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081321 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 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, Sandi Jamison, Brandon Kruger, Dean Cornelison, Kara Davidson, Chris Nelson, and Bill Tensfeld (9:00 a.m.). Brett Myers (9:19 a.m.).

081322 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Selway Holdings Withdrawal
- Liquid Asphalt Bid Opening
- Marijuana Moratorium
- Criminal Justice Services
- Ballot Prepaid Postage
- Teamsters
- Wrongful Death Letter
- Year End Report
- Local Revitalization Report
- DOE Federal Lawsuit
- Tax Statements
- County Roads Report
- Centralized Payroll
- New World Database

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Present: Paul Spencer and Kara Davidson.

D081322A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

081323 3. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

081324 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$123,851.80**, Payroll warrants numbered **341468-341529** for **\$153,229.26**.

081325 5. February 19, 2019 minutes approved.

081326-081331 6. Personnel change orders approved.

081332 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign letters reappointing Karen Wuestney and Nathan Weller to 4-year terms, expiring 12/31/22 on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee.

081333 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign letters reappointing Devon Felsted to a 3-year term expiring 12/31/20 and Eileen Macoll to a 3-year term, expiring 12/31/21 on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

081334 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to acknowledge receipt of Petition to enact an ordinance that specifies certain activities that residents of unincorporated communities can not engage in.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D081334A 10. The following correspondence was received:

081335 10A. Notification of new marijuana application for Interstate 502, Inc.

081336 10B. Memorandum of Agreement between Washington State University Extension and Whitman County.

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081337 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Brandon Kruger, Dean Cornelison, Alan Thomson, Katrin Kunz, Garth Meyer, and David Breland from Motley and Motley.

081338 11A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

DIVISION UPDATES:

D081338A 12. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Maintenance Division:

D081338B 12A. With the weather possibly warming up, it is likely there will be more road restrictions.

Brandon Kruger reported on two, possibly three, upcoming bridge replacements. Bonney Bridge will be replaced with a culvert. The department is hopeful that the proper permitting will go through. Thornton Depot Bridge, on Sunset Road, is a wooden bridge with an asphalt overlay, making it unique. The current structure is low which creates drainage issues. The department hopes to raise it and make it wider. The benefit will be to prevent flooding issues. The road will need to be closed as there is no alternative spot for a detour bridge. The proposed timeline to begin is July 1, 2019. They should be seeing the permits in a couple of weeks. The third potential replacement is Lamont Railroad Bridge.

The department plans to use the dozer at the landfill to work on roads.

Planning Division:

D081338C 12B. Alan Thomson reported that there are two Planning Commission hearings scheduled. The Critical Areas Ordinance is in the final draft stage with many proposed changes. They are significant changes with required updates. It is going before the Planning Commission on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

The second hearing is in regard to a proposed zone change allowing an agricultural chemical warehouse.

Administrative Division:

D081339 12C. The work schedule for the employees in the Public Works Department for the period beginning March 11 through November 3, 2019 was presented to the Commission.

081340 13. At 11:15 a.m. the following bids were received for liquid asphalt.

Present: Evan from Western States Asphalt

BIDDER:	AMOUNT
Western State Asphalt	\$608,125.00
Idaho Asphalt Supply	\$551,746.58

The commissioners will make an award at 2:00 p.m.

081341 14. Selway Holdings, LLC withdrew their application for a zone change at 2001 Country Club Road.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Liquid Asphalt Award.

Present: Brandon Kruger.

081342 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for 2019 liquid asphalt to Idaho Asphalt Supply in the amount of \$551,746.58.

2:02 p.m. - Recess.

2:15 p.m. - Marijuana Moratorium.

Present: Prosecutor Denis Tracy, Alan Thomson, Jerry Jones, Garth Meyer, and approximately 55 guests.

081343 16. Chairman Art Swannack opened the meeting.

Prosecutor, Denis Tracy, stated he was asked to draft a proposed ordinance adopting a moratorium on the establishment, location, operation, licensing or maintenance of facilities, businesses, or any other activities involving the production, processing or wholesale or retail sale of recreational marijuana or marijuana-infused products. He went on to say that, currently, growing marijuana as been treated as any other agricultural crop and treated as regular processing. As citizens have expressed concern about implementing additional conditions, the Board of County Commissioners is considering a six month moratorium putting all future expansion on hold while further investigation can be done. If approved, it is simply a temporary protective measure. Tracy clarified that it would not restrict current businesses from doing anything that they are currently doing. He recommended one change to proposed Section 3 Use Prohibited to include the last sentence to read "This moratorium does not apply to prior non-conforming uses, if such uses are already in existence on March 11, 2019, per WCC 19.54.", and adding "However, such non-conforming uses shall not be allowed to expand during the moratorium period."

081343 16A. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion to adopt Ordinance 081343 with the recommended amendments. Chairman Swannack opened for discussion and public comment.

Stephanie Fosback, MD spoke in support of a moratorium. She stated, that although she was in favor of marijuana and respected every individual's rights, she was concerned about the health and safety of citizens. She clarified that the article that was written in reference to the cows being exposed to marijuana, were cows that were not fed marijuana, but only exposed to its odor compounds. Traces of marijuana compounds still showed up in their milk. She expressed concern for nursing moms, adding that restrictions need to be placed until further research can shed light on what regulations need to be in place.

Melissa Ryan spoke in favor of a moratorium. She stated her daughter suffers from an auto immune disease and is currently seeing an environmental doctor. She is very scent sensitive. Currently they live in the proximity of what was the proposed new grow. She expressed concern that it would infringe on her daughter's health safety, adding they should not have to uproot and leave. She stated that it was alleged that residents were aware of the proposal and were accepting of the idea, which was false, adding if that was the case they would have spoken up sooner.

Aaron Fosback stated this conversation is long overdue and he is supporting a moratorium. He stated 30 counties have enacted regulations and Whitman County has not. He went on to say the Whitman County has seven more times the production than King County, and already has a sufficient amount of processing plants. He argued that growing marijuana is not compatible with other land uses. He asked for serious consideration of input from citizens.

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Jerry Prout stated he is an avid advocate against drunk driving, but is against a moratorium. He asked to address the loss of lives due to drunk driving, and argued there is a stigma about cannabis. He personally has several friends and family members who have been helped by cannabis. He stated there needs to be more research on its benefits rather than restrictions. He ended by saying that he does not want any person denied of its benefits, and opposes a moratorium.

Carlos Valesquez asked for reflection on what is going on in the "marijuana world". He had a mother who was sick and benefited from its use. He is currently growing marijuana in Othello, and is looking at Whitman County to expand his business. He stated he wants to set the example of how it should be done right. He is currently in communication with those in other states and countries, and wants to take this business in "the right direction", creating a positive perspective. Marijuana is not just for recreation. He hopes to bring education to the table. He is hoping his license will still be available to come to this area. The snow has been the hold up. He is looking at 502 Revere road which is in the Northwest corner of the county.

Mike Nilson opposed the moratorium and provided a short history of cannabis. He stated the hemp plant is the most useful plant providing many benefits. He hopes there are someday fields near Uniontown. He urged everyone to watch the video, History on Cannabis. He stated that one cannot die from consuming cannabis, and does not believe that the odor would carry two miles. He stated he believes the plant has been demonized.

Maria Wyman stated she is against the moratorium. She stated she loves this county and has a background in agriculture. She stated there is no difference in growing marijuana than there is any other herb. All plants have different odors. She currently has an operation in Spokane County, but would like to move to the Lamont area for business opportunity. The paperwork is taking time. She said she understands and is 100% for studies, but the process is long and intense. She is worried what a moratorium would mean for people already in the process of licensing.

Janet Jewett is in favor of a moratorium. Hemp and marijuana are a different kind of plant than other herbs. She stated she has a friend with a marijuana addiction. She went on to say that a processing plant would not be good for the college, and is bad for our county. We need regulations.

Scott Adams, CEO for Pullman Regional Hospital, is in support of a moratorium. He is aware there is a range of opinions, but believes there is a need for more education and understanding. A plan needs to be developed for citizen and business owners. He asked the Commissioners to be as inclusive as can be with information.

David McKeirnan spoke on behalf of Fire District 12, Pullman Fire Department. They would like more communication even with existing plants. Responders need to be aware of the safety hazards, and are looking for better dialogue. He is in support of business, but would like to know what is going on with what kind of processes the county will allow and what the county won't. Commissioner Largent encouraged more involvement with the Fire Departments.

Zach Dauscher stated he opposed a moratorium. He recently moved to Whitman County because he wants to be in the business. He talked about Chelan County and what an imposed moratorium has caused there. He urged Commissioners not to turn their backs on a blossoming industry and to stand behind agriculture.

Mike Mortimer, with CanisSafe Analytics, stated he was in support of good science, common sense and logical reasoning. He also stated he was concerned for the safety of the consumer and the public, but disagreed with the research done with odors and cows. He stated one logically could not compare cows being locked up in a room surrounded by the odor with cows outdoors and odors wafting in the air. He thinks that the issue isn't really about the

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odor, it is simply about cannabis. He feels it is a made up problem that does not really exist.

Zach Kennedy stated that a moratorium is a good idea from a planning and zoning standpoint. He urged Commissioners to consider those already in processing of licensing and moving to the county.

Margaret Were, retired RN from Regional Hospital, stated she was in total support of a moratorium. Although she has seen the benefit, she does not want to live in the largest growing county in the world. She stated tax payers and residents should have a choice. She acknowledged those wanting to bring their businesses to the county, stating that they have not lived here and only want to do business here.

Kristen Jarvis-Fisher stated she was against a moratorium. She voted for I-502 and works in a Cannabis shop. She has witnessed many people who have received the benefits from the plant. She stated there is so much more to it than just getting high. She stated Whitman County is not going to be a mecca for processing. Currently there are 12 producers/processors which equals only 1%. She stated 51.99% voted for I-502 and urged the Commissioners to follow the voters.

Jordan Zager has his PHD in Biochemistry and stated he considers himself an expert on terpene chemistry. He commented that odors are produced by many plants. He is against a moratorium because it would create a negative impact on Whitman County's economy. He stated the marijuana industry generated approximately two billion in 2018, adding the industry is an economic powerhouse for Washington. By voting for a moratorium, it will prohibit the industry and stifle jobs.

John Wyrick stated he supports a moratorium. He is a professor at Washington State University and works in a lab. When there are so many other counties with regulations, he asked why there were not in Whitman County. He added careful thinking and research needs to be done.

Allison Banner stated she was opposed to a moratorium. She moved to Whitman County because of the small town feel. She is the current employer of an I-502 Cannabis shop. She urged to keep Washington State alum in the county.

Zach Chamberlain opposed a moratorium. He studies human pathogens in Biosafety Level 3. He is excited there is a research option like the study of cannabis. He stated agriculture is the "bread and butter for Whitman County".

Helen Davis has lived in Pullman since 1976. She stated she votes in support of a moratorium. She realizes there are many opinions, but she expressed concern regarding marijuana processing plants and the effects they may have on the environment. She is unsure how cannabis will affect young minds. She urged the Commissioners to be aware of what is being introduced and to allow more research to be done.

Chris Boyd stated he was pro-moratorium with any new rezones, adding the Fire Department had very valid points. He stated Whitman County is on a slippery slope. When people move to Whitman County, they are aware they have signed up for smoke, dust and noise as is common in an agricultural. Everyone needs to be aware of the concern of locations with new processing plants. He asked to keep it in industrial zones, and requested Commissioners to keep the moratorium brief adding he understands both sides.

Joel Velasco opposed a moratorium. He stated this was his third time in front of the Commissioners. He is a 2nd year PhD student, and stated their generation of knowledge was vital to the county. The real harm is not learning. He is an advocate for the advancement of knowledge.

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Laina Wyrick stated she is pro-moratorium. She is 17 years old and does not want to live in a college town where cannabis is the main draw. She wants to feel safe in her home town.

Douglas Holverson stated he opposes a moratorium. He feels expansion of business should not be hindered even for six months. He stated, "Kids have been getting stoned way before marijuana was legalized". Cannabis has helped him be a functioning member of this community.

Natalie Fisher stated she is a small business owner. She is pro-moratorium because there are so many questions that need to be answered. What will the quality of life look like going forward? Will allowing expansion of the industry attract a certain population that has not been here before? She expressed concern for the quality of life and keeping the quality of community that she loves.

Kathleen Lloyd supported a moratorium. She likes the agricultural activity in our county, but by RCW marijuana is not legally considered agricultural. She addressed the concern of those who addressed the money brought to our county by the industry. She stated the county actually does not see any of the money, with the exception of employee taxes. All revenue is from retail and goes directly to the state. For 2018 only \$87,000 was brought into the county. The amount the county receives is very little. What is mostly on the table is jobs. She asked, "What kind of county do we want to be?" The county is already maxed out with retail so the state will not allow anyway. Processing plants are what can be added. She urges the Commission to "make this reasonable and safe for everybody".

Kelly Fukai, representing Schweitzer, briefly stated they are in support of a moratorium.

Rachel Holverson opposed a moratorium stating she and her husband moved to the County for medical reasons and the use of cannabis. She opposes the idea of a moratorium because it will hinder the retail side of the business. She feels businesses should be able to move to make it more beneficial to them, and does not want to limit growth and development.

Joe Harris, retired Washington State University professor, stated there were many pros and cons to a moratorium. He worked with the Port of Whitman for economic development whose philosophy with business growth is "do no harm". They advocate finding "clean businesses". Schweitzer and Decagon are good examples of businesses that do no harm. A moratorium would allow time for more research.

Andrew Lefors opposed a moratorium stating the industrial relevance in crops and improving them. He believes cannabis is very important. The industry could explode. He stated World Health Organization is reclassifying marijuana. Washington could be the spearhead for the entire nation. He stated "Fear will make us miss an opportunity."

Sharon Schmidt has been a Whitman County resident for five years. She stated people get educated and then leave. She is opposed to a moratorium, and feels that by enacting a moratorium it will take away the industry from scientists and stunt economic development.

Bill Richardson, Pastor at Evangelical Free, supported a moratorium. He commented that during his time serving in Pullman, he has seen three pot shops open. He fears that with the increase in production and processing we will see an increase in family dysfunction. He stated marijuana is a gateway drug. Ninety percent of drug addicts start by using marijuana. He urges everyone to look ten years down the road. There is so much more than just a social and economic impact. "We are talking about lives." He provided personal examples of the lives he has seen impacted by marijuana, and linked the drug to psychosis. He ended by saying, "The argument today has been based on money and business. Real lives are at stake."

Nathaniel Boyer, Pullman resident with PhD in Molecular Plant Science, stated he was opposing a moratorium. He does not understand why anyone would feel unsafe. He stated the plant was not dangerous to children. He asked if a moratorium was truly necessary as it would stifle business and economics.

Benno Mohr stated the desire was not to stifle research and economic development. He added it is important to stop and take a look, and a moratorium would make that happen. Whitman County is the least restrictive county in the state. He is in support of a moratorium.

Gabriel Haulk stated he has a problem with the "broad stroke" with which the legislation has been written.

Doug Ryan admitted he does not know much about marijuana, but with 100 years of agriculture running through his blood, he does know about regulations. He stated no one in the room can say that marijuana does not have an effect on the human body, good or bad. However, there are many unanswered questions. He does not want one growing in "his backyard" due to these unanswered questions. He is in support of a moratorium.

Linda Commons is in support of a moratorium. She lives a half mile from a proposed spot. She is not opposed to the use of marijuana, and does not feel that is what the discussion is about. She stated she does not want marijuana grown and processed in close proximity to residents.

Mike Nilson asked to speak one more time. He stated that a pulp mill is being finished in Starbucks. He restated that cannabis works greats for arthritis and has other health benefits.

The question was asked if enacting a moratorium could affect marijuana grow activity. Commissioner Swannack replied that it would only affect new grow activity, not preexisting. Commissioner Swannack acknowledged there were many opinions on the same subject, and that would be the purpose of a moratorium. A moratorium would allow time for some additional research. Commissioner Kinzer agreed stating, "We don't know, what we don't know, and that's why I am in favor of a moratorium." Commissioner Largent stated that the debate was not whether marijuana was good and had benefits. This is a time to pause and have a discussion amongst neighbors, hoping it will be based on science and reasonableness.

081343 16B. Chairman Swannack called for the vote on the motion and it **carried** to adopt Ordinance 081343 with the recommended amendments.

ORDINANCE NO. 081343

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATION, OPERATION, LICENSING, OR MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES, BUSINESSES, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, OR WHOLESALE OR RETAIL SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OR MARIJUANA- INFUSED PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, in November of **2012**, the Washington voters passed I-502, which directed the Washington State Liquor Control Board (now the Liquor and Cannabis Board) (LCB) to regulate recreational marijuana by licensing and taxing recreational marijuana producers, processors, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, in November 2013, after notice and comment, the LCB adopted rules to address: the methods for producing, processing, and packaging recreational marijuana; security requirements for retail outlets, retail outlet locations, and hours of operation; labeling requirements; methods of transport of product throughout the state; taxing of marijuana-related activities; and the creation of a dedicated fund consisting of marijuana excise taxes, license fees, penalties, and other income; and

WHEREAS, after adopting the Rules, the LCB began accepting license applications and in 2014 began issuing licenses for recreational marijuana businesses; and

WHEREAS, the LCB has expanded the number of licenses it issues and may continue to do so, expanding the number and scope of recreational marijuana businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Washington Court of Appeals ruled I-502 does not override local governments' authority to regulate local businesses, including recreational marijuana businesses, through zoning or otherwise, and the Washington Supreme Court has declined to review that decision; and

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Code does not currently have specific provisions addressing the production, processing, and wholesale or retail sale of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have recently been provided with numerous statements from county residents concerning the ill effects of growing, processing, and/or sale of marijuana on surrounding residents, including strong odors and possible pollution and negative effect on crime rates; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the cultivation, possession, and distribution of marijuana has been and continues to be a violation of federal law through the Controlled Substances Act; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70.795 authorizes the County to adopt, and subsequently extend if needed, a moratorium for a specific purpose for up to six (6) months if a public hearing on the proposal is held within at least sixty (60) days of the moratorium's adoption; and

WHEREAS, moratoria enacted under RCW 36.70.795 are methods by which local governments may preserve the status quo so that new plans and regulations will not be rendered moot by intervening developments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the legal issues, the County must study further, without limitation, the zoning and land use implications of locating uses and facilities for the production, processing, and sale of recreational marijuana, and the associated impacts to the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a duly noticed public meeting to consider this ordinance adopting a temporary moratorium regarding recreational marijuana businesses in order to provide sufficient time for the County to consider any necessary zoning regulations as they specifically relate to the growing, processing, and/or selling of marijuana in the un-incorporated areas of the County.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that adopting a moratorium concerning the acceptance of any further development permit applications, business license applications, or applications for the siting, location, or operation of any producer, processor, or wholesale or retail seller of recreational marijuana is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Whitman County; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings set forth above, the Board of County Commissioners finds a temporary moratorium is necessary to preserve the status quo; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a duly noticed public hearing within the next 60 days to take public testimony regarding whether to keep this moratorium in place and to consider adopting further findings; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of County Commissioners adopts all of the "Whereas" sections of this Ordinance as findings in support of this Ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners, in its discretion, may adopt additional findings at the conclusion of the public hearing referenced above.

Section 2. Moratorium. Pursuant to RCW 36.70.795, a moratorium is hereby adopted within the un-incorporated areas of Whitman County, prohibiting the establishment, location, operation, licensing, or maintenance of facilities, businesses, or any other activities involving the production, processing, wholesale or retail sale of recreational marijuana or marijuana infused-products asserted to be authorized or actually authorized under Washington State Initiative 502.

Section 3. Use Prohibited. While this moratorium is in effect, the producing, processing, wholesale and retail sale of recreational marijuana or marijuana-infused products is hereby designated as prohibited in all zoning districts of the un-incorporated areas of Whitman County. No building permit, occupancy permit, or other development permit, and no business license application shall be accepted and no business license shall be issued for any of the purposes or activities listed herein. This moratorium does not apply to prior non-conforming uses, if such uses are already in existence on March 11, 2019, per WCC 19.54. However, such non-conforming uses shall not be allowed to expand during the moratorium period.

Section 4- Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, all references to "marijuana," "marijuana processing," "marijuana producing," "marijuana-infused products," "marijuana retailing," "retail outlet," and "useable marijuana" shall have the meaning set forth in RCW 69.50.101, as now or hereafter amended.

Section 5. Duration. This moratorium shall remain in effect until September 3, 2019 unless extended as provided in RCW 36.70.795 or unless earlier terminated by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 6. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be published March 7, 2019 and shall take effect March 11, 2019.

IST READING: 3/4/2019 2ND READING: Waived

PASSED by the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 4th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Connie Ellis
Acting Clerk

Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

Approved as to Form:

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

/s/ Denis Tracy
County Prosecutor

Michael Largent, Commissioner

D081343A 17. Approved documents signed.

D081343B 17A Commissioners denied the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board applications Interstate 502, INC, Hurricane Cannabis, LLC and Alto Buddha LLC due to the imposed six month moratorium.

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4:30 p.m. - Recess.

D081344A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 11, 2019** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Michael Largent and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Connie Ellis, Acting Clerk, attended.

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

D081344B 21. Approved consent agenda items signed.

081345 22. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$275,964.50**, Payroll Approval warrants numbered **341538-341542** for **\$2,172.55**, and Payroll warrants numbered **341543-341652** for **\$613,812.00**.

081346-081351 23. Personnel change orders.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Janel Goebel, Bill Tensfeld, Jeff Marshall, Sharron Cunningham, Chris Nelson and Sandi Jamison (9:05 a.m.).

081352 24. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- IT Interview Committee Report
- VSP
- Executive Session
- Tax Title on Oakesdale Café
- Property Taxes
- 2017 Accountability Exit Audit
- Merchant Services
- Road Conditions
- Revalidation of Enrollment/WA State Health Care Authority
- Use of PS Building Conference Room
- Criminal Justice Services Meeting
- Facilities Director
- Centralized Accounting
- Postage for Elections Bill 5063
- Wrongful Death Letter

10:00 a.m. - Executive Session.

Present: Denis Tracy, Mark Storey, Alan Thomson, Gary Petrovich and Connie Ellis.

081353 25. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until **12:10 p.m.** in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to pending or potential litigation.

12:10 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.

D081353A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **March 4 and 11, 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 **March 18, 2019**. The foregoing action made this **11th** day of **March 2019**.

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

CONNIE ELLIS
Acting Clerk

ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners