

Whitman County Commissioner Meeting Minutes

087569 Monday, January 29, 2024 the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, Washington at 9:00 a.m. Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Tom Handy and Michael Largent Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

9:00 AM – CONVENED

Attendance: Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Brian Wilson, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Craig Wines, Dean Cornelison, Mark Storey, Wraylee Flodin, Crystn Guenther, Heather Clark, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Suni Wood, Teresa Simpson-Gazette

087570 1. The following items were discussed with no action taken:

- Opioid Settlement funds
- Treasures Office Staffing update
- Hopkins Building internet
- Health Department GIS support
- Heating roof top units, vault and Superior Court
- Roof gravel and pipe insulation
- Public Service Building Elevator
- IT Building heater replacement
- Facilities Building offices heating/AC
- Public Service Building corner repairs
- WSU Extension Office door installations
- Hopkins building roof status/moss
- Clerk Training for coverage
- Small gas engine bill update
- Martin Hall update
- Juvenile detentions and jails Medicaid update
- Bill 6120 WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Code updates
- Engineering Tech promotion
- County roads closure status
- Landfill Working Foreman position
- Multi County Technical Consulting Office
- Building inspections in Colton WA request
- Public Works additional enclosed office request
- Road department workforce needs
- Snow berms/DOT
- Tour for proposed incineration facility
- Wildlife Protection Plan Consultant
- IT Website policy
- Office 365 project starting

10:00 AM - RECESSED

10:15 AM – RECONVENED BOARD BUSINESS

D087571 2. Flag Salute was recited.

D087572 3. Public Comment, none.

D087572 4. Consent Agenda for Monday, January 29, 2024 was approved.

- 087573 Treasure Wire Transfers & Check Report \$357,246.35
- 087573 Voucher Claims \$216,909.48
- 087573 Payroll Claims \$582,234.14, \$572,106.15, \$150,244.33
- 087574 January 16-28, 2024 Minutes were approved.
- 087575-057579 Personal Change Orders were approved.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

087580 5. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to reappoint Eric Reiber to District 2, Position 2 and Chad Startin to District 3, Position 1 to the Palouse Empire Fair Board.

087581 6. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to authorize the acceptance and award of proposal for the Whitman County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to DJ & A, Engineering, Environmental, Surveying and Planning Services.

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087582 7. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to approve the credit card request for Coroner's Office employee, Cassie Richardson.

087583 8. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to approve and sign the commercial source aggregate contract with Palouse River Rock, LLC.

087584 9. There were no Public Works Division updates shared.

087585 10. The following correspondence was received.

- An expiration date notification was received from The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Cloud 9 Smoke & Ale, LLC.

087586 11. The Pending List was reviewed with no updates.

Approved documents were signed.

087587 12. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to go into executive session until 11:00 AM for matters related to negotiations, along with the Board of Commissioners, Kelli Campbell, Human Resources Director and Jessica Jensema, Administrative Services Director attended.

11:00 AM – RECESS

1:15 PM – RECONVENED

087588 13. Commissioner Handy moved, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried to go into executive session until 1:45 PM for matters related to cybersecurity, along with the Board of Commissioners, Craig Wines, IT Director, Sandy Jamison-County Auditor, Dan LeBeau, Chief Deputy Prosecutor and Denis Tracy, County Prosecutor attended.

1:45 PM – ADJOURNMENT


D087587 Commissioner Handy moved to adjourn the January 29, 2024 meeting, Commissioner Largent seconded and it was carried.

The Board will meet in regular session, in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, WA on Monday, February 5, 2024

The foregoing action made this 29th day of January, 2024

ss/ Tom Handy, Commissioner
ss/ Michael Largent, Commissioner


Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board


Arthur D Swannack, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners