

BOCC MINUTES-04/19/21

084248 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, April 19, 2021** at **9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent (remotely) and Tom Handy Commissioners (remotely), Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Brandy Dean, Kelli, Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer, Sandy Jamison, Sharron, Cunningham, Fletcher Aukerman, Chris Nelson, Suzy McNeilly (9:00 a.m.) and Brandy Brown (9:30 a.m.).

Media: Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette (9:00 a.m.).

084249 1. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Rural Transportation Projects
- WSU EDA Challenge Projects
- 2021-2023 ADO Receivables and Designation
- COVID-19 Federal Funding
- COVID-19 Update
- COVID-19 Vaccines
- COVID-19 Websites
- COVID-19 CV-2 Grant
- Info. Technology Upgrades

9:55 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

084250 2. The county's Lobbyist was unable to provide his monthly report.

- Business Loss/Tax Payment Restructuring
- Community Events Cancelled While in Phase 2

10:05 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Flag Salute.

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Brandy Dean, Kelli Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer, Sandy Jamison, Sharron, Cunningham, Fletcher Aukerman, Chris Nelson, Brandy Brown, Dean Cornelison, Dan Gladwill, Suzy McNeilly and Paul Spencer.

Media: Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette (9:00 a.m.).

D084250A 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

084251 4. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

084252 5. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$1,765,452.28** and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **354278-354380** for **\$309,354.82** approved.

084253 6. April 5, 2021 minutes approved.

084254-084258 7. Personnel change orders approved.

084259 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter reappointing Russell Jamison to a 4-year term, expiring 12/31/24 on the Planning Commission.

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084260 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize an extension to annual leave carry-over for Kris Thompson thru June 30, 2021.

084261 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to concur with the Chairman signing 2021 Palouse Empire Fair entertainment contracts.

084262 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to increase 2021 CIP project Fairgrounds Wheel Tractor allotment from \$35,000 to \$47,000.

084263-084264 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to concur with the Chairman signing the 2021 Palouse Empire Fair entertainment contracts.

084265 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the addenda to the Private Road Use agreement between Whitman County and Triple D Centennial Farms, LLC for the use of the Tekoa Mountain Road to access the Tekoa Radio Site.

084266 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021-2023 WA State Department of Commerce Associate Development Organization certification designating SEWEDA as Whitman County's ADO.

084267 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign a letter of support for the 2021 WSU Venture Challenge/EDA proposal.

084268 16. There was no further COVID-19 related discussion/decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D084268A 17. The following correspondence was received:

084269 17A. Notice was received from the WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board advising of marijuana licenses due to expire 09/30/21.

084270 17B. An executed copy of Amendment A to the Whitman County/Spokane County Emergency Management contract #E20-066 for Homeland Security was received.

084271 17C. An executed copy of Amendment A to the Whitman County Basic Service Operating contract #E21-042 for Whitcom was received from the WA State Military Department.

084272 18. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Public Works.

Present: Mark Storey.

Remotely: Lance Bishop, Jessica Jensema, Brandy Dean, Kelli Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer, Sharron, Cunningham, Fletcher Aukerman, Chris Nelson, Brandy Brown, Dean Cornelison, Dan Gladwill, Brandon Kruger and Paul Spencer.

Media: Anthony Kuipers and WC Gazette (9:00 a.m.).

084273 18A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

ACTION ITEMS:

084274 19. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the Chairman of the Board signing the Title VI/Non-Discrimination documents as presented.

084275 20. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve and sign the interlocal agreement between Adams County Public Works and Whitman County Public Works as presented.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D084275A 21. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

084276 21A. The Local Road Safety Plan in general conformance with the goals set forth in the National "Towards Zero Deaths" or TZD Initiative was received from the Director.

084277 21B. The following Surface Transportation/Infrastructure projects were submitted to the 117th Congress for financial assistance. At the request of Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, Director Storey will be submitting a letter of support for these projects.

- Kirkendahl/Sand Road Reconstruction/Pullman Truck Bypass Creation-Rural Whitman County, \$6,920,000 requested;
- Lancaster Road Resurfacing-Rural Whitman County, \$1,990,000 requested; and,
- Lamont Road Reconstruction-Rural Whitman County, \$865,000 requested.

Building Division:

084278 21C. Dan Gladwill presented and reviewed the 2021-1st quarter building activity report.

Maintenance Division:

D084278A 21D. The Director indicated the road crews are rock hauling and transitioning to asphalt work and crack sealing.

D084278B 22. Approved documents signed.

11:00 a.m. - Executive Session.

Present: Jessica Jensema.

084279 23. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 12:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for matters related to real estate acquisition.

12:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

084280 24. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 2:45 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for matters related to job applicants.

2:45 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

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D084280A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Wednesday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent (Remotely) and Tom Handy (Remotely) Commissioners attended.

7:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Planning Commission Members Chad Whetzel, Chairman, Brian Davies, Vice-Chair, Keith Paulson, Dave Gibney, Erina Hammer, Hailey Wexler, Matt Webber and Weston Kane.

Staff: Alan Thomson, County Planner, Grace Di Biase, Assistant County Planner, Mark Storey, Public Works Director/County Engineer, Brandon Johnson, ZOOM Host and Ginny Rumiser, Recording Clerk.

LDC: Todd Hall and Matt Covert.

Others: Larry and Sherri Farr; Ken Duft; Michelle Mousel; Karen Hinnenkamp; Ron Miller; Richard and Tena Old; Todd Krause; Tom and Cheryl Kammerzell; Richard Wesson; Paul Spencer; Asa Clark; Robert Westby; Shaun Darveshi; Kathleen Lloyd; Bob Russell; Shelley Chambers-Fox and Larry Fox; Lisa Carloye; Richard Huggins; Nancy Mack Lovina Englund; Bobbie Ryder; Scott Cornelius; Tom Keogh; Lee Family; David H; Molly.

084281 25. The following item was discussed but no action was taken.

- Whitman County Comprehensive Plan

9:05 p.m. - Recess.

D084281A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent (Remotely) and Tom Handy (Remotely) Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D084281B 26. Approved consent agenda items signed.

084282 27. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$304,087.96** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **354399-354501** for **\$525,031.16** approved.

084283-084292 28. Personnel change orders approved.

084293 29. There were no COVID-19 discussion/decisions.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remotely: Chris Skidmore, Lance Bishop, Jessica Jensema, Mark Storey, Bill Tensfeld, Brandy Dean, Kelli Campbell, Bailey Wiedmer, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Chris Nelson,
Media: Anthony Kuipers, WC Gazette and 509-397-4333 (9:05 a.m.).

084294 30. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Malden Tax Title Property
- Malden Cleanup/FEMA
- HB 1333 (.09 Funds)
- June 19th Holiday (2022)
- May 3rd Legislative Update
- COVID-19 Update
- 1/10 of 1% EC Tax
- Census Meeting Today

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9:55 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Jessica Jensema and Denis Tracy.

084295 31. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 11:00 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for matters related to real estate acquisition.

11:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session.

084296 32. It was noted the executive session tentative scheduled for matters related to job applicants at 1:00 p.m. was no longer necessary.

11:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D084296A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **April 19** and **26, 2021** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Handy and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **May 3, 2021**. The foregoing action made this **26th** day of **April 2021**.

ss/ TOM HANDY, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

ARTHUR D. SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners