

**BOCC MINUTES-03/20/17**

**078761 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 20, 2017** 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 (9:00 a.m.), Bob Reynolds (9:05 a.m.), Marlynn Markley (9:15 a.m.), Kelli Campbell (9:20 a.m.) and Troy Henderson (9:50 a.m.).

**078762-078763 1-2.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- LTAC Recommendation
- McKinstry Update
- Upcoming CIP Mtg.
- LSC Mtg. Update
- ADO Selection
- Plan. Comm. Membership
- Albion Adjudication
- Dissolving UTBA
- District Court Staffing
- DOE/Clear Creek Road
- Minor Slides
- Road Restrictions
- Road Maintenance
- Bridge Rating Funding
- Patti Kelly Recognition
- Vol. Org. Active in Emerg.
- HUB Med. Ins. Coord. Svc.
- Budget Forecasting
- Radio Interview
- Freight Mobility Board

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

Present: Mary Collins and Kara McMurray.

**D078763A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**D078763B 4. Motion** by Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried** to accept the consent agenda.

**078764 5.** Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$277,217.74**, Payroll warrants numbered **328124-328130** for **\$525,087.13** and General Claims-Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **328359-328490** for **\$224,813.41** approved.

**078765 6.** February 21-March 6, 2017 minutes approved.

**078766 7.** Personnel change orders approved.

**078767 8.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the notice of hearing for the 2017-18 CDBG-PS grant.

**078768 9.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Roy Schulz to a 9-month + 4-year term expiring 12/31/21 on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Board.

**078769 10.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Doug Flansburg to the Whitman County Park Board, Position 3.

**078770 11.** No action on this tentative item.

**078771 12.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2017-18 Pine Creek Conservation District Cooperative agreement.

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**078772** 13. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to submit a letter to DOE requesting the 2017-18 agricultural burning delegation authorization.

**078773** 14. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the interlocal agreement for adjudication of town ordinances between Whitman County and the Town of Albion.

**078774** 15. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to designate SEWEDA as Whitman County's 2017-19 ADO.

**078775** 15A. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a grant application data form for the Sheriff's Boating Safety Financial Assistance for \$15,784.22 for the term 03/01/17-09/30/17.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**D078775A** 16. The following correspondence was received:

**078776** 16A. Notice of a request by Fire District #12 for a special occasion license for March 18<sup>th</sup> was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Due to time constraints, Commissioner Swannack responded by email that the County Commissioners have no objections to the special permit request.

**078777** 16B. Notice of marijuana license due to expire 08/31/17 was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**078778** 16C. Notice of a request for a marijuana license for Massaeffect, Pullman was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

**078779** 16D. Notice of final closure of Community Development block grant contract #13-65400-016 was received from the Department of Commerce.

**078780** 17. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:15 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Mark Storey, Dean Cornelison, Mary Collins and Garth Meyer.

**078781** 17A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**078782** 18. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice to call for bids on the contact water project.

**078783** 19. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the County Road Administration Board digital submittal certification.

**078784** 20. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice to call for bids for concrete wall panel replacement project.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**D078784A** 21. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

**Engineering Division:**

**D078784B** 21A. Dean Cornelison has been working with Jason Kunz of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on the Clear Creek Road culvert replacement. Mr. Kunz was on

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board with replacing the culvert with a larger culver and the county should have a hydraulic permit by the end of the month.

**078785 21B.** A copy of a notice indicating the work completed by county forces in 2016 was received.

**D078785A 21C.** Public Works is currently working on the RFQ for a consultant for National Bridge Inspection rating project. The RFQ gives Public Works the ability to contract with more than one consultant to accomplish the bridge ratings. Mr. Storey hoped to have 50% of the bridges rated by the end of the year.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**078786 21D.** Mr. Storey said the City of Pullman went to single stream recycling a couple years ago and all glass is now going thru and is hard on the baler. Due to the age of the baler and the glass it is necessary to perform capital work on the Harris Baler costing \$50,000-\$100,000. Since there is only one authorized Harris dealer in Washington State located on the west side. The next closest dealer is in California. The Director requested the Board consider a sole source resolution for this work and noted this is a 2017 Public Works budgeted capital project.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D078786A 21E.** After a brief maintenance update, Mr. Storey shared a thank you note from the Palouse Road Runners for the 2017 Wawawai Canyon Road closure for their event.

**11:30 a.m. - Eunice Coker.**

**D078786B 21F.** Auditor Coker thanked Commissioner Swannack for testifying against the election drop box legislation the previous week that could cost Whitman County a lot of money.

**D078786F 22.** Approved documents signed.

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

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

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

**078787 23.** Mr. Berney reviewed the special meeting held on February 23, 2017 and the regular meeting held on March 2, 2017 of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Organization (GCBH) Board of Directors.

**D078787A 23A. GCBH Special Board Meeting: Report from the Ad Hoc Committee:**

The Ad Hoc Committee reported that they had completed the task assigned to them by the Board of Directors. The Committee met with all Regional Office staff that requested it. The feedback from them was very consistent as was that from Dr. Lipman. The unanimous recommendation of the Committee was that the Board offers the position of Director of GCBH to Troy Wilson. He would also continue as Chief Financial Officer. Whitman County voted in favor of offering the position to Mr. Wilson. The vote was unanimous.

**D078787B 23B. Regular Board Meeting/Executive Session(s):**

Two short Executive Sessions were held to update the Board regarding a personnel issue and potential litigation. After the first session a motion was made to establish an employment contract for the new GCBH Director with a 3 month review and then annual reviews after that. Whitman County made the motion and all Counties agreed.

**D078787C 23C. Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee Report:**

- The Committee did meet in February and had one recommendation/motion for the Board to amend the contract with Comprehensive to include funding for care coordinators at

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their eligible Evaluation and Treatment facilities. The E&T at Lourdes does not qualify.

- There may not need to prepare a supplemental budget before the end of the fiscal year.
- The Committee will be working on a new biennial budget for the Board's approval prior to July 1, 2017.
- The Committee was informed that Medicaid rate setting studies will now be done every year.

Whitman County voted in favor of amending the contract as did all other Counties. Klickitat County abstained.

**D078787D 23D. Management Information Systems Committee Report:**

Regular review of MIS policies with only housekeeping changes being proposed. Whitman County voted to approve both policies. The vote was unanimous.

**D078787E 23E. Regional Office:**

- The Spokane Behavioral Health Organization is requesting Greater Columbia continue to loan them 10 beds at Eastern State Hospital during the next biennium. They will be meeting with Commissioner Small and Mr. Wilson prior to the April Board meeting.
- It looks like Medicaid funding will be reduced during the next biennium. It is not clear yet by how much.
- The State Auditor's Office has completed their annual review. There were no findings or recommendations. The exit conference is still to be scheduled.

**D078787F 23F. Eastern State Hospital:**

No meeting was held in December. The next several meetings will be devoted to reviewing the "Working Agreement" between Eastern State Hospital and the Behavioral Health Organizations within their catchment area.

**D078787G 23G. Affordable Community of Health:**

Whitman County Health Network had a meeting last week and received a presentation from the Association of Critical Access Hospitals. They have a way for Whitman, Asotin, Columbia and Garfield counties to propose to GCBH that these counties be permitted to access Critical Access Hospitals replacing Better Health Together thereby creating a subgroup of GCBH. No decision was made by the Health Network.

**1:55 p.m. - Recess.**

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**DATE: March 20, 2017**

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

Present: Troy Henderson.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**Minutes:**

**D078787H 24.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Board of Health minutes of January 17, 2017.

**Health Officer:**

**D078787I 25.** On behalf of Dr. Bowman, Troy Henderson noted there is a possible case of Chickens Pox in the Tekoa area.

**D078787J 25A.** A 2<sup>nd</sup> measles case that came into contact with the 1<sup>st</sup> confirmed measles case is being tested but could have been vaccination induced.

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**Environmental Health:**

**D078787K 26.** Staff is doing well; they are making changes for more logical purposes and Environmental Health fees may be simplified and reduced.

**D078787L 26A.** Mr. Henderson advised the Board a letter was sent to the owner of the property along the Snake River that buried wood chips (hog fuel) years ago. He noted the owner is working with the county to resolve the issue.

**Personal Health:**

**D078787M 27.** The Health Department has applied for an early intervention grant called "First Thousand Days" geared towards children exposed to too many traumatic incidents early in life that cause issues later in life.

**Administrative Division:**

**D078787N 28.** None.

**078788 29.** A copy of the draft Public Health Strategic Plan was received and is being reviewed by the Board.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment:**

**D078788A 30.** At 2:20 p.m. the Board of Health adjourned. The next Board of Health meeting is May 15th.

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**2:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Tim Myers.

**078789 31.** Parks and Developmental Services staffing discussed but no action was taken.

**078790 32.** Executive Session not necessary.

**3:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**D078790A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 27, 2017** 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.**

Present: Jim Potts and Zak Kennedy (phone), Gary Petrovich and Mark Storey.

**078791 33.** Lobbyist conference call held but no action was taken.

**D078791A 34.** Approved consent agenda items signed.

**078792-078794A 35.** General Claims-Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **328517-328583** for **\$124,470.28** approved.

**078795-078796 36.** Personnel change orders.

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

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Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Bob Reynolds, (90 a.m.) and Chris Nelson (10:00 a.m.).

**078797-078798 37-38.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Legislative Issues
- Solid Waste Loan
- UTBA
- Credit Cards
- Martin Hall Grant
- Greater Columbia ACH
- Library Funding
- Friends of Hospice
- State Parks Planning
- McKinstry Update
- Capital Improvement
- Lodging Tax Recom.
- Public Works Maintenance
- Clear Creek Road HPA
- Edmonton Bridge
- Solid Waste Consultant
- Oakesdale Shop Flooding
- Waters of the U.S.
- CDBG-PS Hearing
- INW Partners
- Financial Forest #3
- Info. Tech. Related Issues
- Assessor's Staffing

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

**11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Robin Jones and Gary Petrovich.

**078799 39.** Assessor's staffing discussed. No action taken.

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

Present: Cathy Schaeffer and Mike Poulson.

**078800 40.** Federal legislation and issues discussed but no action was taken.

**2:15 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D078800A** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** to adjourn the **March 20** and **27, 2017** 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 **April 3, 2017**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **March, 2017**.

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