

086565 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, Washington on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Largent Chairman, Commissioner Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner Tom Handy and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 AM – Call to Order/Board Business/BoCC Workshop

Attendance:

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Crystn Guenther, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Joshua Vincent, Keaton Wheeler, Kelli Campbell, Kristina Cooper, Mark Storey, Sarah Hardy, Suni Wood and Teresa Simpson(Whitman County Gazette)

In Person: Craig Wines

086566 1-1a. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

- WSAC Meeting overview
- Martin Hall
- LSC Meeting overview
- 988 System/Crisis Responders
- Port of Whitman Meetings
- Port of Walla Walla
- Whitcom/Media Release
- IT-Position Creation/Reclassification

9:30 AM – Recessed

10:15 AM – Reconvened/Board Business

Attendance:

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Brandy Dean, Kelli Campbell, Prosecutors Office and Theresa Simpson (Whitman County Gazette)

In Person: Craig Wines, Dean Cornelison and Mark Storey.

New/Old Business

D086566 2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D086566 3. There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

086567 4. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to accept the consent agenda as presented.

The following was approved.

- Treasurers Wire Transfers & Check report \$142,703.21
- General Claims/Veterans’ Relief Warrants \$ 69,904.20
 - o Numbered: 365298-365359

086567A 4b. January 17, 2023 Minutes approved.

086568-575 4c. Personnel Change Orders approved.

086576 5. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to reappoint Nancy Belsby to a six year term with the Water Conservancy Board, expiring July 16, 2028.

RESOLUTION NO. 086576

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,

WHEREAS, Whitman County is in need of replacing one of its members on the local Water Conservancy Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Whitman County Commissioners hereby reappoints:

Nancy Belsby to a 6-year unexpired term; and,

This term begins immediately and ends July 16, 2028. 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;

Dated this 6th day of February 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Tom Handy, Commissioner

086577 6. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the updated signature delegation form for 2023 from the Facilities Department.

086578 7. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize the Facilities Department to open an account with West Coast Paper.

086579 8. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to temporarily close a portion of Wawawai Road #9000 from Wawawai Park to Steptoe Canyon Road to through traffic on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM for the Snake River Canyon Half Marathon.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of temporarily closing) RESOLUTION No. 086579
A portion of Wawawai Road #9000) ORDER TEMPORARILY

Whitman County, Washington) CLOSING A COUNTY ROAD
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of temporarily closing a portion of a certain road pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

WHEREAS, it is desired that the Wawawai Rd. No. 9000, From Wawawai Park to Steptoe Canyon Road, should be temporarily closed to “through traffic” for the 2023 Snake River Canyon Half Marathon on March 4, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a portion of Wawawai Rd. No. 9000 be temporarily closed to vehicular “through” traffic from Wawawai Park to Steptoe Canyon Road, commencing on Saturday March 4, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADOPTED this 6th day of February 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Michael Largent, Chairman

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner

Tom Handy, Commissioner

086580 9. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize publishing a notice of no spray for residual and noxious weeds.

086581 10. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize publishing a notice to call for bids for the 2023 Whitman County Public Works Fuel Contract.

086582 11. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize publishing a notice a call for bids for the 2023 Whitman County Public Works Liquid Asphalt Contract.

086583 12. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion to approve and sign the Whitman County Public Works Organizational Chart as presented. Commissioner Swannack asked for confirmation the organizational chart does not show what positions are authorized to be filled by Human Resources, it shows positions in the Public Works Department. Public Works Director, Mark Storey confirmed this is correct. His intention for the chart is to show all positions in the and confirmed any empty positions will not be hired without authorization. Mr. Storey said the Organizational Chart is required by CRAB, County Road Administrative Board. CRAB accepts there may be more positions that are not filled on the chart however will not accept more positions filled than on the Organizational Chart. Motion carried.

Public Works Division Updates

D086583a 13. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Solid Waste & Recycling:

Public Director Mark Storey shared the Scale House Project should break ground in April and a temporary scale house will be constructed for use during the project.

Engineering:

Mr. Storey is waiting on documents for the ADA project that will show the scope and pricing.

Dean Cornelison shared the Almota Three Project documents are being sent to the state today for permission to go out for bid.

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Handy asked Mr. Storey if he attended the meeting with Port of Whitman and the Port of Wilma tenants. Mr. Storey did attend and shared the following;

- All the Wilma tenants attended
- The majority of tenants would like to see the Wilma Road as a private road with gates etc.
- All tenants shared there has been more and more unusual activities and people entering the road
- Tenants would like to know the County's concerns with the road going private
- If the road goes private how will it be financially taken care of, if there will be a raise in rent?

Mr. Storey shared he did not have answers for some the questions however reiterated to the tenants there is no desire to impact the businesses at the Port.

D086583b 14. No correspondence was received.

086584 15. The Pending List was reviewed.

D086584a 16. Approved documents were signed.

086585 17. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy second and the motion carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel until 12:15 PM.

2:00 PM – Recessed until Monday, January 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner's Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Largent, Chairman, Commissioner Arthur D Swannack, Commissioner Tom Handy and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 AM – Reconvened-Board Business and Workshop

Consent Agenda:

D086585a 18. Approved Consent agenda items signed.

086586 The following was approved.

- Treasurers Wire Transfers & Check report \$ 199,749.25

- Payroll Warrants \$ 577,579.97
 - Numbered: 365079 - 365089
- General Claims/Veterans' Relief Warrants \$1,276,065.67
 - Numbered: 365382 - 365508

086587-086590 Personnel Change Orders approved.

086591 18a. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to amend the agenda adding item 18a, Information Technology Director offer.

086592 18b. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to offer Craig Wines the position of Information Technology Director effective February 1, 2023.

Attendance:

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Jessica Jensema, Joshua Vincent, Kelli Campbell, Lorena Lynch (Court Administrator), Sandy Jamison, Sarah Hardy, Prosecutors Office, Teresa Simpson(Whitman County Gazette).

In Person: Bill Tensfeld, Craig Wines, Marlynn Markley and Mark Storey.

Workshop

086593 19. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB1470-2023-24 RE: Private detention facilities • Proposed Roundabout • Wawawai Road is County road • WASC meeting • Port of Whitman • Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers visit-Rosalia and Malden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Inslee visit-Biodiesel, Pullman Economic Development • Courtroom security equipment • Courthouse security cameras • Software-Blue Iris • ADA Transition Plan funding • Future Building Inspector • Road weight restrictions • Fair Manager interviews |
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10:00 PM – Recessed to, Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 1:30 for the Commissioner to Commissioner meeting with the Port of Whitman Commissioners at the Port of Whitman offices.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

1:30 AM – Reconvened-Workshop

Attendance:

Remotely: Kristina Myer, Bryan Ricker

In Person: Kara Riebold, Fletcher Aukerman, Brenda Stav, Karl Webber, Wraylee Flodin

086566 1-1a. The following items were discussed with no action taken.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palouse Empire Fair Fiber • Wilma Road • Associated Development Organization (ADO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitman County Transportation projects • Goodspeed/Port of Whitman Business Air Center |
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D086566a Commissioner Handy moved to adjourn the February 6-16, 2023 meetings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Largent and carried. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Commissioner's Chambers of the Whitman County Commissioners Chambers, Colfax, Washington, on February 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

The foregoing action made this 23rd day of January 2023.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ TOM HANDY, COMMISSIONER

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners