

BOCC MINUTES-02/05/18

079905 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 5, 2018** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman, Dean Kinzer, Arthur D Swannack 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, Bill Tensfeld (9:00 a.m.).

079906 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Government Affairs Mtg. Update
- LSC Meeting Update
- Elections
- Wire Transfers/Check Policy
- Lower Snake River Dams
- Fair/Facilities Staffing
- Almota Road Extension
- Bridge Posting
- Oakesdale Trestle/DOE
- Weight Restrictions
- Port of Wilma Road
- Budget Report-2017/2018

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Present: Paul Spencer, Chris Nelson and Robin Jones.

D079906A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

079907 3. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

079908-079909 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$4,175.00** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **334493-334556** for **\$389,766.11** approved.

079910 5. January 29, 2018 minutes approved.

079911-079917 6. Personnel change orders approved.

10:15 a.m. - Garth Meyer and Robin Jones.

079918 7. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of call for bids for the 2018-2019 legal printing.

079919 8. Assessor Jones noted there are 117 regular and special levies countywide. Commissioner Swannack thought the commissioners should have a list of the levies to attach to the certification which the Assessor agreed to provide. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2018 countywide district levy certification.

10:20 a.m. - Mark Clinton.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D079919A 9. The following correspondence was received:

079920 9A. An executed copy of the 2017-2020 Solid Waste Bargaining agreement was received.

079921 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Treasurer annual reports.

079922 11. Treasurer Mark Clinton presented and reviewed the 2017 property tax collection and refunds report. A total of \$52,015,367.20 in taxes was mailed in 2017 and \$50,810,923.00 or (97.68%) was collected. Mr. Clinton noted there were no uncollectible personal property taxes.

A total of \$14,734.99 in refunds was issued for various reasons including but not limited to: senior exemption, Assessor's correction, tax overpayment, exempt property and value change.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey, Brandon Kruger, Paul Spencer and Garth Meyer.

079923 11A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

ACTION ITEMS:

079924 12. Mark Storey presented an emergency declaration resolution for the Albion-Parvin Road that is slope wasting and eroding into the river. Mr. Storey pointed out once the work is completed another resolution will be presented to discontinue the emergency. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried** to approve the emergency declaration for the Albion-Parvin Road as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 079924
OF
THE BOARD OF 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 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Public Works Staff took quick action to protect the public by closing the Albion Parvin Road to "through" traffic, once it became aware of the failure to the road embankment adjacent to the Palouse River; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that a state of emergency currently exists with respect to the erosion and slope wasting along the Albion Parvin Road, in proximity to the South Fork of the Palouse River; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of recent high river flows, the Albion Parvin Road embankment has been, and still is, actively eroding into the Palouse River; and

WHEREAS, immediate action will be needed to protect the safety of the public and the integrity of the public road system; and

WHEREAS, Public Works personnel intend to act in the best interest of the Board of County Commissioners and the county residents,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS ORDERED that an emergency exists and the Public Works personnel shall work in a cooperative manner with the Washington State resource agencies and Whitman County Planning staff to plan and make repairs to the roadway and river bank areas, and furthermore, wherein, in the best judgement of the County Engineer, to ensure the safety and well-being of Whitman County residents, and timely mitigation of

damage, he may secure necessary services and materials, as provided for in RCW 36.32.270 Competitive bids-Emergency purchases.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dean Kinzer, Chairman

Michael Largent, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Art Swannack, Commissioner

079925 **13.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Stockpile lease agreement between Whitman County Public Works and Shawnee Rock as presented.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D079925A **14.** The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D079925B **14A.** The County Road Administration Board has granted the county an extension to the Almota Road project.

Maintenance Division:

D079925C **14B.** Beginning this week, 56 rated bridges will be posted with weight restrictions.

D079925D **14C.** Weight restrictions have been lifted on all roads west of SR 195 with the exception of Cache Creek and the Ralph Henning Road. With restrictions lifted, the county will begin hauling gravel to repair roads on the west side of SR 195.

D079925E **14D.** Public Works has placed a vehicle order through the state contract for 3 Sheriff's vehicles, 2 pickups and 1 sander. The sign truck will not be replaced this year as was originally planned.

D079925F **15.** Approved documents signed throughout the course of the meeting.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt. Chairman Kinzer was unavailable.

079926 **16.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4) (a) for matters related to negotiations.

3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop (Port of Whitman).

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Present: John Love, Kristine K A Meyer, Tom Kammerzell, Mark Storey, Brandon Kruger, Jana Mathias and Paul Kimmell (phone). Commissioner Kinzer was temporarily unavailable but joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

079927-079930 17-22. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- WC Economic Overview (Kimmell)
- Greater Palouse Rural Community Leadership
- The First Step: Community Assessment
- Public Facility Funds (.09)
- Surplus County Truck/Snowplow/Grader
- Port of Wilma Road
- Quarterly Regional Breakfast Mtg.
- Port of Wilma Land Ownership

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D079930A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 12, 2018** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Dean Kinzer, Arthur D Swannack and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D079930B 23. Approved consent agenda items signed.

079931-079932 24. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$166,479.85** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **334569-334720** for **\$266,630.42** approved.

079933-079947 25. Personnel change orders.

D079947A 25A. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to amend the agenda adding #25A, Pullman to Colfax railroad crossing letter.

079947B 25B. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign/send a letter to Legislative District 9 representatives regarding the Pullman to Colfax railroad crossings.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Bill Tensfeld, Larry & Sherry Farr, Karen Hinnencamp (9:00 a.m.), Jana Mathias (9:15 a.m.), Ray and Joan Folwell (9:30 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (10:50 a.m.).

079948-079949 26. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Pullman-Colfax Railroad
- CEDS
- In-Stream Flows
- Steptoe Butte State Park
- WSAC/LSC Meeting
- Tensfeld's Appointed/SIEC
- Courthouse Cameras
- Active Shooter Training
- ALTCEW Update
- Planning Commission Mtg.
- Dave Lang/Elberton Logging
- Bridges Posted-Weight
- Albion-Parvin Road
- WSACE/Gary Rowe
- PBAC
- Carbon Tax
- Colfax Jail Contract
- Personnel Data Base Research
- Accounting Verif./Admin. Svc.
- 2019-2020 Budget Preparation

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11:15 a.m. - Adjournment.

D079949A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **February 5 and 12, 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 **February 20, 2018**. The foregoing action made this **12th** day of **February 2018**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners