

Whitman County Commissioners' July 3 – 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

086934 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner Chambers at the Whitman County Courthouse, 400 N Main St., Colfax, Washington on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Michael Largent Chairman, Arthur D Swannack and Tom Handy (virtually), Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 AM – Call to Order-Workshop

Attendance:

- Remotely – Bailey Wiedmer, Jessica Jensema, Josh Vincent, Keaton Wheeler, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Suni Wood and Citizen.
- In Person – Olivia Harnack

086935 The following items were discussed with no action taken:

- Tekoa .09 Award
- Whitcom Switch-over
- 2024 Budget Calendar
- Martin Hall Update
- Legal Printing Contract
- Senior BOE Training
- Colfax Childcare
- ARPA Funds/Sheriffs Cameras
- ARPA Funds/Port-Childcare Center
- Whitcom-SECO Military Contract
- County Seal work completed
- Almota Road closed/Summers Road closure
- Scale Project Update

9:15 AM- Recess

10:15 AM – Reconvene- Board Business

New/Old Business

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments.

Consent Agenda items approved.

086936 Treasures Wire Transfers & Check Report \$1,907,792.78

086936 Payroll Claims - #367795-367845 \$ 573,263.40

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086938-086944 Personal Change Orders Approved

086945 5. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the 202 Whitman County Palouse Empire Fair and Fairgrounds Fee Schedule.

086946 6. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the updated Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan policy.

086947 7. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the updated Sick Leave policy.

086948 8. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the updated Reporting Improper Governmental Action policy.

086949 9. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the updated Annual Leave policy.

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086950 10. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to correct the 2023 vacation carryover amounts authorized December 5, 2022, Res. 086326, for Lorena Lynch and Kristin Thompson. Corrections were required due to miscalculations of carry over amounts in 2022.

- Lorena Lynch- 2023 vacation carried over amount from 87 hours to 79.97 hours for 2023 vacation hours carried over
- Kristin Thompson 2023 vacation carried over amount from 160.0 hours to 50.5 hours for 2023 vacation hours carried over

086951 11. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize Commissioner Handy to sign the Whitcom Contract SFY2024 07.01.23-08.15.24.

086952 12. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to revise the Voluntary Stewardship Program Watershed Group members removing Evan Sheffels, John Stuhmiller, David Swannack and Tracy Erickson with no additional members named at this time.

086953 13. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to award 2023 Public Facilities .09 funding to the City of Tekoa in the amount of \$28,000.00.

086954 14. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the 2024 Budget Calendar.

086955 15. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to adopt the 2024 Budget Goals and Priorities Letter.

086956 16. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign 2023 – 2025 Biennium contract between the Washington State Conservation Commission and Whitman County for the Voluntary Stewardship Program Implementation of the work plan.

086957 17. Commissioner Swannack moved, Commissioner Handy seconded the motion and carried to approve the resolution to temporarily close a portion of Almota Road #8000 to through traffic from July 10-21, 2023 during culver replacement activities in the vicinity of Sommer Road.

D086957 18. Public Works Division updates were shared in the morning workshop, no additional updates were shared.

086958 19. Correspondence: The Palouse Advocacy League, Preventing Suicide and Ending Stigma shared pamphlets listing Mental Healthcare Providers in Whitman County (WA) and Latah County (ID) are available in the Commissioners suite at the Whitman County Courthouse.

086959 20. The pending list was reviewed.

D086959 21. Approved documents were signed.

10:45 AM- Recess

11:00 AM – Reconvene- Workshop

Attendance:

In Person – Sheriff Brett Meyers, Jessica Jensema, Keaton Wheeler and Scotty Anderson.

086959 22. The following items were discussed with no action taken:

- ARPA funds for jail cameras

12:00 PM- Recess

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Monday, July 10, 2023

THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Commissioner's Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on Monday, July 10, 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 - Workshop

Attendance:

- Remotely – Bailey Wiedmer, Crystn Guenther, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Keaton Wheeler and Sandy Jamison
- In Person – Bill Tensfeld

D086960 23. Approved Consent Agenda items signed
086960 Treasures Wire Transfers & Check Report \$ 184,313.49
086960 General Claims - numbered 367886-367974 \$ 366,103.17

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086861 24. The following items were discussed with no action taken:

- LSC Meeting-Regional Host-Sept. or Oct.
- Rural Court Security Grant
- VSO progress update
- Roadwork needed/Lamont
- Whitcom Building Offices
- Whitcom Building-IT testing
- Whitcom Console Project update
- Electrical/Hybrid vehicles
- First Step internet connection issues/Whitcom/Asotin County
- Broadband Action Team
- Manage/Maintain Towers need

9:45 AM - Adjourned

Commissioner Swannack **moved** to adjourn the July 3-16, 2023 meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Handy and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in the Commissioner's Chambers of the Whitman County commissioners Chambers, Colfax, Washington, on July 17, 2023.

The foregoing action made this 10th day of July 2023.

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


Corey Mitzimberg
Clerk of the Board


MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners

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