

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS dispensing with the records index requirement referenced in RCW 42.17.260 (4)(a) and 42.56.070(4)(a) and adopting a formal order.

WHEREAS, the state legislature amended the public records statutes requiring all public agencies to maintain and make available a current index of public records; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 42.56.070(4) provides, if maintaining such an index would be unduly burdensome or interfere with agency operations, the agency must issue and publish a formal order specifying the reasons why and the extent to which compliance would be unduly burdensome and the county finds it necessary to issue such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Whitman County Commissioners hereby submit the following findings:

1. The county is comprised of numerous departments, their divisions and subdivisions, serving over 42,000 citizens. Many of these departments, if not all, maintain separate databases and/or record keeping systems for the indexing of records and information.
2. The county's records are diverse, complex and stored in multiple locations and in multiple computer systems, formats and/or databases.
3. Maintaining a central index of records would require additional staff time and/or taking staff away from other duties.
4. It is duly burdensome, if not physically impossible, to maintain a current index of all county records.

Based upon the above findings and pursuant to RCW 42.56.070(4)(a), the county orders the following:

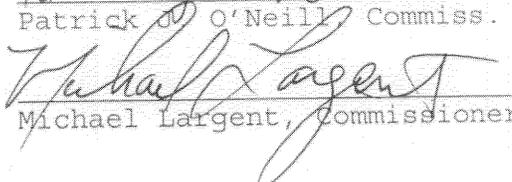
1. The county is not required to maintain an all-inclusive index of public records due to the undue burden and near-impossibility of maintaining such an index.
2. The county will make available for inspection and/or copying all public records, including any indexes maintained by the county, except to the extent that such records are exempt from public disclosure.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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