890	210.010.001
Capital Projects	1,738,968		1,738,968	300.010.00x
Capital Projects-Fair	13,300	1,500,000	1,513,300	310.300.000
Capital Projects-Outside Source	84,784		84,784	320.010.00x
Solid Waste - PW	6,423,000		6,423,000	400.400.000
Solid Waste Reserve - PW	1,796,000		1,796,000	410.400.000
Equipment Rental & Revolving	7,270,600		7,270,600	501.400.000
Unemployment	150,000		150,000	511.012.000
IT Operations	1,383,382		1,383,382	515.320.000
	45,319,367	3,336,505	48,655,872	

The hearing was opened to public comment. There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

081238 **24.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt the 2019 budget amendment #1.

RESOLUTION NO. 081238
OF
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, any and all taxpayers appearing at the hearing held this date, to be heard for or against any part of the budget amendment have been given the opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, the Auditor estimates that these amendments are necessary for the operation of the specified funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the authorized appropriations for these funds of Whitman County for fiscal year 2019 be amended by the amounts indicated as attached; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate entries to the accounting records be made to reflect the aforementioned budget amendment.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

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081239 **25.** A listing of property taxes refunded in 2018 was received from Treasurer Nelson.

081240 **26.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 081240

OF

THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Treasurer has submitted a list of uncollectable personal property taxes along with a request for permission to cancel said taxes and a reason for this determination defined for each person or corporation listed; and,

WHEREAS, said Treasurer has stated that continued efforts to collect said taxes and/or property in relief of said taxes are not feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AUTHORIZED that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners is hereby satisfied that the attached list of personal property taxes submitted and certified uncollectible by the County Treasurer cannot, in fact, be collected and are hereby cancelled as per RCW 84.56.240.

Dated this 4th day of February 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

10:40 a.m. - Robin Jones.

081241 **27.** The 2019 property tax certification was received and reviewed by Assessor Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D081241A **28.** The following correspondence was received:

081242 **28A.** An executed copy of the Washington Area Agency on Aging Amendment #3 to the Interlocal agreement was received.

081243 **29.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Brandon Kruger, Paul Spencer, Kara Davidson and Jacob Jones.

DIVISION UPDATES:

081244 **30.** The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D081244B **30A.** The Director reported the contractor is nearing completion on the Doneen and Pullman South crushing projects and beginning the reclamation activities; over \$700,000 worth of rock was produced.

Maintenance Division:

D081244C **30B.** The Port is interested in having some road work done by the county. Some price increases - but not as significant as last year; the Port's request will work good as the crew will be on other projects in the area.

D081244D **30C.** According to the Director, he expected road restricts will be put in place within the next 10 days.

Solid Waste Division:

D081244E **30D.** When asked about the scales at the Transfer Station, Mr. Storey replied they seem to be working and will verify that this week.

11:10 a.m. - **Intent to Declare County Property Surplus Hearing.**

Present: Mark Storey, Brandon Kruger, Paul Spencer and Jacob Jones.

081245 **31.** The regular meeting was recessed and the hearing convened by the Chairman for intent to declare county equipment surplus.

Staff report provided by Mark Storey who reviewed the list of equipment and noted the Port of Whitman may be interested in purchasing a surplus grade.

The hearing was opened to public comment. There being none the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

081246 **32.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the resolution to dispose of certain Whitman County surplus equipment.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESALE) **RESOLUTION NO. 081246**
OF COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, The Whitman County Commissioners have advertised and held a public hearing on February 4, 2019 to hear arguments for or against the declaration of the items listed below; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation, have declared the attached list of items as surplus to the County's needs.

ER&R Vehicles and Equipment:

<u>Equip.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>
2045	Unknown	TowMotor	Forklift	Unknown
3010	1985	Mack	RS688LS	1M2T157C4FM001981
5003	1998	John Deere	772C-H	DW772CH567678
6509	1965	Frink	Truck Plow	509-562LI
6510	1965	Frink	Truck Plow	509-487LI
6511	1965	Frink	Truck Plow	
6519	1982	Wac	12' Truck Plow	W01259
7105	2006	Ford	F250 4WD	1FTSF21P06ED40534
7108	2006	Ford	F250 4WD	1FTSF21P26ED71963
7342	2006	Ford	F250 4WD	1FTSX21P66ED40535
9012	2003	Ford	Explorer	1FMZU72K73UB73882
9019	2009	Chevrolet	Trail Blazer LT	1GNDT33S092131865
9021	2011	Ford	Explorer	1FMHK8B89BGA39612
9417	2009	Chevrolet	Impala Police Sed.	2G1WS57M191304362
9418	2011	Dodge	Charger	2B3CL1CT6BH540145
3	Miscellaneous Plows			

Other Department Owned Vehicles

Weed Board	1999	Dodge	Dakota 4WD	1B7GG22XOXS24719
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the Whitman County Treasurer advertise and sell, according to law, the above surplus items.

Dated this 4th day of February 2019;

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

081247 **33.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve publishing the notice of intent to sell Whitman County surplus property.

081248 **34.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the resolution to temporarily close a portion of Wawawai Road on March 2, 2019 for the 2019 Snake River Canyon Half Marathon.

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

In the Matter of temporarily closing)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>081248</u>
A portion of Wawawai Road #9000)	ORDER TEMPORARILY
Whitman County, Washington)	CLOSING A COUNTY ROAD

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of temporarily closing a portion of a certain road pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

WHEREAS, it is desired that the Wawawai Rd. No. 9000, From Wawawai Park to Steptoe Canyon Road, should be temporarily closed to "through traffic" for the 2019 Snake River Canyon Half Marathon on March 2, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a portion of Wawawai Rd. No. 9000 be temporarily closed to vehicular "through" traffic from Wawawai Park to Steptoe Canyon Road, commencing on Saturday March 2, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

081249 **35.** The formal transmittal tentatively scheduled for today's meeting for the Selway Holdings, LLC zone change was not received.

D081249A **36.** Approved documents signed.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kyle Dixon, Palouse City Manager, Mark Storey and Alan Thomson (2:00 p.m.),
 John Love, Kristine Meyer, Tom Kammerzell, Joe Poire, Gary Petrovich, Mark
 Storey and Kara Davidson (3:05 p.m.).

081250-081253 **37.-38D.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Palouse Irrigation Project
- Strategic Action Plan for Pullman & Industrial Park West Slide Presentation
- Charette Planning Process
- Fiber Optics in 5 More Communities
- Port of Wilma Roads

4:10 p.m. - Recessed to Monday, February 11, 2019.

D081253A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met for a **Special Meeting at the Steptoe Elementary School**, Steptoe, Washington for **Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Michael Largent and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

6:00 p.m. - Special Meeting at Steptoe for Review of a Proposed Petition for an Ordinance.

Present: Approximately 45 members of the general public, staff members Mark Storey, Alan Thomson and Connie Ellis.

081254 39. The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Swannack. The Chairman made introductions, provided instructions for the special meeting and read the petition aloud submitted by Kirk Suess.

"The signed people request; that the Whitman County Commissioners need to enact an ordinance that specifies activities residents of our unincorporated communities can not engage in. Prohibited activities would include number of inoperative and unlicensed vehicles, amount of trash/garbage and encroachment on all county roads; rural and community. 150 signatures will cause our commissioners to start a process of review. This action will not affect open space/agricultural land, rural home sites, shops and open storage of equipment".

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment.

081254A Greg Herron said he has been thru lots of communities and St. John is the cleanest community with unlicensed and inoperable vehicles, but it still looks good. He presented the following questions and comments:

1. Is this proposed countywide?
2. Will the ordinance apply both inside and outside of incorporated towns and unincorporated towns?
3. Can incorporated towns circumvent eh ordinance by passing their own town ordinance or does the county ordinance take precedence?
4. What about yard art?
5. Will there be a commission to make arbitrary decisions on yard art?
6. Will the above positions to that commission e elected or appointed?
7. What are the ideas on monetary fines or remedy and the time frame to remove or cleanup offenses?
8. Will there be a county contract to haul vehicles: If so I want it!
9. Will this ordinance apply to vehicles in view from any road including private roads?
10. Will this ordinance apply to farm machinery and trucks that have been stationary for years?
11. Does this apply only to unlicensed inoperative vehicles?
12. What is the disposition of a currently licensed vehicle that does not operate?
13. What length of time for non-movement of a vehicle before it is in violation?
14. Is a privacy fence blocking the vehicles from view a remedy?
15. Is there presently a county public nuisance ordinance. If yes, does it already remedy the vehicle issue? If not, can public nuisance ordinance be enacted?
16. Is there a public health ordinance and would that not already apply to any garbage outside of trash containers and make any exposed garbage and debris a violation?

In response to Mr. Herron's questions, Chairman Swannack responded:

- The petition involves all unincorporated areas of Whitman County but, as presented, would not affect open space/agricultural land, rural home sites, shops and open storage of equipment.
- There is no current ordinance or regulation, it would have to be written first. The residents would have to talk to Kirk Suess and the people that signed the petition.

- The Sheriff is not interested in an ordinance but is willing to assist residents who would like to have vehicles hauled off their property. He has been working on vehicles within the county right-of-ways.
- There is currently a Public Health ordinance that deals with health issues associated with trash/garbage.

Greg Jones of rural Colfax spoke against the proposed ordinance. He has junk laying around and didn't feel the county shouldn't tell people what they can do on their own property.

Perry Tate said state laws already cover each of these items and he hoped the commissioners dismiss this idea.

Marvin Johnson of Elberton spoke about fundamental freedom and the residents should be left alone and not told what they have to do on their land.

Greg Hall, a lifetime resident of Steptoe and strong advocate of personal property rights thought this type of ordinance would be an infringement on personal property rights and a waste of time and money to enforce it.

Chris Benson said she has lived in Steptoe for 15 years moving here from Pullman. As long as the residents pay their taxes they should be able to do what they want on their property. She lives across the street from pigs and she doesn't smell them. Able to burn yard waste in yard.

Kevin Akesson who lives on Blackwell Road and this is a bad idea and hard to enforce; this is private property.

When asked by the Chairman how many people in attendance signed the petition, about 1/3 raised their hands.

081254B Tom Sheer said he has lived in the area since 1992 and is strong advocate of land rights but it becomes a nuisance if someone's collections living next door affect his property values, then something needs to be done. He understands enforcement is difficult. The lifestyle in Steptoe is wonderful and maybe they need to clean it up a little and promote their school have businesses survive here. In order to promote business they need families to move here. Mr. Sheer submitted photos of the area.

Mark Storey said a clean-up day was held a couple years ago paid for by grants and other means. If the residents would like to do that again he would need contact information.

Dave Becker moved to from Thornton in 1985 and has a mess around his place. He didn't like the idea of someone telling him what to do with his stuff. The county told him he had to clean up his property; he hauled off 6 loads but other neighbors have not anything with their messes. He suggested some drop boxes to help them. He is against the government telling him to do anything about his private property. In summary, the signature of 150 people shouldn't control the entire county.

In response to Greg Herron the Chairman said Whitman County has 11 unincorporated communities and 16 incorporated cities/towns. He added, the county could do other things that aren't regulatory, like dumpsters.

Alan Thomson interjected, Kirk Suess was initially concentrating on Rural Community Residential (RCR) Districts including Steptoe, Thornton, Hay and Dusty. He has been given authority to change the zone in these rural communities. This ordinance would only affect about 4% of the county.

Spencer Schultz grew up in Steptoe and didn't believe the commissioners should vote on something that only affects 4% of the county.

Pat Dowling lives next to what he calls Spaulding Wrecking Yard and his neighbors are completely snowed under with vehicles and garbage. He agreed with Tom Sheer something has to be done and there has to be a happy medium.

There being no further comments, the Special Meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:45 p.m.

D081254C Due to inclement weather on **Monday, February 11, 2019**, Chairman Arthur D Swannack sent a countywide email to employees and the media stating Whitman County is on limited operations and only essential employees are required to report to work.

D081254D 40. Approved consent agenda items signed.

081255 41. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$353,559.41**, Payroll warrants numbered **341123-341129** for **\$591,845.41** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **341130-341246** for **\$492,342.20** approved.

081256-081261 42. Personnel change orders.

081262-081263 43. The workshops scheduled for today were cancelled.

7:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D081263A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **February 4, 2019** 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 **February 19, 2019**. The foregoing action made this **4th** day of **February, 2019**.

ss/ DEAN KINZER, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners