

BOCC MINUTES-03/17/14

075256 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 17, 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Sally Ousley, Brett Myers (9:00 a.m.), Bill McKee (9:10 a.m.), Kelli Campbell (9:40 a.m.).

075257 1. Items discussed included Whitman Conservation District office space, farm legislation, Greater Palouse Meat Producers, Town of Tensed sewage released into Latah Creek, Palouse Knowledge Corridor, Martin Hall MOU, 2014 budget issues (Martin Hall, Sheriff, Administrative Services), Whitcom evaluation, RTPO/SEWEDA, monthly financial reports and budget amendment #1. No action taken.

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

**10:00 a.m. - Flag Salute.**

Present: Sally Ousley.

D075257A 2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Consent Agenda:**

D075257B 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Kinzer and **carried**.

075258-075258B 4. General Claims/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered 309344-309521 for \$180,498.46 approved.

075259 5. March 3, 2014 minutes approved.

075260-075274 6. Personnel change orders approved.

075275 7. Upon review of a Washington State Liquor Control Board marijuana application for Sunshine Farming, LLC in St. John the commissioners opted to do nothing, the same as they have done with all previous marijuana applications.

**10:05 a.m. - Bill McKee.**

075276 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion to approve of the applicant and location for a new liquor license filed by Whiskey Barrel Cider Company, Pullman.

075277 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion to approve of the applicant and location for a new liquor license filed by the Colfax Chamber of Commerce.

**Correspondence:**

075278 10. Information was received from the City of Pullman regarding the proposed Whispering Hills West preliminary plat.

075278A 10A. Notice of hearing for the Whispering Hills West preliminary plat was also received from the City of Pullman.

075278B 10B. A letter was received from Guy Williams, Treasurer of the Evangelical Free Church of the Palouse asking for the Board's support in changing their property zoning from Agricultural to Cluster Housing.

075279 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:10 a.m. - Recess/Commissioner Largent excused himself from a portion of today's meeting.

10:30 a.m. - Chris LaPaglia, Greater Palouse Meat Producers.

Present: Sally Ousley and 2 visitors.

075280 12. Mr. LaPaglia requested support for a Business Enterprise grant to establish a USDA inspected slaughter facility between Pullman and Lewiston for the Greater Palouse Meat Producers. The meat producers have:

- Studied the idea for a year,
- Talked to various individuals/organizations who want this type of facility,
- Been encouraged to apply for a grant
- Enough funds for a matching grant

The commissioners were supportive of the project but noted no funding was available at this time. If the facility was to be established in Whitman County, the Meat Producers could later compete for .09 funds. A letter of support was forwarded to Mr. LaPaglia.

10:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

ACTION ITEMS

11:00 a.m. - Transfer Station Building Bids.

Present: Alan Thomson, Jerry Basler, Dean Cornelison, Sally Ousley and 4 visitors.

075281 13. The following bids were received.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Clearwater Construction, Spokane, WA	\$256,100 + \$3,295,720 = \$3,551,820
HALME Builders, Davenport, WA	\$320,000 + \$3,478,330 = \$3,798,330

NOTE: Wallen Construction arrived at 11:01 a.m. to submit their bid and it was refused for lateness.

The commissioners will plan to make an award March 24th.

11:10 a.m. - Elbert Road Vacation Hearing.

Present: Mark Storey, Alan Thomson, Jerry Brasler, Tim Myers and 2 visitors.

075282 14. Hearing convened by the Chairman for the proposed vacation of portions of streets in Elberton.

Staff report provided by Mark Storey as follows:

Pursuant to the instructions contained in the resolution upon the above matter adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on the 18th day of February, 2014, I have examined all that portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton, in the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 44 East, W. M., Whitman County, Washington, and I now report upon the proposed vacation and abandonment of said portions of School Street and Third Street, pursuant to R.C.W. 36.87, as follows:

The portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton do not exist as roads. The said School Street and Third Street are not needed for the public and should no longer be in the County transportation system. My recommendation is to vacate and abandon all that portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton.

In my opinion it is not advisable to preserve said portions of School Street and said Third Street for the county transportation system in the future. Therefore it is seen as a benefit to the County that said portions of School Street and Third Street should be vacated and should be passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

The hearing was then opened to public comment.

John Elwood said his home sits on the right of way on School Street and supported the vacation otherwise the road would be 18" from his front portion.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned.

075283 15. Commissioner Kinzer moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and it carried to sign the resolution to vacate roads in Elberton as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to	)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>075283</u>
Vacate and Abandon a Portion of	)	
School Street and a Portion of	)	
Third Street in Elberton, in the	)	RESOLUTION VACATING
SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 17	)	

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North, Range 44 East, Whitman )  
County, WA )

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon all that portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton, in the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 44 East, W. M., Whitman County, Washington on the 18th day of February, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve all that portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of all said portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all said portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 17th day of March, 2014, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of all said portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all said portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all of that portion of School Street adjacent to Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 1, Second Addition to Elberton and all that portion of Third Street adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 6 and Lot 1 of Block 7, Original Town of Elberton, in the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 44 East, W. M., Whitman County, Washington, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 17th day of March, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Arthur D Swannack, Chairman

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Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

075284 15A. Commissioner Kinzer moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and it carried to sign the CRAB reports - Digital submittal certification as presented.

075285 15B. Commissioner Kinzer moved Commissioner Swannack seconded the motion and it carried to adopt the resolution to set the ER&R rental rates as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of establishing ) RESOLUTION No. 075285  
2014 Equipment Rental Rates )  
Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund )  
Whitman County Public Works Dept. ) ESTABLISHING ER&R RENTAL RATES  
Whitman County, Washington )

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund is required to establish equipment and vehicle rental rates in accordance with statute; and,

WHEREAS, rental rates are intended to create enough reserve to pay for equipment replacement at the end of its useful life; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer and Maintenance Operations Manager track equipment capitalization, operation, and maintenance costs, and have recommended the following rental rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes the necessity of allowing Public Works the latitude to allow for mid-year adjustment to the rental rates, because of fluctuating costs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Whitman County will establish the following ER&R rental rates for 2014, with the ability for the County Engineer to make minor adjustments at his sole discretion, depending on fluctuating cost factors, to take effect immediately upon execution of this resolution.

Graders	\$48.00 per hour
Loaders	\$40.00 per hour
Excavators	\$36.00 per hour
Trucks	\$38.00 per hour
Water Trucks	\$75.00 per hour
Asphalt Distributors	\$75.00 per hour
Paint Truck	\$80.00 per hour
Asphalt Chip Spreader	\$80.00 per hour
Crack Sealer	\$40.00 per hour
Rollers	\$33.00 per hour
Brooms	\$30.00 per hour

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Tractor Mowers	\$40.00 per hour
Trailers	\$11.00 per hour
Snow plows	\$14.00 per hour
Sanders	\$23.00 per hour
Pickups	\$11.00 per hour
Sheriff's vehicles	\$1000.00 to \$1100.00 per month
Other Department Vehicles	\$500.00 to \$850.00 per month

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Art Swannack, Chairman

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Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**075286** 16. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the contract with DeAtley Crushing Company as presented.

**075287** 17. The official transmittal for proposed amendments to the subdivision and SEPA ordinances was received from County Planner Alan Thompson.

**075288** 18. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a public hearing to take public comment on amending the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance (Chapters 29.10., 19.40, 1941, the Subdivision Ordinance and the SEPA Ordinance) as stated in the unofficial transmittal, to be held in this room at 11:00 a.m. on March 31, 2014.

**DIVISION UPDATES**

**Planning Division:**

**075288A** 19. A brief mention of Guy Williams request for a zone change from Ag to Cluster Housing was made. Staff will review the request and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**075289** 19. Notice of the April 11-19 Whitman County Spring Cleanup received.

**Engineering Division:**

**D075289A** 19A. Mr. Storey noted flood repairs are continuing.

**D075289B** 19B. Request for ATV's on county roads requires further review and discussion.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

D075289C 20. Approved documents signed.

D075289D 21. Need for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 workshop.

1:30 p.m. - Greater Columbia Behavioral Health.

Present: Mike Berney.

075290 22. Mr. Berney reviewed the items discussed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> GCBH Board meeting.

D075290A 22A. **GCBH Executive Session:**

Employee performance review of GCBH Director. The entire Board felt the Director has been doing an outstanding job.

D075290B 22B. **GCBH Contract Amendments:**

The purpose is to amend the contracts between GCBH and its provider network so that they match the termination dates in the contracts between GCBH and the State of Washington. Mr. Berney voted in favor of authorizing the Chair to sign the contract amendments.

D075290C 22C. **Preliminary State Auditor Report:**

The formal exit conference is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> in Kennewick. The verbal feedback is that it was a very clean audit and that there will be no findings or recommendations. A written report is forthcoming.

D075290D 22D. **Legislative Update:**

Bills to integrate Mental Health and Chemical Dependency are changing almost daily but something will most likely pass. The lawsuit settlement related to the children's mental health system appears as if it will be funded.

1:50 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Convened/Board of Health.

Present: Troy Henderson and Wahab Kromah.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**Health Officer:**

075291 23. According to the Director, the Jail Health program with Whitman Medical Group is working well. There has been discussion between the Sheriff, Gary Petrovich and himself about shifting the budget for this service from the Sheriff to Public Health.

D075291A 23A. Wahab Kromah will soon begin his jail project for inmates regarding life changes from smoking/chemical abuse.

**Environmental Health:**

D075291B 24. Environmental Health staff continues to assist the Asotin County Environmental Health Division.

**Personal Health:**

075292 25. Troy Henderson discussed the flooding and 4-5 days of sewage released into Latah/Hangman Creek by the Town of Tensed. The Idaho Department of Quality had to provide a notice about the event and notified the Washington Department of Ecology. A common courtesy by the Department of Ecology would have been to notify Whitman County. Mr. Henderson will send a letter to DOE stating the same.

D075292A 25A. WSU Student Senate voted that WSU become a tobacco-free university. Public Health does have a small grant that could be used towards signage of the smoke-free campus.

**Administrative:**

D075292B 26. Troy Henderson said Michael Baker will return in early April from FMLA; Mathew Chertudi has tendered his resignation as of May therefore Mr. Henderson will be hiring a FT Fiscal Tech/County Registrar; the nursing staff is down one employee and Mr. Henderson will look at replacing an RN in the future.

D075292C 27. The next Board of Health meeting is May 19, 2014.

**2:20 p.m. - Board of Health Adjourned.**

D075292D **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, March 18, 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/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich.

075293 28. Items discussed included Sheriff's budget request, 2014 budget amendment #1, MIS project, quarterly financial reports, service prioritization, Hawkins project, Prosecutor's office fiber optics and public defender contract. No action taken.

**10:50 a.m. - Recess.**

D075293A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 24, 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.**

D075293B 29. Approved documents signed.

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075294 29A. General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered 309526-309564 for \$76,051.08 and 309565-309581 for \$275,841.83.

075295-075303 29B. Personnel change orders.

D075303A 30. Need for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 workshop.

075304 31. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** authorizing the publishing of a notice of hearing for the 2014 CDBG Public Service grant. Hearing will be held April 7, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

D075304A 32. Transfer Station Building bid award postponed to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

9:15 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, David Nails, Dean Cornelison, Alan Thomson, Dan Gladwill, and Denis Tracy.

075305 33-35. Items discussed included Druffel military leave, Transfer Station Building bids, Public Works fee schedules, primitive roads, ATV's on county roads, Guy Williams zone change request, redesigned accounting system and S&P rating. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

D075305A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Dean Kinzer and Michael Largent, Commissioners attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich and Kelli Campbell.

075306 36. Items discussed included marijuana zoning and complaints, priority budget process and Classification System and budget. No action taken.

10:450 a.m. - Adjournment.

D075306A Commissioner Kinzer **moved** to adjourn the **March 17, 18, 24 and 25, 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 **March 31, 2014**. The foregoing action made this **25th** day of **March 2014**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners