

Minutes for October 7, 2013

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074654 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 7, 2013 at 8:45 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Arthur Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:45 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Sally Ousley (8:45 a.m.) and Bill Spence (8:55 a.m.).

074655 1. The items discussed included PBAC and the Shoreline Management contract. No action taken.

8:55 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Present: Dan Harwood, Nancy Hubler, Mike Denny, Raymond Brown, Jennifer Boie, Kim Weerts and Sally Ousley.

D074655A 2. Flag Salute.

Consent Agenda:

074655B 3. Motion by Commissioner Swannack to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Kinzer and **carried**.

074656-074658 4. General Claims/Veterans/Payroll warrants numbered **306292-306382** for **\$248,632.18** approved.

074659 5. September 30, 2013 minutes approved.

074660-074663 6. Personnel change orders approved.

074664 7. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** reappointing David Tysz to a 6-year term on the Water Conservancy Board. Mr. Tysz term will expire 07/16/19.

**RESOLUTION NO. 074664
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WHITMAN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD.

WHEREAS, water conservancy boards were authorized pursuant to SHB-1272 in 1997 and later amended by the legislature in 2001 to allow Water conservancy Board member to be increased from three to five; and,

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WHEREAS, Whitman County is in need of filling an expired term on the local Water Conservancy Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Whitman County Commissioners does hereby reappoint: **David Tysz of Tekoa, WA (Whitman County Resident) to a six-year term;** and,

This term begins **July 17, 2013** and expires **July 16, 2019**. The Water Conservancy Board will function within the geographical borders of Whitman County, exercising administrative powers enumerated within Title 90 R.C.W. and the attached bylaws; and,

Dated this **7th** day of **October, 2013** and effective retroactive to July 17, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

074665 8. A letter was received from the Port of Whitman regarding inconsistent road names at the Port of Wilma.

074666 8A. Information was received from the Washington State Auditor about the look of future audit reports on financial statements.

074667 8B. Notice was received from the Department of Commerce advising that the CDBG-PS grant #10-64100-011 was administratively closed September 25, 2013.

074668 8C. An email was received from Michelle Hendrickson and forwarded to Public Works regarding the condition of the Palouse Albion Road.

074669 9. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Conservation District Representatives.

Present: Dan Hardwood, Nancy Hubler, Jennifer Boie, Raymond Brown, Mike Denny, Kim Weerts, John Pearson and Sally Ousley.

074670 10. Mike Denny SE Area Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Coordinator explained the program, eligibility for the program, training, and job creation.

074670A Nancy Hubler, Whitman Conservation District Director presented a handout and gave an overview of the Districts' objections pertaining to water

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quality/livestock and soil quality. She also mentioned events and processes the District has been involved with.

074670B Jennifer Boie, Palouse Conservation District Director distributed information summarizing the District's plans for 2014 and its past accomplishments as well as voluntary, incentive-based programs to assist landowners and agricultural operators.

D074670C Raymond Brown, Pine Creek Conservation District Director also provided a brief synopsis of the Districts current and past programs.

074670D Dan Hardwood, Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District Director gave a quick update on their on-going and completed projects.

Mike Denny said he would like a meeting with the commissioners and conservation district directors to be an annual event to keep the Board advised on what the districts are doing since they do use a large amount of public funds.

10:55 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Phil Meyer, Alan Thomson, Scott Ackerman and Sally Ousley.

ACTION ITEMS

074671 **11.** Hearing convened by the Chairman for the proposed vacation of alleyways in Johnson. Staff report provided by Mark Storey as follows: The alleyways in Block 9 in the original Town of Johnson do not exist and are being used as yards and pasture ground by the adjacent landowners. The alleyways are not needed for the public and should no longer be in the county transportation system. Therefore Mr. Storey recommended the alleyways in Block 9 in the Original Town of Johnson be vacated and abandoned by the county. The Chairman opened the hearing to public comment. There being none, the hearing was adjourned.

074672 **12.** Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution to vacate and abandon all of the alleyways in Block 9 within the Town of Johnson be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to Vacate)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>074672</u>
and Abandon all of the Alleyways in)	
Block 9, Original Town of Johnson, in)	
the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 13)	
North, Range 45 East, W.M., Whitman)	RESOLUTION VACATING
County, WA)	

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon all the alleyways in Block 9, Original Town of Johnson, in the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 45 East, W. M., Whitman County, WA on the 16th day of September, 2013.

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve all said alleyways in said Block 9, Original Town of Johnson for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of all said alleyways in said Block 9, Original Town of Johnson.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 7th day of October, 2013, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of said alleyways in Block 9, Original Town of Johnson is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all the alleyways in Block 9, Original Town of Johnson, in the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 45 East, W. M., Whitman County, WA, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington this 7th day of October, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Dean Kinzer, Commissioner

D074672A 13. The resolution for quarry lease prices will be presented at a later date.

074673 14. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt Whitman County's Action Plan for PBAC be signed as presented.

D074673A 15. The consultant agreement for revising the county's Shoreline Management plan that includes 7 cities/towns was before the Board. This required revision is being funded by the Department of Ecology. Although the document is not yet available, the Director requested the Board approve signing the contract when received. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and the Watershed Company for Shoreline Management Planning be signed when received.

074674 16. The official zone change transmittal filed by N-Hot Water LLC for 4.21 and 1.07 acre parcels was received from the Planner.

074675 17. Commissioner Kinzer **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the decision on amending the Whitman County Zoning

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Map for the proposed N-Hot Water LLC zone change, changing a 4.21 acre parcel and a 1.07 acre parcel from the Agricultural District to a Heavy Industrial District, to be held in this room at 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 2013.

074676 18. The official transmittal for proposed revisions to the Critical Areas ordinance was received from the Planner.

074677 19. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a public hearing to take public comment on amending the Whitman County Zoning ordinance by replacing Chapter 9.10-Wetlands; Chapter 9.20-Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas; Chapter 9.40-Critical Aquifer Recharge Area Designation and Prevention; and Chapter 19.50-Flood Management Overlay District with Chapter 9.05-Critical Areas, to be held in this room at 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 2013.

DIVISION UPDATES

Maintenance Division:

D074677A 20. Paint striping should be completed in a couple weeks and general maintenance is occurring countywide.

074678 21. Financial review scheduled for 11:30 a.m. was cancelled.

D074678A 22. Approved documents signed.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

074679 23. Executive Session cancelled.

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

Present: Dan LeBeau, Eunice Coker, Lori Nails, Jill Wheltzel, Michele Beckmann, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer.

074680 24. Dan LeBeau, Chair of the Classification Committee made a proposal to the Board for non-represented employees noting it is much the same as the Committee's 2013 proposal. The Committee is requesting a 2% step and 2% "catch-up" for the 2014 budget. The impact to the 2014 budget is approximately \$45,000. Lori Nails added in 2012 the Committee made a proposal to the Board for a 6% "catch up" increase over a 3-year period. Chairman Largent requested a written recommendation and the reasoning behind it.

A general discussion about the Classification System and how to maintain the system with declining revenues ensued. Mr. LeBeau said the committee will spend the next 8-9 months developing a more workable system. No action taken by the Board at this time.

3:50 p.m. - Recess.

D074680A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

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at **10:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

074681 25. Workshop scheduled for 9 a.m. was cancelled.

10:00 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Bob Lothspeich (10:00 a.m.) and Bill Tensfeld (11:00 a.m.).

074682 26. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Denis Tracy, Bill Druffel, Kristina Cooper (1:00 p.m.), Tim Myers (2:00 p.m.).

D074682A 27. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

D074682B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Cinnamon Brown, Doug Robinson and Marlynn Markley (8:00 a.m.).

074683 28. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

9:00 a.m. - Recess.

9:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Cinnamon Brown and Joe Reynolds (9:30 a.m.).

D074683A 29. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Cinnamon Brown, Peggy Wright, Bud Mills, Nicole Eaton and Greg Jones (11:00 a.m.).

D074683B 30. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

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12:00 p.m. - Recess.

D074683C THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich and Eunice Coker (1:00 p.m.), Brett Myers (2:00 p.m.) and Pete Martin (3:00 p.m.).

074684 31. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D074684A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich, Kelli Campbell, Bill Spence, Bill McKee and Sally Ousley.

074685 32. Items discussed included Prosecutor's diversion program, I-502, Finance Committee/Accounting, internal auditing, Pullman County joint meeting, cyber bullying, legislative meeting and SERF Board vacancy. No action taken.

D074685A 33. Approved documents signed.

074686 33A. General/Veterans/Payroll warrants numbered **306383-306404** for **\$272,882.74** and **306413-306551** for **\$156,708.78**.

074687-074701 33B. Personnel change orders.

074702 33C. Contract between Whitman County and The Watershed Company for updating the Shoreline Management Plan signed.

D074702A 33D. Workshop scheduled for 9 a.m. was cancelled.

074703 34. Executive session scheduled for 10 a.m. was cancelled.

074704 35. Workshop scheduled for 11 a.m. was cancelled.

D074704A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:30 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Cinnamon Brown, Shirley Bafus (8:30 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (9:00 a.m.).

074705-074706 36-37. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

D074706A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Thursday, October 17, 2013** at **8:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Art Swannack and Dean Kinzer, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Cinnamon Brown, Dave Frazier and Sonya Goldsby (8:00 a.m.).

074707 38. Continuation of the 2014 budget reviews held. No action taken.

8:30 a.m. - Adjournment.

D074707A Commissioner Kinzer **moved** to adjourn the **October 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15** and **17, 2013** 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 21, 2013**. The foregoing action made this **15th** day of **October 2013**.

ss/ ARTHUR SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ DEAN KINZER, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners