

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Gregory A. Tompkins present, member James K. Johnson present, and member Perry L. Dozier present. Clerk of the Board Connie R. Vinti was also present.

Roll call and establish a quorum

Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Present
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Present
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Present

Declarations re: conflict of interest - none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed) - none

PRESENT: Dr. Harvey Crowder, Public Health Administrator; Sue Osterman; Chris Blackman; Mary Lou Yocum; Andy Porter, Union-Bulletin; Dorothy Knudson; Mike Bates, Director of Court Services Department and Juvenile Justice Center; Jay Winter, personnel/risk management consultant for the county; Randy Glaeser, Public Works Department Director, and Tony Garcia Morales, staff; Jesse Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Shanda Zessin, Sheriff's office employee; Karen Martin, County Auditor; Gordon Heimbigner, County Treasurer; former county commissioner Gregg Loney.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Tompkins

Consensus to pull payroll approval from the consent agenda and make it an action item.

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MINUTES
OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 23 AND 24, 2012**

RESOLUTION NO. 12 213

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the minutes of the Walla Walla County Commissioners' proceedings of the regular sessions of July 23 and 24, 2012 shall be approved.

Approving County warrants as follows: 4130940 through 4131256 totaling \$2,435,108.58; 4030507 through 4030531 totaling \$81,123.10 (payroll draws dated July 13, 2012); 4030649 through 4030734 totaling \$962,464.45 (July payroll); 4131257 through 4131295 totaling \$895,099.42 (benefits and deductions)

Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

MOTION: **I move to approve the Commissioners' consent agenda items, the minutes, the warrants excluding (July) payroll, and payroll action and other forms, as listed on the agenda and referenced.**

Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Motion
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

The following action agenda items were presented for approval:

(Approval of July payroll)

MOTION: **I move to approve (the July) payroll.**

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Disapprove

**IN THE MATTER OF A LEASE OF COUNTY
PROPERTY TO WHITMAN COLLEGE**

RESOLUTION NO. 12 214

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.34, application to lease county property has been made by Whitman College to the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington, said application accompanied by a deposit as required by RCW 36.34.150; and

WHEREAS, said county property is identified as the eastern portion of county parcel no. 310603110003, located near the Wallula Gap, in Walla Walla County, which property has been previously utilized as farm land and is located adjacent to property owned by Whitman College which is also utilized as farm land; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners deem it desirable to lease said property; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.34.160 requires notice of the county's intention to make such a lease to be published and a date and time set for a public meeting to consider leasing said property; and

WHEREAS, the meeting to lease said property was set for and held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in Commissioners' Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, Walla Walla, Washington, said meeting properly advertised and posted as prescribed; and

WHEREAS, no objections were made to leasing said property during the public meeting, and at the conclusion of that portion of the open, public session of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board instructed the Clerk of the Board and the Prosecuting Attorney's office to prepare a lease agreement for review and execution; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement has been reviewed, and now properly executed by authorized representatives of Whitman College; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they shall approve and sign a Lease between Walla Walla County and the Board of Trustees of Whitman College, said lease to be effective immediately and terminate on December 31, 2017, unless terminated as otherwise provided.

MOTION: *I move to approve the request from Whitman College to lease certain county property, and to approve a lease agreement for same.*

Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Motion
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Review of constituent concerns

WESCOM Executive Committee concept: Background given. One of the things that came out of the meetings with (new Walla Walla Police) Chief Bieber is that there was a need for a committee, made up of people with decision making authority who can make determinations on financial issues (to study the issues relative to funding of WESCOM (Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications Center), the entity managing the dispatch services for the entire county). There was discussion re setting up a format similar to the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, having a policy advisory committee and a technical advisory committee. It was determined that a county commissioner, the Walla Walla City Manager and College Place City Administrator, a Walla Walla Fire District 4 Commissioner, and one representative for the other fire districts to be the voting members on this proposed new committee. (The purpose of the committee will be to develop a sustainable financial model and user fee structure to fund WESCOM for operational expenses, capital expenses, and equipment repair and replacement costs.)

MOTION: *Since Commissioner Dozier has been attending the EMCAB meetings to represent the county, and he is familiar with the problems of the current radio system as well as related financial issues, I would move that Commissioner Perry Dozier be the Walla Walla County Commissioner representative on the WESCOM (Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications Center) Executive Committee.*

Some discussion on different but related topics of representatives for discussions re: the county building housing Dispatch/WESCOM, and the financial decisions to be made on the proposed committee. Plan is that Commissioner Tompkins will continue to work on the county building portion and Commissioner Dozier on the WESCOM Executive Committee.

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Harvey Crowder

Department update and miscellaneous

COURT SERVICES/JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

Mike Bates

Mr. Bates gave the background on the contract with Umatilla County.

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CONTRACT WITH UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON FOR JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 12 215

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County, Washington, has agreed to provide juvenile detention services to all eligible youth up to age 18 taken into custody in Umatilla County, Oregon, or ordered into secure confinement by the Umatilla County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, the terms of contract for detention services have been offered to and agreed upon by Umatilla County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, contracted services shall be in effect from July 1, 2012, for a one year term, and shall be renewed automatically each subsequent July 1 for additional one year terms, until modified or cancelled by the terms of said contract; and

WHEREAS, said contract was submitted to the Walla Walla County Prosecuting Attorney and Personnel/Risk Manager for approval; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby approve and shall sign said Umatilla County-Walla Walla County Juvenile Justice Center Detention Contract.

MOTION: *I move to approve the Court Services Department/Juvenile Justice Center's consent agenda item, approving a contract with Umatilla County for juvenile detention services, as listed on the agenda and referenced.*

Question by Commissioner Johnson – does this cover the entire Umatilla County, or just Milton-Freewater kids? Mr. Bates: All. (gave more information). Commissioner Dozier had other questions as well prior to the vote.

- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Motion
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: 2nd
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
- Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

Department update and miscellaneous

Follow-up on medical dispensary issue/blister packs and other department information.

Recess.

PERSONNEL/RISK MANAGER

Jay Winter, personnel/risk management consultant for the county, gave the report.

Department update and miscellaneous

WA Counties Risk Pool Conference report: Walla Walla County received the 2007-2011 Bronze Dragon Award as county with history of third lowest number of claims. Liability insurance premium will stay the same for next year, so this will allow an opportunity for some set-aside funds for the Pool, looking to the future. Due to our loss ratio, the county will see a slight reduction, approximately \$22,000. Public records issues some of the largest facing counties, then Courthouse and court security next, followed by information technology issues, and then jail claims and law suits.

Executive session re personnel 10:25-10:34 (RCW 42.30.110(g)). (meeting room re-opened, but informal recess ensued)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Randy Glaeser

The following bid opening was held:

Mill Creek Flood Control Zone wall repair

No bids were received.

The following action agenda items were presented for approval:

IN THE MATTER OF A BID AWARD FOR THE LUCKENBILL ROAD FLOOD DAMAGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 12 216

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WHEREAS, the time of 2:00 P.M., July 26, 2012, having come for opening of bids for the Luckenbill Road Flood Damage project, the following bids were received by Walla Walla County:

- 1) Royse Hydroseeding
Walla Walla, Washington \$699,354.00
- 2) Apollo, Inc.
Kennewick, Washington \$735,556.00
- 3) Barker, Inc.
Dayton, Washington \$775,234.00

WHEREAS, Royse Hydroseeding submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid, now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the contract for the Luckenbill Road Flood Damage project is awarded to Royce Hydroseeding in the amount of \$699,354.00.

MOTION: I move to approve the bid award for the Luckenbill Road flood repair to Royse Hydroseeding, in the amount of \$699,354.00, as recommended by the County Engineer. (This is emergency road repair.)

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

**IN THE MATTER OF USE OF COUNTY ROADS
FOR THE ST. MARY REGIONAL CANCER
CENTER GRAN FONDO TOURING EVENT/
FUNDRAISER**

RESOLUTION NO. 12 217

WHEREAS, the St Mary Regional Cancer Center has requested permission to use Walla Walla County roads for the purpose of a fund raising event for the St. Mary Regional Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, said event will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, between the hours of 7:30 am and 1:30 pm; and,

WHEREAS, said event will consist of 22-mile, 30-mile, and 60-mile bicycle courses, plus a 100 mile motorcycle tour; and,

WHEREAS, the event organizers have agreed to notify emergency services prior to the event for the necessary safety and emergency services information; and

WHEREAS, the event organizers have provided a certificate of insurance naming Walla Walla County as additional insured and have agreed to include Walla Walla County in their registration/release waiver; and,

WHEREAS, the event organizers shall provide a news release to the local newspapers announcing the event date; now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, that permission be granted to the St Mary Regional Cancer Center to use the County roads as shown in attachment "A" on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

MOTION: I move to approve the Public Works Department's consent agenda item, approving use of county roads for the St. Mary Regional Cancer Center Grand Fondo event, as listed on the agenda and referenced.

Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Motion
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

Department update and miscellaneous

Emergency flood repair work update. Majority of county roads ready for harvest; will need further repair work for weeks and months to come, however. Gardena Bridge – current schedule calls for it to be closed second week of August, which will impact about two weeks of school/bus transportation. Goble Bridge – contractor helping county with other repairs related to the flooding/weather emergency, hoping bridge work will start next week. Chip sealing started again today; contemplating a couple of weeks of five-day weeks, to catch up.

Recess.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Debra Antes

Office update and miscellaneous

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Reported that Affinity (apartment community complex) was declared 100% exempt (from property taxes) by the state as a home for the aging, tax exempt bond, exempt for 2012-2013. Lost \$6 million in new construction value, and will have to refund taxes that were paid so far this year of \$17,000+. More information received today provided re 20% set aside of spaces apparently not being met. Discussion re possible appeal to the state of this ruling; must be done by soon.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jim Nagle/Jesse Nolte

Executive session re pending litigation 10:59-11:08 (RCW 42.30.110(i)).

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

Discussion re county indigent defense contracts, as interest has been expressed by some non-contracted attorneys for a portion of the contracts. (One attorney has verbally indicated that he not renew his contract with the county, due to his retirement.) Also, costs could be affected by the new criminal defense standards put in place by the Supreme Court.

Recess

- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: 2nd
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
- Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

JOINT FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Karen Martin and
Gordon Heimbigner**

2012 Budget update (review of first half revenue and expenditure reports) and miscellaneous

County Auditor Karen Martin reported on status of revenues and expenditures processed through June 30. County Treasurer Gordon Heimbigner gave a revenue report.

Recess.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

The balance of the session was devoted to routine business and then adjourned until Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Adjourn

- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Motion
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: 2nd
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
- Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

ATTEST:

Connie R Vinti
Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

Gregory A. Tompkins
Gregory A. Tompkins, Chair

James K. Johnson
James K. Johnson, Member

Perry L. Dozier
Perry L. Dozier, Member

July 31, 2012

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners met in a work session with Chairman Gregory A. Tompkins present, member James K. Johnson present, and member Perry L. Dozier present. Clerk of the Board Connie R. Vinti was also present.

Roll call and establish a quorum

Commissioner District 2 - Perry L. Dozier: Present
Commissioner District 1 - James K. Johnson: Present
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A. Tompkins: Present

PRESENT:

Sheriff John Turner and Shanda Zessin, staff; County Auditor Karen Martin; County Treasurer Gordon Heimbigner and Debbie Neal, Chief Deputy; Debbie Antes, County Assessor; County Clerk Kathy Martin; Andy Porter, Union-Bulletin; Pat Yenney; Sue Osterman; Randy Glaeser, Director of Public Works; five other citizens; Mike Bates, Director of Court Services/Juvenile Justice Center.

The following work session was held:

Sheriff's Office presentation re budget, programs, and prioritizations, as part of 2013 budget process

Sheriff Turner opened with a correction to an understanding by the commissioners as mentioned yesterday in session. This was regarding information requested by the BOCC that the sheriff's office was unable to provide. Commissioners thanked him for the clarification.

Sheriff Turner: To prioritize the one-time expenditure requests: Uniforms, office machines, funding for reserve deputy program, and rifles. Can't move forward with budget planning without knowing status. Commissioner Dozier responded, with Chairman Tompkins and Commissioner Johnson providing further information. Chairman Tompkins asked for the information on cost of Class B uniforms for Commissioned Deputies only.

Sheriff Turner and Shanda Zessin made presentation. Discussion ensued throughout between county commissioners and the sheriff and Shanda. Chairman Tompkins asked also for information re: cost of use of ankle bracelet monitoring vs. housing in the jail for criminals. Further on in the discussion the sheriff's office was asked to provide information on the cost-savings of the 12 hour shifts.

Short break/recess.

Contracts touched on. ER&R (Equipment Rental and Revolving) fund discussion. Randy Glaeser provided some information to this part of the discussion.

Sheriff was asked to check into the status of the security plan that is being compiled by various county staff, and cost estimates.

Recess to allow room to clear.

Other

When session resumed, Chairman Tompkins stated that inadvertently everyone who reviewed the voucher list that was approved on July 30, 2012 accidentally missed the fact that there was a voucher payment to his business, Integrity Laundry, on that list, for a maintenance bill. As such, he did not state that he had a conflict and abstain from voting. Action taken to correct that as follows:

MOTION: **I move to rescind the motion to approve the July 30, 2012 voucher approval list, to correct the action (at the request for Chairman Tompkins, who has gone on the record to state that he had an unknown conflict with that voucher approval action).**

Commissioner District 1 - James K. Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L. Dozier: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L. Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K. Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A. Tompkins: Approve

MOTION: **I move to approve the voucher approval list dated July 27, 2012.**

Commissioner District 1 - James K. Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L. Dozier: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 - Perry L. Dozier: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K. Johnson: Approve
Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A. Tompkins: Abstain

The balance of the session was devoted to routine business and then adjourned until Monday, August 6, 2012

Adjourn

- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: 2nd
- Commissioner District 2 - Perry L Dozier: Approve
- Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve
- Commissioner District 3 Chair - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

ATTEST:

Connie R Vinti
 Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:

Gregory A. Tompkins
 Gregory A. Tompkins, Chair

James K Johnson
 James K. Johnson, Member

Perry L Dozier
 Perry L. Dozier, Member