

076799 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 20, 2015 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: Mark Storey, Bob Reynolds, Chris Nelson and Robert Ward.

076800 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- DES/McKinstry
- State Surplus Rock Quarry
- Call/2016 Budget
- Whitcom/Nez Perce Tribe
- State Transportation Package
- Crane in Ditch/Ryan Road
- Avista/Palouse Wind Sign Dedic.
- Pullman Civic Trust Support
- Electronic Signatures
- RSA Change
- Revenue Source Hearing
- Julie Edgeman

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Robert Ward and Garth Meyer.

D076800A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

D076800B 2A. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to add item #11A-Rails to Trails grant application letter of support to the agenda.

D076800C 3. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**.

10:05 a.m. - Chris Nelson.

076801-076803 4. General Claims/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **317546-317564** for **\$506,531.79** and **317715-317836** for **\$474,839.35** approved.

076804 5. June 6, 2015 minutes approved.

076805-076806 6. Personnel change orders approved.

076807 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2015-2016 Communication Action Center subrecipient agreement as presented.

076808 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2015-2nd quarter Public Disclosure Commission report.

076809 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept Alpha Nail Construction bid for work on the Wawawai County Park large shelter beams and roof.

076810 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the purchase of LaserFiche licenses as recommended and detailed

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in the quote for \$6,466 including tax. Information Technology is able to absorb the costs for the additional licenses.

076811 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to enter into agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services (for the ESCO McKinstry 7IM proposal).

076811A 11A. Commissioner **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize Commissioner Swannack to construct and for the Board to sign a letter of support for the Pullman Civic Trust grant proposal to study the feasibility of rail banking and trail development along the Palouse River.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D076811B 12. The following correspondence was received:

076812 12A. The official call for the 2016 budget was received from the County Auditor.

076813 12B. An executed copy of the WA State Military Department contract amendment #E15-037B was received.

076814 12C. An executed/recorded copy of the agreement between Whitman County and Boost Collaborative was received.

076815 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey, Dean Cornelison, Robert Ward and Garth Meyer.

ACTION ITEMS:

076816 14. The regular meeting was recessed and a hearing convened by the Chairman for a proposed amendment to the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2015-2020).

Staff report provided by Mark Storey stating the purpose of the amendment is to revise the end point for the Almota Phase 4 project.

The hearing was opened to public comment. Hearing none, the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

076817 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners sign the resolution amending the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2015-2020).

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Six Year)
Transportation Improvement) **RESOLUTION NO. 076817**
Program (2015-2020))

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on the 20th day of July, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Public Hearing was published according to law and all present wishing to speak for or against said program have been heard; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the attached Six Year Transportation Improvement Program be adopted as presented.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dean Kinzer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

076818 **16.** The regular meeting was recessed and a hearing convened by the Chairman for the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2016-2021). The following items are proposed:

- 1. Miscellaneous Contraction
- 2. Countywide Overlays 2
- 3. Almota Road MP 7.96 to MP 11.56
- 4. Sand Road
- 5. Countywide Signing & Clear Zone Improvements
- 6. NBI Bridge Rating
- 7. Farmington Road Overlay
- 8. Countywide Overlays 4
- 9. Edmondson Bridge
- 10. Warner Road Overlay
- 11. Almota Road MP 5.82 to MP 7.96
- 12. Country Club Road
- 13. Pullman Airport Road
- 14. Hume Road
- 15. Green Hollow Road Curve MP 3.34 to MP 3.54
- 16. Green Hollow Road Grade MP 8.28 to MP 9.55
- 17. Blair Cut Off Road
- 18. Green Hollow Road Intersection MP 5.5 to MP 5.6

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

076819 **17.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners sign the resolution adopting the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2016-2021).

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Six Year)	
Transportation Improvement)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>076819</u>
Program (2016-2021))	

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on the 20th day of July, 2015; and
WHEREAS, Notice of the Public Hearing was published according to law and all present wishing to speak for or against said program have been heard; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer's Bridge Condition Report and the Road Priority Arrays were available to the Board of County Commissioners and were consulted during the preparation of the program in accordance with WAC 136-14-050 and WAC 136-20-060.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the attached Six Year Transportation Improvement Program be adopted as presented.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2015.

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10:45 a.m. - Alan Thomson and Jerry Basler

076820 18. The official transmittal for proposed amendment to Whitman County Code Title 19, Chapters 19.10, 19.16 and 19.30 was received.

The proposed amendments include changing temporary asphalt and concrete batch plants from a conditional use permit to an administrative use permit in Chapters 19.10 and 19.30 and adding recycling facilities to the list of conditional uses to Chapter 19.16.

076821 19. Commissioner Largent **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 19.10, 19.16 and 19.30), as stated in the unofficial transmittals, to be held in this room at 11:15 a.m. on August 17, 2015.

076822 20. The official transmittal for a proposed zone change for the Port of Whitman Colfax Airport involves rezoning 76 acres from Heavy Industrial to Airport Commercial was received. According to Jerry Basler, this request is just for the immediate area around the airport, the industrial portion will remain as is.

076823 21. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a public hearing to take public comment on a zone change to the Colfax Port of Whitman Colfax Airport, as stated in the unofficial transmittals, to be held in this room at 11:20 a.m. on August 17, 2015.

11:05 a.m. - Scott Cornelius.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D076823A 22. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

- Asphalt related work
- Limited staff due to harvest
- Repairing road damages
- Post-harvest graveling
- Surface water design phase/Landfill
- Safety project paint system
- Road safety system project
- Bridge work
- Road shoulder mowing
- Crane damage
- Planning Commission agenda items

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

D076823B 23. Approved documents signed.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mike Berney and Troy Henderson.

076824 24. Mr. Berney reviewed the regular GCBH Board meeting held July 2, 2015.

D076824A 24A. GCBH Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee Report:

The committee reported that GCBH year/biennium was successfully closed fiscally including increasing reserves to contractually required levels and distributing remaining Medicaid dollars.

D076824B 24B. Authorize the GCBH Chair to Sign Documents:

Contracts for Medicaid and State-only mental health services between the State and GCBH were expected but did not arrive as of the date of the June Board meeting. It is anticipated that the start date for these contracts will be July 1st which is prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. (**Note: contracts still had not arrived as of the July Board meeting.**)

The application for GCBH to become a Behavioral Health Organization (contract for both Mental Health and Chemical Dependency services) is ready and needs to be signed so that it can be sent to the State Department of Social and Health Services.

Whitman County voted to authorize the Chair to sign the BHO Application and the Medicaid/State-only contracts when they arrive. The vote was unanimous.

D076824C 24C. Regional Office Legislative Updates:

The state operating budget was passed. There are number of areas that will impact outpatient behavioral health services:

- Cutting the Mental Health Medicaid rate to the bottom of the actuarial range. It looks like this will mean a \$1M per month funding decrease to GCBH. Still seeking clarification about why the decrease is disproportionately impacting GCBH.
- Small increase to the Chemical Dependency Medicaid rate.
April 2016 integration funding
- Decrease funding due to federal IMD (Institute of Mental Disease) waiver

076825 24D. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it carried that Diane Miller be appointed as a designated mental health professional.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
DESIGNATED MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS UNDER RCW 71.05**

RESOLUTION NO. 076825

WHEREAS, Whitman County has responsibility for implementation of RCW 71.05 (Mental Illness) which mandates that a coordinated system of evaluation and treatment services be provided to involuntary patients and persons voluntarily seeking treatment for mental disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint Diane Miller as Designated Mental Health Professional, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law.

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that Diane Miller be appointed a Designated Mental Health Professional.

Done this 20th day of July 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dean Kinzer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

076826 **25.** Discussion about Regional Service Area (RSA) was held. The Board did receive a letter from the Whitman County Health Network supporting a change to the Spokane RSA.

Mr. Berney said Troy Henderson and he disagree about changing to the Spokane RSA. In his opinion, because the state is building this as they go the program is too fluid to make a change at this time. His focus is on what can be seen and what the HCA and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is telling them. One of the issues he happens to agree with is the concern that there would be a shift in the referral patterns, especially for physical medicine. Mr. Berney has been asking the state specific questions about this. The Health Care Authority (HCA) said they do not intend to do that as of today.

Mr. Henderson responded that the Board sent a letter to the HCA specifically addressing that issue. The official response from the HCA Director was, that is not their intention nor could she provide any guarantees.

Mr. Berney said he was told if the county doesn't change now they can't change later. Information received from both the HCA and DSHS indicates otherwise. Troy Henderson thought the county could make a change later, but the longer they wait the more difficult it will become. Mr. Berney agreed adding he knows of two counties that will initially join the Spokane RSA but will change after the original contract period expires.

Due to future planned transitions by HCA and DSHS and different answers to the same question by different state employees Mr. Berney was hesitant to join the Spokane RSA at this time. His overall concern is to ensure the needs of Whitman County residents are being met.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that due to the uncertainty of this issue it be tabled to September 21st and that Mr. Berney and Mr. Henderson come up with a plan for follow-up on this matter.

2:15 p.m. - Recess.

2:15 p.m. - Board of Health Convened.

Present: Troy Henderson, Michael Baker, Jeff Wilmoth, Chris Skidmore, Chelsea Cannard, Patricia Black, Meg Gallagher, Pete Martin (2:15 p.m.) and Tom Johnson (2:20 p.m.).

DIVISION UPDATES:

Health Officer:

076827 26. Mr. Henderson noted an increase in sexually transmitted diseases.

Environmental Health:

076828 27A. Chelsea Cannard reported on the Food Protection Program, inspections, complaints and temporary events. The Food Advisory Committee is discussing the possibility of being more firm about special event application deadlines and late fees.

D076828A 27B. Jeff Wilmoth talked about the Onsite Sewage Program that currently remains at an historic low. He is working on updating the county licensing test for onsite sewage installers and pumpers.

D076828B 27C. Michael Baker showed a news report video about the dangers of septic tank covers/safety measurers; GIS incorporated into all Environmental Health programs, sharing county GIS data with WSU and the City of Pullman and Avista on down water systems; fish DNA testing in Paradise Creek; bat tested positive for rabies in Spokane, bat tested negative for rabies in Whitman County; IEMC training; possible Campylobacteriosis, Salmonella and Ecoli cases reported/investigated; Megan Johns taking over many of Chelsea Cannard's responsibilities; and the return of 1,800 in fees to individuals/establishments.

D076828C 27D. Chris Skidmore's Living Environment report included complaints about squatters/solid waste accumulation issues, 3 known residences with no water/sewage systems in Whitman County (possible squatters) and water recreation facility inspections/grant availability.

Personal Health:

D076828D 28. Troy Henderson pointed out Whitman County remains Eboli-free.

Administrative:

D076828E 29. Troy Henderson reported Whitman Medical Group recently renewed their Jail Health services agreement for \$30,000/year effective August 1st for 13 months. This is a moderate increase over the \$26,400/year current agreement. Whitman Hospital will provide back-up for Jail Health services.

Next Meeting/Adjournment:

D076828F 30. The next Board of Health meeting is September 21st.

3:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Denis Tracy, Gary Petrovich and Mark Storey.

076829 31. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:30 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to pending or potential litigation.

3:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

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D076829A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 27, 2015** 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.

D076829B 32. Approved documents signed.

076830 32A. General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **317886-317905** for **\$379,719.42** and **317908-318021** for **\$346,551.61**.

076831-076835 32B. Personnel change orders.

D076835A 33. No Need for Tuesday, July 28, 2015 workshop.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey and Chris Nelson.

076836 34. The following items were discussed but no action taken.

- Pullman Civic Trust/WC Parks
- DOE/Columbia Basin Water
- Legal Settlement
- Martin Hall
- Fish Barriers
- 2016 Property Values/1%
- 2016 Revenues
- Hawkins Representative Visit
- LaserFiche Licenses
- Hatley Bridge
- Countywide Overlays #3
- Steptoe Bridge
- CRAB Requirement Changes
- Proposed Road/Bridge Vacations

076837 35. Tuesday, July 28, 2015 workshop cancelled.

10:40 a.m. - Adjournment.

D076837A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **July 20** and **27, 2015** 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 **August 3, 2015**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **July 2015**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners