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076982 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 21, 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: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Cinnamon Brown, Bob Reynolds, Bill Spence (9:00 a.m.), Kelli Campbell and Annie Pillers (9:10 a.m.).

076983 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- League of Women Voters
- Palouse Basin Water Summit Support
- SSRS Permissions
- Landfill Farmland Lease
- Asbestos Quotes
- Fire Alarm Recertification
- Fairgrounds Cleanup
- New World Conference
- WFOA Conference
- County Partnerships
- Outsourcing
- Deputy Coroners
- Coroners Budget
- Marijuana Court Case

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bill Spence and Kara McMurray.

D076983A 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

D076983B 3. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**.

076984 4. General Claims/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **318679-318695** for **\$503,453.19** and **318831-318914** for **\$294,013.30** approved.

076985 5. September 8, 2015 minutes approved.

076986-076991 6. Personnel change orders approved.

076992 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of hearing for the 2016 Whitman County budget.

076993 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize Chairman to sign the 2015 - 3rd quarter PDC lobbyist report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D076993A 9. The following correspondence was received:

076994 9A. The marijuana license (#10) for Squires Forest, Rosalia, WA was approved for alterations by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

076995 9B. Notice was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board that that Three G Farms, Endicott WA license is due to expire 02/29/16.

076996 9C. Levy amounts for 2016 received from the Pullman School District.

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076997 9D. An executed copy of the DSHS Developmental Services County Program agreement #1563-44671 for 07/01/15 thru 06/30/16 received.

076998 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:45 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey, Dean Cornelison and Garth Meyer.

ACTION ITEMS:

076999 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Whitman County Commissioners sign the resolution changing the beginning milepost on the Almota Road Phase 4 project as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 076999
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the matter of revising a county road project designated as C.R.P. No. 8000-8, Project No. XFR1002.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Almota Road, County Road No. 8000 from milepost 7.96 to milepost 11.56 be improved as follows:

Grading, draining, widening, improving sight distance and surfacing.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$ 250,000.00
Contract	<u>\$3,860,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$4,110,000.00</u>

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 5 in 2010 STIP.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: October 31, 2010
ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 31, 2016

ADOPTED this 21st day of September 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

DIVISION UPDATES:

D076999A 12. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D076999B 12A. Countywide overlay #3 has begun on Dry Creek Road; work on the Rosalia Road will be postponed until spring due to geogrid supplies and weather related issues.

Maintenance Division:

D076999C 12B. District crews are hauling gravel, ditching, performing fall maintenance work, replacing some culverts and grading.

Solid Waste Division:

D076999D 12C. Repairs to the Landfill facility should be completed in a few weeks.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

D076999E 13. Approved documents signed.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH), Candice Beathard and Troy Henderson.

077000 14. Mr. Berney reviewed the GCBH Board meeting held September 3, 2015.

D077000A 14A. Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee:

The committee forwarded two recommendations to the Board of Directors from its August meeting and reported on a number of additional issues.

- Recommend that GCBH pay the State-only portion of the Yakima PACT Team for no longer than December 2015. Funding for this program does not show in our current contract but it does for the Benton/Franklin PACT Team. The State has said they will correct this with the next amendment. The Yakima Team is already up and functioning. Note: After the Committee meeting the State confirmed the funding is in the contract, just not listed separately.
- Recommend that distribution of Jail Proviso funding be authorized. No proviso funding was included in the GCBH 15-17 biennial budget since the State budget drafts at that time did not include it. The final State Operating Budget did include these funds.
- As anticipated Mental Health Medicaid rates were cut in the first check to GCBH of the new biennium (approximately 1M per month). It now appears likely that this cut will be increased by an additional \$70 million Statewide. The State is planning on doing a re-base of the Medicaid rates before the end of the year.

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- For the first time in over 10 years GCBH Medicaid cash flow was negative for a month. This was due to a severe slowdown, after July 1st, in the "kick" payments from the State for children in the new intensive outpatient program (WISE).
- Continue to struggle with how to fund chemical dependency services, after April 2016 since the State data is so bad. In addition, legislative staff reduced funding for administration after April 1st.

Whitman County voted in favor of both recommendations passing unanimously.

D077000B 14B. Need to Revise Interlocal Agreement Creating GCBH:

The State is requiring the Regional Support Networks (RSNs) that are planning on becoming Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs) to be able to do so by January 1, 2016 even though they will still function as RSNs until April of 2016. Only relatively minor changes are anticipated to the current Interlocal Agreement but it will need to happen fairly quickly with Prosecutor involvement. Mr. Berney will have the County Prosecutor review the revised agreement.

D076000C 14C. Regional Office Update:

- The State is trying to determine what impact some of the mental health laws passed during the last session will have on workload and thus Medicaid rates.
- Update provided on reallocating Eastern State Hospital Beds. The State has given the 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 (rumor) and Spokane RSNs (fact) 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 and any reduction would mean being penalized for it. A representative from GCBH has not yet had a chance to meet with Senator Parlet. 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.

D077000D 14D. There were no questions regarding the Community Competency letter sent to the Commissioners.

077001 15. Healthcare reform in Washington State (i.e. Regional Service Agencies): Mr. Berney has spoken with the author of the letter received regarding this issue. There has now been more clarity in terms of process for switching from Mental Health, Chemical Dependency to a combined human health, mental health, chemical dependency and eventually combining behavioral health and physical medicine of which the lead part of this is the Medicaid program. They are also utilizing the Health Care Authority.

The Whitman County Health Network has come up with a compromise. As the system transitions thru this process, the Network is comfortable remaining with GCBH for the mental health and chemical dependency combination piece. Mr. Berney was also comfortable with the idea of saying to the state that Whitman County believes most referrals go towards the Spokane area and then as the integration between physical medicine and behavioral health starts to take hold around 2019-2020 Whitman County would be looking more towards Spokane direction and thus better health together. The reality is that GC RSN or the Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) goes away at that same time as do all other RSN's. Mr. Berney thought it is a reasonable transition process.

Troy Henderson said previously the Whitman County hospitals wanted to be aligned with Spokane. In the process of working on a consensus, Mr. Berney asked if the hospitals could stay with GCBH for a period of time because down the road, they will be disappearing. However, they do want to send a letter that says they ultimately see Whitman County with Spokane but we are not in a hurry. They just want to know that if Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for physical health are impacted they want to be aligned with Spokane for that. What the Network agreed to do is to prepare a new

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letter that says we are comfortable with where we are now. As we proceed through this transition and as this process matures Whitman County ultimately see ourselves with the Spokane RSA. Mr. Henderson added it looks like the Whitman County Health Network is now 100% in favor of this transition and all concerns have now been resolved. A letter will be forthcoming from the Network stating the same.

According to Mr. Henderson, the Washington State Health Care Authority is calling the shots and will provide guidance in the future on how to switch to another RSA but it must be approved by the county commissioners.

Mr. Berney said it appears now this would be in the best interest of GCBH. As they transition into mental health and chemical dependency come together he thought Whitman County is benefitted by being part of GCBH since we have experience with them and they are using a much more modern model than Spokane. As we transition to the integration of physical medicine, Whitman County would move to Better Health Together, a subgroup of Empire Health designated to handle this integration. Based on the rules available today, Mr. Berney felt it is in Whitman County's best interest to identify the desire to transition to something different but to do it on our own timeline and focus north to Spokane. From the information available, it appears there will no longer be RSN's. Most money will flow through insurance companies and they will be required to have statewide networks.

The commissioners will await a letter from the Whitman County Health Care Network confirming it is in favor of the transition as opposed to their previous opinion.

2:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Troy Henderson, Michael Baker, Jeff Wilmoth, Chris Skidmore, Candice Beathard, Mike Berney, Josh Babcock and Evan Ellis.

DIVISION UPDATES:

Health Officer:

D077001A 16. On behalf of Dr. Bowman, Mr. Henderson said there have been 6 cases of Influenza A & B. Outside sources indicate flu shot clinics will be held in November.

D077001B 16A. Mr. Henderson talked about the peanut manufacturer who knowingly shipped peanuts testing positive for Salmonella.

Environmental Health:

077002 17. Michael Baker said there has been some shifting of responsibilities upon the resignation of Ms. Cannard. The remaining staff is sharing the duties Ms. Cannard was previously responsible for.

D077002A 17A. To date there has been 174 food inspections; since July 5 new food establishments have opened; extremely busy with temporary events; working on FDA food program standardization. WSU is also being trained in the standardization inspection process. The focus is more of a risk-based inspection. The state will be on-site within the next year for standardization of the full inspection process at WSU food establishments.

D077002B 17B. The revised fee schedule took effect January 1st and Mr. Baker will be performing a comparison to ensure that the fees are covering costs and if not, they may have to revise the fees again.

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D077002C 17C. Food violations have been consistent this year with the improper holding of cold foods. Next week is the Food Advisory Committee meeting and they will be talking about how to better address this problem.

D077002D 17D. Jeff Wilmoth pointed out that the number of on-site sewage picked dramatically; the biggest increase has been the pumper reports and that information will be used to create a data base for on-site systems.

D077002E 17E. This week has been proclaimed by the Governor as "Septic Smart Week".

D077002F 17F. Regional fires in Washington and Idaho blanketed Whitman County for several days causing the Health Officer to issue a Public Health Advisory due to poor air quality. Surprisingly, Mr. Baker said the number of respiratory cases seen at the hospitals did not increase. The Department worked with WSU, Schweitzer Engineering and Pullman Transit on air quality issues and delivered masks to Pullman Transit employees.

D077002G 17G. Mr. Baker explained how Environmental Health is working to be more efficient with what they have.

D077002H 17H. Chris Skidmore said he has been working with the Landfill since the CPG dollars were cut this year impacting Solid Waste more than Environmental Health. By partnering with the Landfill and the Clearwater Environmental Institute, Environmental Health's CPG dollars is being used for educational outreach as part of the grant requirements.

D077002I 17I. The Northwest Stewardship Council spoke at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting about adopting the Paint Product Stewardship program. This approach shifts the financial and physical responsibility for end-of-life management of consumer products from local government to those who benefit economically from the sale of the products to those who use the products.

D077002J 17J. All of the seasonally permitted water recreation facilities have received a full inspection at least once during 2015. In October, Mr. Skidmore will be sending letters to owners of outlying community pools in order to provide resources and information about applying for grant money to make improvements to their facilities.

Personal Health:

D077002K 18. No report.

Administrative:

D077002L 19. Troy Henderson gave a brief staffing update.

077003 20. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Chairman signed the Professional Services contract with Candice Beathard as presented.

D077003A 21. Planned Parenthood approached Mr. Henderson and requested he ask the Board to consider temporarily leasing them office space at the Pullman Public Health office on Thursdays/Fridays until their offices are rebuilt. This is something the County Commissioners would have to act on and is just informational for the Board of Health. Evan Ellis asked if or when this item will be before the Board of County Commissioners. However, as of this time no request has been submitted to the County Commissioners. Commissioner Kinzer indicated the county needs to tread carefully because the county does not want to compete with the private sector in leasing out available space. Planned Parenthood needs to exhaust other entities and directions. Upon inquiry, Commissioner Kinzer said in his opinion, they are done with this issue unless they find out that there is absolutely no other Pullman office space available.

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Next Meeting/Adjournment:

D077003B 22. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adjourn the Board of Health. The next Board of Health meeting is November 16th.

2:25 p.m. - Reconvene BOCC Meeting/Board Business Continued/Recess.

D077003C THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 22, 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/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Jon Kaino and Kelli Campbell.

077004 23. Mr. Kaino provided a WCIF update but no action was taken.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

D0770004A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 28, 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.

D077004B 23B. Approved documents signed.

077005 24. General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **318939-318957** for **\$387,361.13** and **318960-319044** for **\$158,324.86**.

077006-077008 25. Personnel change orders.

D077008A 26. Need for 09/29/15 workshop.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Cinnamon Brown, Mark Storey, Bob Reynolds (9:00 a.m.) and Mark Clinton (10:00 a.m.).

077009 27. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Farmland Lease/CRP
- Martin Hall
- Workforce Development
- SAO BARS Roundtable
- John Wayne Trail
- Voluntary Stewardship
- Original Colfax Hosp.
- Avista Community Academy
- Mayors Roundtable
- 2016 WSAC Dues
- WSL&CB
- Veterans Conference
- Treasurers Training-NW
- Sheriff's Body Cameras
- Treasurer's Cash Mgmt.
- Fair/Facilities Report
- Auditor's Staffing
- 2016 Budget/Process

11:00 a.m. - Recess.

D077009A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 29, 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/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Chris Nelson and Cinnamon Brown.

077010 28. The following item was discussed but no action was taken.

- SSRS Permissions
- Sheriff's Body Cameras
- GFOA
- State Trails

11:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D077010A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **September 21, 22, 28, and 29, 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 **October 5, 2015**. The foregoing action made this **29th** day of **September 2015**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners