

BOCC MINUTES- 09/07/2021

084726 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** Arthur D Swannack, Chairman, Michael Largent (remotely) and Tom Handy (remotely) Commissioners and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Remotely: Brandy Dean, Bailey Wiedmer, Chris Nelson, Cynthia Hayward, Crystn Guenther, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Jill Whelchel, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Lorena Lynch, Mark Storey, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Mary Collins, Anthony Kuipers and Jacob Jones.

084727-084729 1-3. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Court Commissioner/Pro Tem Wages
- County Departments Move
- Interim WSU Extension Director
- Vaccinations/Extension Volunteers
- Public Works Staffing

10:05 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey.

Remotely: Bailey Wiedmer, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Lorena Lynch, Sharron Cunningham, Jacob Jones and Mary Collins.

D084729A 4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

084730 5. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to accept the consent agenda as presented.

084731 6. Treasurer's Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$139,011.25**, and General Claims/Veterans' Relief warrants numbered **356454-356584** for **\$101,690.53** approved.

084732 7. August 30, 2021 minutes approved.

084733-084740 8. Personnel change orders approved.

084741 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to sign the Long Term Care Letter of Agreement with the Deputy Sheriff Association.

084742 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of hearing for the 2022 budget.

084743 11. The decision regarding the quotes received for the moving of County departments due to the McKinstry Phase 5 project, was tabled to 1:00 p.m. for legal review.

084744 11A. The following Public Works related issues approved/updated:

ACTION ITEMS:

084745 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion to award the bid for the Johnson Area Roads Overlay project to Poe Asphalt, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho, for the base bid amount of \$491,182.60. Public Works Director Mark Storey commented he is in support of this bid and Prosecutor Denis Tracy has reviewed and approved the contract. Motion **carried**.

DIVISION UPDATES:

D084745A 13. The following division updates provided by Public Works staff.

Solid Waste Division:

D084745B 13A. Director Mark Storey said he along with Commissioner Handy met with Allied Services to discuss the long haul contract. There will be a recommendation once additional information and contract numbers are received.

Engineering Division:

D084745C 13B. Work at the Port of Wilma is moving forward with ditching and dry wells are being done to allow paving to start mid-October with plans for the project to be completed this year. Mark Storey will be visiting the site tomorrow, September 8th.

Maintenance Division:

D084745D 13C. Maintenance Operations Manager Brandon Kruger has been working on a project to provide more energy efficient and better lighting in the County shops. This project will go out to bid soon and is two-thirds funded through Avista Utilities and Inland Power and Light.

Administrative Division:

D084745E 13D. Mark Storey shared filming of a car commercial on SR 23 will take place later this month. There will be no county road closures; flaggers will be used for filming.

CORRESPONDENCE:

D084745F 14. The following correspondence was received:

084746 14A. A letter with pictures from Scotty and Diane Cornelius was received regarding retaining walls they viewed while on vacation similar to what they are proposing to be built adjacent to their property.

084747 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D084747A 16. Approved documents signed.

10:35 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Denis Tracy, Dan LeBeau and Kelli Campbell.

084748 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 12:00 in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for matters related to potential litigation.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:05 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

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D084748 17A. This item was tabled at the morning session. After legal review the issue was again before the Board for their decision. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to award the county departments moving quote to All In Movers, LLC., Lewiston, ID in the amount of \$78,400.00.

1:00 p.m. - Recess.

D084748A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington on **Monday, September 13, 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 (remotely) and Corey Mitzimberg, Deputy Clerk of the Board attended.

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

D084748B 18. Approved consent agenda items signed.

084749 19. Treasurers Wire Transfers and Check Report in the amount of **\$2,219,318.91**, Payroll warrants numbered **356592-356602** for **\$616,502.40** and General/Veterans' Relief/Payroll warrants numbered **356612-356761** for **\$434,756.39** approved.

084750-084751 20. Personnel change orders approved.

084752 20A. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to amend the agenda adding items #20B and #23A.

084753 20B. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to ratify the Chairman's authorization for the Palouse Empire Fair RV Park project with Palouse River Rock.

9:15 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Remotely: Annie Pillers, Brandy Brown, Brandy Dean, Chris Nelson, Crystn Guenthner, Cynthia Hayward, Fletcher Aukerman, Jacy Leach, Jessica Jensema, Jill Whelchel, Kelli Campbell, Lance Bishop, Sandy Jamison, Sharron Cunningham, Anthony Kuipers, Jacob Jones and WC Gazette.

084754 21. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- Budget Reviews Rescheduled
- Fair and Concert/Neal McCoy
- Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee
- County Departments Move Update
- Whitcom Building Space Availability
- COVID 19 Status Update
- Public Works Projects Update

10:15 p.m. - Recess

10:45 a.m. - Reconvene/ Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Kelli Campbell (10:45 a.m.)and Maribeth Becker (11:30 a.m.)

084755 22. 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)(g) for matters related to employee evaluations.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

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Present: Brandy Dean (1:00 p.m.), Mark Storey(1:45 p.m.)and Bill Tensfeld (2:30 p.m.).

084756 23. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Handy **seconded** the motion and **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 3:00 in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for matters related to employee evaluations.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

3:15 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business/BOCC Workshop continued.

Present: Kelli Campbell and Chris Skidmore.

Remotely: Annie Pillers, Bailey Wiedmer, Jessica Jensema, Sandy Jamison, Chris Nelson, Brandy Brown, Cynthia Hayward, Sharron Cunningham, Brandy Dean, Fletcher Aukerman, Crystn Guenthner, Jacy Leach, Bill Tensfeld and Lance Bishop.

084757 23A. The following items were discussed but no action was taken.

- COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines
- ARPA Funds Use
- Leave Without Pay (LWOP)
- Paid Family Medical Leave(PFML)

084758-084761 24-27. Budget Reviews where cancelled, for September 14-15 and 21-22 and have been rescheduled on October 5-6 and 12-13, 2021.

3:45 p.m. - Adjournment.

D084761A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **September 7th** and **13th, 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 **September 20, 2021**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of September **2021**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board
By: Corey Mitzimberg
Deputy Clerk of the Board

ARTHUR D SWANNACK, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners