

Minutes for October 29, 2012

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073506 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Bill Spence, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

073507 1. Items discussed included the 2012 general fund status, the 2009-2013 cash flow, Divco service agreements (HVAC/Fire Alarms), Colfax Airport Road closure and the 2013 proposed employee medical premiums. No action taken.

9:15 a.m. - Executive Session.

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

073508 2. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 10:00 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

10:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Steve Bruchman, Phil Herman, Kris Thompson, Karen Johnson, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Byron Bedirian, David Ledbetter, Steve Salzman, Michele Beckmann, Valerie Hunt, Susan Nelson, Joan Willson, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

D073508A 3. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

073509 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **266304-266321** and **266348-266431** for **\$595,937.88** approved.

073510 5. Veterans' relief claim approved.

073511 6. October 15, 2012 minutes approved.

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073512-073515 7. Personnel change orders approved.

073516 8. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 3rd quarter Public Disclosure lobbying report.

073517 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to regretfully accept David "Pete" Hertz' resignation from the Planning Commission.

073518 10. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2012 Solid Waste Bargaining Unit agreement (12/31/12).

10:10 a.m. - 2013 Employee Medical Insurance Carrier, Plans and Rates.

Present: Kelli Campbell, Debbie Hooper, Jamie Kinley, Lyndsey Stovall, Micki Terrell Steve Bruchman, Phil Herman, Kris Thompson, Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Byron Bedirian, David Ledbetter, Steve Salzman, Michele Beckmann, Valerie Hunt, Susan Nelson, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

073519 11. Kelli Campbell said today's meeting is to discuss the 2013 employee medical insurance. Goals developed by the Board and Human Resources and sometimes coupled with bargaining units were reviewed as follows:

- Rate stability for the county and employees,
- Building relationships with the carrier,
- Internal issues,
- Flexibility of plan design,
- Customizing county contributions,
- Claims data, and
- Use of a health insurance specialist.

In the health insurance world there are literally hundreds of options. Whitman County has boiled those options down to a handful that are the most realistic at the time. Bringing in a health insurance specialist allows the County to look at the insurance on a long-term basis rather than annually.

OPTIONS:

1. Eliminating the health benefit altogether and providing the contribution to the employees as wages. That provides the employees more flexibility with their benefit dollars. It does require taxes be deducted from the contribution. However, there may be an option

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for a VEBA in which case taxes would not be deducted. The employees could then obtain insurance on their own.

Drawbacks:

- Many employees work here for just benefits; in some cases the insurance is their primary concern and more important than wages.
- This may hurt recruitment because no benefit package would be offered although some funding would be provided.
- In 2014 employers are going to be looking at Health Care Reform pay/play scenarios. This means employer can offer health care benefits or opt out but there are penalties and tax implications. Organizations are currently evaluating which category they should be involved in light of health care exchanges/reform. Whitman County will also go through that process with the health consultant and possibly Gallagher.

2. Maintaining the health insurance benefit but allowing employees to take the health contribution by waiving coverage. This offers employees more flexibility for how they want to spend their benefit dollars.

Drawbacks:

- Advice by the County's broker and consultant has cautioned in Washington State this option would bring on some legal liabilities. The State Insurance Commissioners frowns on this option and questions whether or not the County is actually offering a group product. This option would need to be explored fully before offering it to employees.
- If we are on our own and not in an insurance pool, this option lowers the number of people for spreading the risk.

3. Group Health, a carrier very popular with the employees was contacted for a quote for 2013. They declined to quote stating their rates would not be competitive with the rates currently being offered by Cigna.

4. Last year the County looked at Aetna very closely. Med Solutions is a company that many insurance companies contract with for approval of benefits, i.e. Cigna.

Drawbacks:

- There has been much dissatisfaction with Med Solutions.
 - In this instance, the County would be trading carriers but not the company that approves benefits.
5. Teamsters Insurance is an option the County always looks at. They are willing to take and offer a quote to their 3 bargaining units but

are reserving their offer for the County's non-represented employees. They said it would take at least 2-3 weeks to quote and are requiring demographic information for all non-represented employees and their dependents including employees that do not cover dependents. Much of the requested information is not information Human Resources maintains. It is possible to acquire but will take some time should this be an option the Board is willing to pursue.

The County's policy up to this point has been to focus on the employee-only. Ms. Campbell has heard from the Board that there is a strong desire to help the employees' dependents by finding a way to provide something affordable or at least get the rates down far enough to make it viable for employees. Teamsters is one of the more popular options with some of the non-represented employees because it is a composite plan which means everyone pays the same rate whether they are a single insured employee or an employee with dependents. The Teamsters plan is more family oriented and good or bad, it would be a shift from an employee-only to a family-focused plan.

Drawbacks:

- The Teamsters plan would be a significant savings for families but a significant increase for the employee-only employees.
- Requires major carrier change and negotiations.
- The renewal date may have to be moved.
- There is no flexibility in the plan design - only 1 plan is offered and that is part of what makes Teamsters rates more stable.
- In the past, Teamsters have expected premiums for every eligible employee although some employees waive coverage. Teamsters now may not require every employee to participate but the County may want to do that because Teamsters may require the County to pay for employees that have waived coverage.

10:20 a.m. - Denis Tracy and Mark Storey.

6. The most popular alternate to Cigna is Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF). The County left WCIF in 2012 for reasons listed in the goals. No flexibility in plan design, claims or data experience. We had a composite option for the deputies and 18 other individuals but not for the bulk of the employees that were in the Group Health tiered rates. WCIF would not allow those employees to move to the composite rates per WCIF 2009/2010 rules. Therefore, those employees were left out of the composite option. Whitman County also had some management issues with WCIF although they are now under new management at the executive level.

If the County was to return to WCIF, we would be part of a larger pool group spreading the risk costs not only across our 200 employees but all of the WCIF pool members and that is the reason no claims

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data is available. The county would have multiple plans to offer to employees.

Ms. Campbell did receive an email from Sheriff Myers and a voice mail from the Director of WCIF last week. Sheriff Myers had requested a composite rate for Whitman County. It was against WCIF rules to offer that request to Whitman County but if we wanted to provide demographic information they would take that information to the carriers to see if they would provide a quote for the deputies and/or the 18 people that were on the composite rates previously. His voice mail did not include the other employees. Ms. Campbell said she would contact the WCIF Director if this is something the Board would like her to pursue.

Drawbacks:

- WCIF and Group Health know Whitman County' cost history,
- There is no plan flexibility; they are canned products,
- No claims data experience is available,
- WCIF said they would take Whitman County back with a 10% increase above the published rates for up to 2 years. Overall, it is about the same as the rates quoted by Cigna. With the employee-only focus, the rates are about the same or a little higher than the Cigna option for 2013.
- At the end of the 2 years the 10% fee would drop off if Whitman County chooses to stay with WCIF. In the meantime, WCIF rates will go up to an amount unknown at this time.

7. Cigna is not as family friendly as Teamsters. They did provide some family cost relief to families coming out of Group Health, but they did not give family relief to the 18 employees that were on the composite rates under Group Health.

Drawbacks:

- Composite rates are not being offered to the County by Cigna. Cigna is willing to provide us with composite rates, but are reserving their right to increase the composite rate after enrollment.
- There have been some bumps during the transition with Med Solutions who have strict guidelines about how they approve claims and what they are looking for as far as treatment plans to approve those benefits. It is largely a cost containment measure but some of our providers have had some problems with that.

Under Cigna the County does have plan flexibility, claims experience and can work directly with the carrier.

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It should be noted, if the \$0 deductible plan is offered, the \$750 deductible plan rate will change. According to Cigna, this is a great plan but it is driving our costs. This plan spends more in costs than the premiums paid. Ms. Campbell's perspective, based on the data available and on the advice of the broker, the County would be more stable if the \$0 deductible plan was eliminated for 2013 moving employees to the \$750 deductible plan and the health consultant concurred. That would help with cost containment for both the County and employee. It lowers the premium for employees moving from the \$0 deductible plan from \$194 (including dental, vision and life) to \$15. Even after adding the deductible there is still a cost savings to the employee. Ms. Campbell understands that the \$0 deductible is a very popular plan among the employees.

10:30 a.m. - Gary Petrovich.

Ms. Campbell said her recommendation provided on the website and handouts has not changed. Based on a combination of the rates and looking for something outside of the box with as much data as possible to give to our health insurance specialist. Then over the next year it will be specialist' job to provide us with the best option(s) available for a carrier, plan design and rates that can be maintained fairly stable. Given the amount of years we have had the same debates and the fact none of us are health insurance specialists is why we hired a health insurance specialist to obtain a professional opinion.

In summary, the recommendation is to drop the \$0 deductible and allow the health insurance specialist to do their job over the next year.

Commissioner Largent indicated this is terribly difficult every time this issue is discussed because the commissioners are making decisions for how employees spend their dollars. We group risks with benefits as part of the compensation package that doesn't change that much. We always have the push and pull between individual employees and families. He hears opinions from employees that are polar opposites depending on what they have going on in their families. Whatever decision is made will hurt somebody. He struggles with that. He would have to support eliminating the \$0 deductible at this junction. Someone who has pre-existing conditions will be paying more out of pocket. Some employees will be hurt and others are struggling to insure their families will benefit. As everyone knows, composite rates subsidize tiered rates and tiered rates subsidize composite rates. They make decisions based on what is best for the largest group of employees because they are employee dollars. Theoretically, they are grouping risks for the benefit of the employees. If that group of risks is no longer advantageous to the employees, than as the Director noted, one option is to realign the compensation package. Everything is going up as is health care and it is so discouraging to see these tremendous rate increases that are not necessarily controllable by

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the employees grouping their own risks. Some options are beneficial to some employees and not others. Therefore, he would like to hear from the employees.

Chairman Partch suspended this discussion until after the 10:30 a.m. scheduled hearing.

073520 12. The commissioners were notified by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation that the Thornton IOOF Cemetery has been listed in the Washington Heritage Register.

073521 13. An executed copy of the professional services agreement between Whitman County Juvenile Services and Lorelei Zickler, dba Polygraph Intelligence Services was received (06/30/13).

073522 14. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:40 a.m. - Community Education Training Center Building (CETC) Hearing.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Bob Lothspeich, Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Gary Petrovich, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey, Kelli Campbell, Debbie Hooper, Jamie Kinley, Lyndsey Stovall and Micki Terrell, Steve Bruchman, Phil Herman, Kris Thompson, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Byron Bedirian, David Ledbetter, Steve Salzman, Michele Beckmann, Valerie Hunt, Susan Nelson, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

D073522A 15. Chairman Partch convened the hearing and requested a staff report.

Mr. Reynolds said the CETC building was a victim of a snow event incurring damage to the structure and the roof. Several engineers looked at the building including our own engineer, Mark Storey. Studies were conducted to determine the damages and retrieve functionality of the building. It was determined the design of the building did not come up to today's codes and standards and the building actually deflected. Staff used timbers from the bridge crew to shore up the roof and removed the ice and snow build up. Once that was done, they removed the supports and the building did spring back into position.

They next contacted the insurance company to request they assist in regaining the functionality of the building. They sent their engineer and the County hired a private engineer and both provided their findings. The insurance company said the building was not designed to handle the load. It did exactly what it was designed to do, deflect and then go back into position. There is no way to fix it without putting more supports inside the building for \$100,000-\$125,000. The County asked the insurance company to stand that cost and they said they couldn't because to do that would bring the building up to more of a standard than what it was

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designed to do. The insurance is not to make the building better but to recoup the loss/damage. The county used the \$14,000 received from the insurance claim to put towards the good of the building.

Today we have a building requiring much more monitoring and to bring it up to code and standards will cost \$125,000 for a super structure and \$35,000-\$50,000 for ADA improvements. Mr. Reynolds didn't believe the county wanted to move in that direction at this time and recommended the Board offer the building for sale to the public.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comments. Mr. Reynolds indicated he has conferred with the County Treasurer on offering the building to the public and has received appraisals to assist in establishing a minimum bid.

Treasurer Lothspeich pointed out if the Board does pursue the sale of the building that can be done by open auction or sealed bids.

Mr. Reynolds noted he has been approached by individuals who have expressed an interest in the building and he again thought selling the building was the best avenue to take. The County did try to partner with another government agency, but that did not come to fruition.

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned.

The other members of the Board felt the County should proceed with selling the building.

Action required by the Boards involves:

- Declaring the building surplus,
- Establishing a minimum bid, and
- Setting a sale date.

Mr. Reynolds pointed out the property was appraised at \$150,000 with disclosable repairs of \$100,000-\$125,000.

According to Commissioner Partch, the building was sold to the county for \$1 by the Port of Whitman and approximately \$65,000 was expended for a call center for the City of Colfax that did not come to pass. Since acquiring the building, it has been used on/off for various events.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to table this issue until the Board can establish a minimum bid and sale date or November 5th.

10:50 a.m. - 2013 County Employee Medical Insurance Discussion Continued.

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Present: Steve Bruchman, Phil Herman, Kris Thompson, Karen Johnson, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Byron Bedirian, David Ledbetter, Steve Salzman, Michele Beckmann, Valerie Hunt, Susan Nelson, Joan Willson, Debbie Hooper, Jamie Kinley, Lyndsey Stovall, Micki Terrell, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey, Bob Reynolds, Gary Hunt, Kristina Cooper, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

073519 11. Steve Bruchman said on behalf of the Teamsters bargaining units represented, he does not have consensus to speak with the individual bargaining units until they have more information as has been the historical practice in Whitman County. They can do that in short order, but any type of definite decisions on their behalf will require time to review the information with Human Resources and any others in a group setting rather than the random sampling present today.

Chairman Partch suggested other meetings where more county employees can attend.

Kelli Campbell pointed out the decisions made by the Board in the past have been made for non-represented employees and pending union discussion.

Debbie Hooper said for the past 11 years she has been on the \$0 deductible plan. In considering all the employees 75%-80% have pre-existing conditions, some more serious than others. She felt as though she is being penalized and will have to pay the additional deductible out of pocket every year. She is not a represented employee and feels she is at a disadvantage because of that and should have the option of selecting a \$0 deductible plan.

Byron Bedirian said it is a mistake to make a decision in a vacuum. Based on the newspaper, the county is unsure of its financial position. However the county has invested in the county by hiring insurance, development and financial specialists. The county has not invested in its employees by giving raises, matching retirement contribution or increases for health insurance. It is in that environment that these increases in health care are damaging to morale and crushing individuals finances and motivation to find jobs elsewhere. He understands it is not an easy decision but wants the county to think about other ways to use the money that we do have to invest in the county employees.

Denis Tracy said as he has requested the Board in the past to provide a long-term management composite rate plan for at least some employees of the county.

Brett Myers said the vast majority of his employees have a composite rate plan. If his employees did not have this type of plan it would be difficult for him to retain employees. He echoed the Prosecutor's comments for exploring composite rates for other county employees.

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Susan Nelson reported 169 employees are eligible for health insurance as follows:

9 waived health insurance,
34 employees are on the \$3,500 deductible plan,
31 employees are on the \$750 deductible plan, and
95 employees are on the \$0 deductible plan.
195 total

Bob Lothspeich said a year ago he inquired about employees over 65 and eligible for Medicare to be able to use the contribution to purchase the supplemental insurance rather than being on the county's insurance. His wife is on Medicare and with the supplement it costs approximately \$300/month for full coverage. He is currently on the county's \$3,500 deductible plan and the cost for him is approximately the same. He requested employees 65 and over be permitted to use the county's contribution for a VEBA and buy their own supplemental insurance taking that age category out of the pool. The last he knew there were 11 employees 65 and older working for the county.

Steve Bruchman said it would be prudent to review the new VEBA rules on the dollar amount limit that can be held in a VEBA without penalty.

Commissioner Largent said he was interesting in hearing from Steve Bruchman on what is best for the interest of his groups. The way he is currently leaning barring additional information from Steve, he believed WCIF would provide more protection as a larger group than being on our own since our experience rating tends to be worse than market. The County would have to pay a 10% fee for 2 years. If WCIF could provide a quote for composite rates that is something they would have to review. After receiving the additional input, the Board will have to decide what is in the best interest for most of the employees. As he voiced earlier, any decision the Board makes will be detrimental to some of the employees.

Commissioner O'Neill said he agrees with Commissioner Largent and this is a tough decision for him because it impacts all employees. The change was made from WCIF to Cigna and we now know our experience is not that great. Since no one in the county's employ is an insurance professional, rather than grapple with this year after year, they hired Western States, an insurance specialist and they need good information from an experience level. If the county stays where it is for 2013 the insurance specialist will be able to come up with a good position as to what is best for the employees of the county and that is the direction he is leaning. The problem he had with WCIF is that the county could not obtain its experience. Being able to have better information for 2014 and Obama Care will be very helpful for making informed decisions. Commissioner O'Neill was interested in obtaining the lowest possible rate for the employees.

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Debbie Hooper said when referring to what the employees want, clearly there is a high number of employees who want the \$0 deductible plan.

Kelli Campbell explained currently with the \$0 deductible plan, employees are paying \$9/month towards the premium. In 2013, the \$0 deductible plan will cost employees \$194/month towards the premium. The \$750 deductible plan will cost employees \$89/month towards the premium. If the \$0 deductible is eliminated, the employees will pay \$15/month for the \$750 deductible plan.

Commissioner Partch reiterated his desire for additional meetings, possibly an evening meeting, to help explain the plans to the employees. The bottom line is declining revenues as was pointed out to the Board earlier in the day and increased on-going expenses. The projected revenues in 2013 will be less than 2009. They must try to find a balance for the ever increasing health care costs and determine what the county can afford.

Ms. Campbell said if a decision is delayed until after the Benefits Fair simply means a delayed enrollment period.

Kris Thompson echoed Brett Myers comments that the county does not have a recruitment base. They cannot hire people for the wages paid, but at least they had insurance. Now the insurance is less than what it was. Secondly, employees work other jobs and will not attend night meetings unless they are being paid to do so.

Phil Herman believed there are some employees being paid at 100% of market unlike other employees being paid at 69% of market. If no raises will be given the county should at least cover the medical insurance.

Chairman Partch said he would truly like to do that but what it boils down to is sustainability.

Steve Bruchman mentioned the employee meetings last year were held during working hours without interruption to the departments and representatives from the two Teamsters trusts would be in attendance. Another option is the Inland Empire Teamsters Trust for full family coverage for medical, dental, vision, life and time loss for \$950/month. Using the figure of 169 employees at a \$260 increase to their PEB totals \$528,000/year.

Commissioner Largent said two issues are being discussed; 2013 medical insurance plans and medical insurance contributions.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending noting other meetings would be held. Two additional meetings have been scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, November 6th at 10 a.m.

073523 16. Commissioner O'Neill reported Spokane County stated at the last Martin Hall meeting that they would not be approving the Martin Hall operating budget for 2013 and in doing feel that is their way to remove themselves from the consortium. They have hired an attorney to represent them on the interlocal agreement.

Two straw polls were taken with 8 of the 9 counties represented (Adams County was not in attendance).

The first straw poll asked if the representatives would take the Martin Hall operating budget back to their respective counties for approval with the daily rate for counties being reduced from \$175/day to \$155/day. The vote was 7 in favor and one opposed (Spokane County).

The second straw poll taken was whether or not to mothball the facility with 5 votes in favor of keeping Martin Hall open (Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Whitman, Stevens and Ferry) and 3 opposed (Asotin, Douglas and Spokane).

Commissioner O'Neill said he has been reviewing the interlocal agreement and has contacted many individuals. The feeling is a total of 6 counties would probably vote in favor of keeping Martin Hall open. Those counties not in favor of keeping Martin Hall open are still responsible for paying off their Martin Hall bond in 2016.

Information on where we go from here won't be available until the next meeting. However, CCCS must have a 90 day notice prior to closing the facility which probably wouldn't take place until April 1st at the very earliest. He will continue to keep the Board apprised of this situation.

11:20 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works.

Present: Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Kelli Campbell, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

ACTION ITEMS

Engineering Division:

073524 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution of intent to vacate and abandon all of Seltice Road be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Intent to)
Vacate and Abandon all of the) **RESOLUTION NO. 073524**
Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260)
and the Lower Seltice Bridge No.)
1260-00.03 in the NE ¼ of Section) **INTENT TO VACATE AND DIRECTIVE**

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14, Township 19 North, Range 45) TO COUNTY ENGINEER FOR REPORT
East, W.M., in Whitman County,)
Washington)

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners considers useless, for the public, the Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Lower Seltice Bridge No. 1260-00.03 located in the NE ¼ of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 45 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, and based on RCW 36.87.010 it is hereby declared the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, to vacate and abandon said Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Lower Seltice Bridge No. 1260-00.03.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.87.040, before a final decision can be reached on said vacation, the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the proposed vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Lower Seltice Bridge No. 1260-00.03 located in the NE ¼ of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 45 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Warner Road, County Road No. 1100 thence in a southeasterly direction approximately 0.10 miles to the intersection with the Farmington Road, County Road No. 1000 and being all that portion of the Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Lower Seltice Bridge No. 1260-00.03 lying southeasterly and outside of the said Warner Road southerly right of way, County Road No. 1100 and lying northwesterly and outside of the said Farmington Road westerly right of way, County Road No. 1000, is preliminarily found to be of no use to Whitman County and that the vacation of said road and bridge may be in the best interest of Whitman County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.87.040 the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the issue of vacating the Seltice Road, County Road No. 1260 and the Lower Seltice Bridge No. 1260-00.03.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Board.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 29th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

073525 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing regarding the vacation and abandonment of Seltice Road.

073526 19. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution of intent to vacate and abandon a portion of the Wagner Road be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Intent to)
Vacate and Abandon a Portion of) RESOLUTION NO. 073526
the Wagner Road, County Road No.)
4110 in the South ½ of Sections)
33 and 34 in Township 19 North,)
And in the North ½ of Sections 3) INTENT TO VACATE AND DIRECTIVE
and 4 in Township 18 North, all) TO COUNTY ENGINEER FOR REPORT
in Range 39 East, W.M., Whitman)
County, Washington)

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners considers useless, for the public, a portion of the Wagner Road, County Road No. 4110 located in the South ½ of Section 33 and the South ½ of Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 39 East W.M. and the North ½ of Section 4 and the North ½ of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 39 East W.M. all in Whitman County, Washington, and based on RCW 36.87.010 it is hereby declared the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, to vacate and abandon said portion of the Wagner Road, County Road No. 4110.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.87.040, before a final decision can be reached on said vacation, the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the proposed vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of the Wagner Road, County Road No. 4110 located in the South ½ of Section 33 and the South ½ of Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 39 East W.M. and the North ½ of Section 4 and the North ½ of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 39 East W.M. all in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the Wagner Road, County Road No. 4110

County, WA

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners considers useless, for the public, a portion of the Almota Road lying outside of the new right of way of County Road No. 8000, the Almota Road, in Section 33, in Township 16 North, Range 43 East, W.M., and in Section 5, in Township 15 North, Range 43 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, and based on RCW 36.87.010 it is hereby declared the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, to vacate and abandon said portions of the Almota Road.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.87.040, before a final decision can be reached on said vacation, the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the proposed vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a portion of the Almota Road lying outside of the new right of way of County Road No. 8000, the Almota Road, in Section 33, in Township 16 North, Range 43 East, W.M., and in Section 5, in Township 15 North, Range 43 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All those portions of the Almota Road being replaced by a new alignment for County Road Project No. C.R.P. 8000-7 Almota Road, recorded in the Whitman County Engineers office, and lying outside the new County road right of way, as shown on said road construction plans, is preliminarily found to be of no use to Whitman County and that the vacation of said road may be in the best interest of Whitman County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.87.040 the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the issue of vacating said portions of the Almota Road.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Board.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 29th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

073529 22. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing regarding the vacation and abandonment of portions of Almota Road outside of the new right-of-way.

073530 23. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Seubert Excavators, Inc. and Whitman County for aggregate production at Union Center be signed as presented.

073531 24. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to extend the closure of Colfax Airport Road to May 31, 2013 be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 073531

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of closing a certain county road/bridge pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following road/bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic local access only: County Road No. 8010, the Colfax Airport Road from the SR 26 intersection, milepost 0.00, to Almota Road intersection, milepost 3.09, from Nov. 5, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

ADOPTED this 29th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

073532 25. Mr. Storey recommended the continued closure of the Colfax Airport Road for a better and safer environment for the construction crew and traveling public. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of road closure for the Colfax Airport Road which extends the closure to May 31, 2012.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Denis Tracy, Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Milton Rowland.

073533 26. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 2:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to litigation.

2:35 p.m. - Adjournment.

D073533A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **October 29, 2012** 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 **November 5, 2012**. The foregoing action made this **29th** day of **October 2012**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners