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079212 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 21, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.** Chairman Arthur D Swannack, Dean Kinzer and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:15 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich and Kara McMurray.

079213 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Accountable Communities of Health
- Loan Moratorium/Policy
- Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy

8:55 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Present: Kara McMurray.

D079213A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

079214 3. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

079215 4. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$271,328.39**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **331300-331378** for **\$216,971.48** approved.

079216 5. July 3, 2017 minutes approved.

079217-079221 6. Personnel change orders approved.

079222 7. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Bob McKean to a 4-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/19 on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee representing District #3.

079223 8. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve changes to credit card accounts as submitted by the Auditor.

079224 9. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to discontinue contracting with CGI for a video tour of the county on the county's website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D079224A 10. The following correspondence was received:

079225 10A. Information pertaining to the annexation of land into Public Hospital District #1A (Pullman) was received.

079226 10B. Confirmation of mediations for the Public Works bargaining unit received.

079227 10C. An executed copy of the 2017-2019 Courthouse bargaining unit agreement received.

079228 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D079228A 12. Approved documents signed.

9:10 a.m. - Recess.

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079229 **12A.** A 94%-96% solar eclipse was observed today during recess.

1:15 p.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey, Brandon Kruger, Mike Berney, Troy Henderson, Gary Petrovich and Garth Meyer.

079230 **12A.** The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

079231 **13.** Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Conservation Commission contract for VSP.

079232 **14.** No action was taken on the Farmington Road Overlay contract.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D079232A **15.** The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D079232B **15A.** Update received on the Farmington Road Overlay, Endicott/St. John Road guardrail and Steptoe Canyon #2 Bridge projects.

Solid Waste Division:

D079232C **15B.** Landfill effluent and water tank contractor mobilizing today; kicked off Cell 1, 2 and 3 rehabilitation work last week.

Maintenance Division:

D079232D **15C.** Oakesdale Shop floor project nearly completed, routine maintenance work occurring, addressing complaints while trying not to impede harvest traffic, interviewing for the District 2 foreman position the Hamilton Hill Road is temporarily closed due to grain truck on its side.

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

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

079233 **16.** Mr. Berney reviewed the special meeting held on July 20, 2017 and the regular meeting held on August 3, 2017 of the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Organization (GCBH) Board of Directors.

D079233A **16A. Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee Report:**

The Committee met on July 18th. The Committee forwarded recommendations in four areas to the Board of Directors and had one new update to report:

- That the Chair appoint a new member to the committee.
- That the Board approve new rates for Substance Use Disorder Residential Providers in two categories.
- That the Board approve a new Corporate Compliance Policy relating to the GCBH Operating Budget for FY 18/19.
- That the Board approve the new Funding Policy (with only one significant change from the previous version).
- Updates included:
 - Due to increased complexity (numbers of providers, data quality) GCBH has not been able to fiscally close the last biennium (15-17). This means that exact numbers for "funds available for distribution" have not been calculated and thus cannot be distributed. This is largely due to SUD residential providers (GCBH has always had one of the easier billing procedures) and will be taken up by the Funding Committee at its August meeting.
 - Eastern State Hospital Penalty money, from the 15/17 biennium, is being distributed.

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Whitman County voted in favor of all recommendations. All motions passed unanimously. Commissioner Largent voted on the Funding Policy on behalf of Whitman County.

D079233B 16B. Regional Office Update:

- From the Contracts Manager:
 - Ten Contracts and amendments were presented. The amendments are for 3 months
- No luck in convincing the State that they are misinterpreting the statute that set up the Regional Support Networks.
 - ❖ The easiest fix seems to be to establish a Limited Liability Corporation. North Sound BHO has been one for 1.5 years. This format may be advantageous as Greater Columbia moves into the future.
 - ❖ It was recommended that the attorney draft proposed language for review by the member Counties.
- Counties may need to weigh in again on how full integration will look in our area. There is a push for more areas to be early adopters. See item under "Other Issues".
- From the Director:
 - Statewide much confusion about the role of ACHs
 - Statewide there is great difficulty getting data from SUD residential providers
 - The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) has been at the Regional Office during the first week in August.

Whitman County voted in favor of authorizing the Chair to sign the contracts/amendments. The vote was unanimous.

D079233C 16C. Discussion Regarding 10 Bed Loan Request:

The Spokane Behavioral Health Organization has requested that Greater Columbia continue to loan them 10 beds at Eastern State Hospital (ESH) during the 17-19 biennium. The Board established conditions for the continued loaning of the 10 beds and these conditions were communicated to SBHO in a draft agreement/letter. SBHO communicated back to GCBH with suggested changes to the proposed agreement.

- It was the consensus of the Board that a letter should be drafted to SBHO terminating the loan of the 10 ESH beds.
- Spokane BHO has requested that the State look at the allocation of beds again.

Whitman County was in favor of drafting the termination letter.

079234 17. Mental Health Evaluation Reimbursement:

According to Mr. Berney no action was necessary regarding county eligibility for mental health reimbursement for local evaluation services.

079235 18. Greater Columbia Affordable Communities of Health/Mid-Adopters Update:

A letter was sent by GCBH to the Health Care Authority (HCA) regarding some questions they have. HCA representatives will be attending the GCBH meeting on September 3rd.

As of August 3rd the HCA Director left. The new Director wants to negotiate terms of the contract. Mr. Berney questioned a stance of negotiations since full integration will happen anyway.

The issue among commissioners has been about ACH and how much overhead they are charging against the contract. Behavioral Health Organizations and counties have the right of first refusal to become the Administrative Services Organizations (ASOs) under full integration.

A vote was taken by the Whitman County Health Network about opting in as a mid-month adopter and they recommended the same to the Whitman County Commissioners.

Commissioner Largent voiced his concern about signing a letter opting in without knowing what the county was agreeing to. Troy Henderson said a letter before a resolution would eliminate any need for negotiations.

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Commissioner Largent suggested adopting a letter of support as a mid-adopter and sending it to HCA just prior to the September 15th deadline with the understanding the contract will be negotiated.

There being no further discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Largent **seconded** by Commissioner Kinzer and **carried** that a letter be sent prior to the September 15th deadline unless we hear differently before the deadline that the opt-in date has been extended and negotiations are in progress.

2:15 p.m. - Recess.

D079235A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 28, 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.

D079235B 19. Approved consent agenda items signed.

079236 20. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$110,772.72**, Payroll warrants numbered **331392-331407** for **\$379,333.44** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **331411-331482** for **\$193,931.99** approved.

079237-079240 21. Personnel change orders.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Alan Thomson, Bill Tensfeld, Kelli Campbell and Kara McMurray (9:05 a.m.) and Troy Henderson (10:20 a.m.).

079241-079242 22. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- WSAC/Economic Develop. Rep.
- Oakesdale Trestle
- VSP Coordinator
- BOE/HIRST
- SEWEDA/.09
- Avista-RDI/.09
- Steptoe Cleanup
- PWD Staffing
- WRCIP Retreat
- Non-Insured Risks
- 2018 Budget
- 2017 Budget Amendment #2
- Ethics/Code of Conduct Policy

11:30 a.m. - Adjournment.

D079241A Commissioner Kinzer **moved** to adjourn the **August 21 and 28, 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 **September 5, 2017**. The foregoing action made this **28th** day of **August 2017**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners