

BOCC MINUTES- 05-16 & 23-2022

085750 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Auditorium in the Whitman County Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, May 16, 2022** at **9:00 a.m.** Tom Handy Chairman, Arthur D Swannack (remotely) and Michael Largent (remotely) Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Cody Yearton, Crystn Guenthner, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sharron Cunningham, Sandy Jamison, Sarah Hardy, Anthony Kuipers, Jeff Igielski and Mary Collins.

085751-085752 1-2. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Whitcom Staff Funding
- Port of Wilma Road/Whitcom Ownership
- Introduction of Cody Yearton, Veteran's Service Officer
- Public Works Road Update
- Environmental Health Pick-up Truck
- COVID-19 Update
- CDBG CB-1 Town Public Utility Fund Assistance

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

10:15 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Flag Salute.

Present: Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison and Olivia Harnack from Whitman County Gazette.
Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Dean Cornelison, Fletcher Aukerman, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Jacy Leach, Sarah Hardy and Jeff Igielski.

D085752 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

085753 4. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

085754 5. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$3,672,696.22**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **360813-361000** for **\$473,189.73** approved.

085755 6. May 2, 2022 minutes approved.

085756-085768 7. Personnel change orders approved.

085769-085771 8. Small Business Grant Contracts.

085772 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to dissolve unused fund 690.004.000, Industrial Insurance and move any assets for funds to 999.000.000.

085773-085774 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the contract for Whitman County Public Hospital District #2 to receive \$85,000.00 in ARPA grant funds to help respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

085775 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve Administrative Services Director to be the SAM.gov entity administrator for the Unique Entity ID annual renewal.

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085776 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the updates to Whitman County Policy, POL-201-HR Filling Vacant Positions.

085777 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve the updates to Whitman County Policy, POL-4000-HR Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan.

085778 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of hearing for the 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant-Public Service (CDBG-PS) project.

085779 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve an extension to Downtown Colfax Association, for their .09 Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee 2021 award.

085780 16. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve an extension to Lacrosse Library-Ice Age Project, for their .09 Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee 2021 award.

085781 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Swannack **seconded** the motion and **carried** to approve establishing a Sole Source Purchasing contract with the Unitec Corporation to purchase and install new scales and scale hardware at the Solid Waste Facility.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D085781 18. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Engineering Division:

D085781A 18A. Public Works Director, Mark Storey and County Engineer, Dean Cornelison shared crushing at the Doneen Quarry has been going on for several weeks, approximately 62,000 pounds of rock completed.

Maintenance Division:

D085781B 18B. Mr. Storey said there is mud on several roads, some will need to be removed and others will need rock spread. He also said patching of roads is in progress.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D085781C 19. The following correspondence was received:

085781D 19A. A notice of expiration from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board was received.

085782E 19B. A letter from the Washington State County Road Administrative Board (CRAB) was received with a Certificate of Good Practice, approved by resolution of the County Road Administration Board to be presented to the Whitman County Engineer. Chair Tom Handy, presented the certificate to Public Works Director Mark Storey. A Certificate of Good Practice has been transmitted to the State Treasurer on behalf of Whitman County pursuant to the authority contained in RCW 36.78.090.

085783 20. Commissioners' pending list reviewed. The following items were removed;

- BoCC Appointments-Southeast WA Econ. Development Assoc. - Public Sector Appointment
- BoCC-Parking behind the PSB along fence

D08583 21. Approved documents signed.

11:50 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

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Remotely: Mike Berney of Palouse River Counseling and Greater Columbia Administrative Service Organization (ASO).

085784 **22.** Mr. Berney reviewed the ASO's meeting of April 7 and May 5, 2022.

22A. GCBH - ASO Issue: Fiscal and Administrative Updates

- Warrants and vouchers for March and April were presented and approved.
- The ASO Financial Statements: larger than normal balances in April due to lump sum payments from the State. Financial statements show we are where we need to be.
- GCBH computer servers have reached the end of their useful life. Staff is still getting quotes, but supply chain issues will extend this process.
- Request to authorize the Chair to sign a contract with the Trilogy Recovery Community (Walla Walla) to establish a Recovery Café using one time CARES funding.
- Outcome: Whitman County voted in favor of the motions to approve paying the warrants/vouchers and to authorize the chair to sign the presented contract. All votes were unanimous.

22B. GCBH - ASO Issues: State updates:

- No compliance issues to report.
- The new 988 Federal and State-wide behavioral health crisis number is slated to start July 16th.
- GCBH will be receiving funding and working to implement two new State-wide programs. The funding will require one new position and 2 current staff will be assigned some new duties:
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs - currently only used in King County.
 - Youth Navigator Programs.

22C. GCBH - ASO Issues: ASO Updates

- The State Accountability Audit was completed, and an unmodified opinion was given.

22D. Other Issues:

- Whitman County District Court's "Community Court" is up and running.
- The Substance Use Disorder Recovery Navigator Outreach Team for Whitman County is development is progressing. The Program Advisory Group has met three times.
- Practicum Program Update

2:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Jessica Jensema

085785 **23.** The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- ARPA Budget/McKinstry Project Overages

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

D085785A 24. Approved consent agenda items signed.

085786-085789 24A. Small Business ARPA Grant Contracts.

085790 25. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$4,833,427.33**, and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **361012-361109** for **\$601,426.91** approved.

085791-085793 26. Personnel change orders approved.

9:05 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Bill Tensfeld, Brandon Kruger, Chris Nelson, Chris Skidmore, Crystn Guenther, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Josh Vincent, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sarah Hardy, Sharron Cunningham, Wraylee Flodin, Hailey Lewis from SEL, Olivia Harnack from Whitman County Gazette.

085794-085795 27-28. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Board of Health Draft
- Comprehensive Plan Final Review
- Emergency Communications/ERR
- Stateline Property formally known as Hawkins Site Development
- PBAC Meeting Review/Boundary Update
- Possible Road Closure/Gottschalk Road
- 2023 Budget Goals
- 2023 Employee Insurance & COLA
- Open House for Courthouse
- Courthouse move in date-August 2022
- COVID 19 update

9:40 a.m. - Adjournment.

D085795A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **May 16** and **May 23, 2022** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Swannack and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Auditorium of the Whitman County Auditorium, Colfax, Washington, on **June 6, 2022**. The foregoing action made this **23rd** day of **May 2022**.

ss/ ARTHUR D SWANNACK, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board

TOM HANDY, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners