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076880 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 17, 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, Chris Nelson (9:00 a.m.), Kelli Campbell and Troy Henderson (9:15 a.m.).

076881 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Sponsor Management Team Meeting
- HIPAA Review/Policy
- Public Records
- Volunteer Stewardship Program
- Columbia River Basin Letter
- Martin Hall CIP Contributions

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Flag Salute.

Present: Kara McMurray.

D076881A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

D076881B 3. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**.

076882 4. General Claims/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **318215-318232 and 318237** for **\$511,693.64** and **318251-318391** for **\$242,275.77** approved.

076883 5. August 3, 2015 minutes approved.

076884-076890 6. Personnel change orders approved.

076891 7. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize 2015 Board of Equalization to reconvene in accordance with R.C.W. 84.48.010.

076892 8. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize signing the 2016 Washington State Military Department contract #E16-008 for Whitcom operations funding.

10:35 a.m. - Paul Spencer.

078893 9. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the purchase of computer equipment as recommended and detailed in the quote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D076893A 10. The following correspondence was received:

076894 10A. The Board received a copy of the Associate Development Organization award letter sent to the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association by the Department of Commerce.

076895 10B. Notification of the availability of the Washington Counties Risk Pool annual report was received from the Executive Director, Vyrle Hill.

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076896 **10C.** A letter explaining the new streamlined notification process for marijuana and liquor license applications was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

076897 **11.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

10:55 a.m. - Whitman County Budget Amendment #1 Hearing.

Present: Cinnamon Brown and Kara McMurray.

076898 **12.** The Chairman recessed the regular meeting and convened the hearing for the 2015 budget amendment #1.

Staff report provided by Cinnamon Brown as follows:

Only three funds are affected; Current Expense, Emergency Communications and Capita Projects-Outside Sources creating an overall budget decrease from \$58,598,135 to \$58,399,899. The beginning fund balance was adjusted to offset the difference for Current Expense.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comment.

Commissioner Largent didn't feel ready to make a decision on the amendments today noting the \$87,000 impact to Current Expense.

Commissioner Swannack stated there is a \$200,000 operating reserve but that is to be used for unexpected expenses i.e. PERS contribution and not unplanned expenses throughout the year. Cinnamon Brown said much of the Current Expense amendments are for the increase in PERS contributions.

11:05 a.m. - Mark Storey and Jerry Basler.

Commissioner Largent questioned what the county's plan will be for the future because this is not a good trend. Cinnamon suggested a workshop with Current Expense departments requesting an amendment but Commissioner Largent preferred to meet with Gary Petrovich first to determine if we need further explanations from the departments.

Commissioner Swannack concurred and added that the Board needs to know where we are revenue-wise more accurately than what they know today to determine if they can accommodate the amendment requests.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

076899 **13.** Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to table agenda item #13 until August 31st.

11:00 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey, Jerry Basler and Paul Spencer.

ACTION ITEMS:

076900 **14.** The Chairman recessed the regular meeting and convened the hearing for proposed revisions to Whitman County Code Title 19.

Staff report provided by Jerry Basler to approve 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 in Chapter 19.16.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

Staff recommended adopting the Whitman County Code revisions as presented.

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

076901 15. Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the Planning commission's recommendation to approve amending the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance Chapters 19.10 Agricultural District, 19.16 South Pullman Moscow Corridor District and 19.30 Light Industrial District.

ORDINANCE NO. 076901

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.10 - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, CHAPTER 19.16 - SOUTH PULLMAN-MOSCOW CORRIDOR DISTRICT and CHAPTER 19.30 - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, to approve 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., as described in the proposed ordinance hereto attached and made a part of by reference. These changes are consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Planning Department's Recommendations and Findings of Fact, after the Board's public hearing and adoption of Findings of Fact.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, on the 17th day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dean Kinzer, Chairman

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Michael Largent, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

The full text of the code revisions is available in the Commissioners and Planning Offices.

11:20 a.m. - Garth Meyer.

076902 16. The Chairman recessed the regular meeting and convened the hearing for the proposed Port of Whitman Colfax Airport zone change.

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Staff report provided by Jerry Basler to change the zoning for the Port of Whitman County for 76 acres from Heavy Industrial to Airport Commercial for property located west of Colfax, WA off Colfax Airport Road.

The hearing was opened to public comment.

Staff recommended adoption of the proposed zone change.

There being none, the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

076903 **17.** Commissioner Swannack moved Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the Findings of Fact, the Planning Commission's recommendations and to approve the Port of Whitman County zone change at the Colfax Airport of 76 acres from the Heavy Industrial District to Airport Commercial District.

ORDINANCE NO. 076903

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO AIRPORT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commission that these should be accepted and this action is consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.

Change the zoning for the Port of Whitman County for 76 acres from Heavy Industrial to Airport Commercial for property located west of Colfax, WA off Colfax Airport Road, bordered by Airport Road in Section's 20, 21, Township 16 N., Range 43 E. Willamette Meridian, Whitman County, Washington.

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DIVISION UPDATES:

D076903A **18.** The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D076903B **18A.** Hatley Bridge is now open to thru traffic; out to bid on county overlays #3 project.

Maintenance Division:

D076903C **18B.** Crews are scheduled to perform work on the Hammer Grade Road this week; trying to get graders out; budget is allowing for additional gravel on roads this fall,

Planning Division:

D076903D 18C. In Alan Thomson's absence, Mark Storey participated in a webinar about how the FEMA floodplain maps are being revised.

D076903E 19. Approved documents signed.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mike Berney and Rhonda Allinger of Palouse River Counseling.

076904 20. Mr. Berney reviewed the items discussed at the August 6th Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) Board meeting.

D076904A 20A. Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee:

Although the committee did not meet in July however a number of fiscal items were reviewed by the Board of Directors.

- Mental Health Medicaid rates were cut in the first check to GCBH for the new biennium for approximately \$1 million per month.
- Mental Health State-only funding increased slightly.
- Chemical Dependency Medicaid rates were increased slightly until April 1, 2016.

D076904B 20B. Contracts/Applications between DSHS and GCBH:

- Biennial contracts for Medicaid, State-only, and Mental Health Block Grant services finally arrived and were signed.
- Greater Columbia's application to become a Behavioral Health Organization (contract for both Mental Health and Chemical Dependency services) was received by the State Department of Social and Health Services. GCBH will be working with Tri-West to complete the detailed application.

D076904C 20C. Regional Office:

Request by staff for a new Professional Services agreement with Will Clemer to run through the end of the year. Whitman County voted in favor of the new agreement and the vote was unanimous.

D076904D 20D. Reallocating Eastern State Hospital Beds:

The State has given the eastside Regional Support Networks until the end of August to come up with a new allocation or the State will use its formula. Both Chelan/Douglas and Spokane RSNs would like some of the beds currently allocated to GCBH. To GCBH, not reallocating beds is a matter of fairness. GCBH is doing what it is supposed to do but is being penalized for it. A representative from GCBH will meet with Senator Parlet before any other steps are considered. In the past she has been supportive of "renting beds" but the previous Attorney General was not. This issue may need additional advocacy in the future.

076904E 20E. Palouse River Counseling:

Decommissioning Stephanie Wilmore as a Designated Mental Health Professional for Whitman County.

D076904F 20F. Healthcare reform in Washington State (i.e. Regional Service Agencies)

1:50 p.m. - Recess.

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076905 21. Cancelled.

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

Present: Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt.

076906 22. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 4:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

4:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

D076906A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 24, 2015** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Dean Kinzer, Michael Largent and Arthur D Swannack, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D076906B 22A. Approved documents signed.

076907-076908 23. General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **318426-318492** for **\$744,514.99**.

076909-076912 24. Personnel change orders.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey and Chris Nelson.

076913 25. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- SEWEDA
- VSP
- Health Dept.
- GFOA Sponsor Team

10:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D076913A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **August 17** and **24, 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 31, 2015**. The foregoing action made this **24th** day of **August 2015**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners