

February 4, 2019

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Todd L. Kimball, present and member James K. Johnson, present.

County Employees Present: Peggy Needham, Department of Community Health; Meghan DeBolt, Department of Community Health Director; Liz Jessee, Director of Emergency Management; Sheriff, Mark Crider; Joe Klundt, Undersheriff; Tony Garcia, Public Works Director; Jesse Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Shelly Peters, Human Resources/Risk Manager; Prosecuting Attorney, Jim Nagle; Auditor, Karen Martin; Susan Dombrosky, Auditor's Office; Pam Hamilton, Auditor's Office; Josie Garza, Auditor's Office; Treasurer, Gordon Heimbigner; Lisa Stober, Treasurer's Office; Tom Glover, Community Development Department Director; Ron Varner, Sheriff's Office; Kevin Gutierrez, Director of Technology Services;

Community Members Present: Andy Porter, Dorothy Knudson, Esther Duncan, Dave Maiden, Greg Tompkins, Wendi Kregger, Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Kathy Miller, Debbie Zalaznik, Sheryl Cox, Bruce Johnson, RL McFarland, Ryan Kregger, Jenny Mayberry, Larry Hector, Connie Vinti, Jim Vinti, Perry Dozier, Darleen Dozier, Liz Stroe, Sandy Kimball, Eric Kimball and four men.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Kimball

Roll call and establish a quorum

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Present
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Present

Declarations re: conflict of interest - none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Esther Duncan, 177 Maple Street, Burbank – comments.

Shane Laib, 1048 Frankland Street, Walla – comments.

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla – comments

Perry Dozier, 262 Connover Road, Waitsburg – comments.

Introduction of new county employees (this is scheduled for the first meeting of each month) - none

Action Agenda Items:

Review submitted Employee Payroll Action Forms – pulling three payroll action forms for Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Johnson asked to remove three payroll action forms for the Sheriff's Office for consideration next week. Commissioner Kimball agreed and the three payroll action forms from the Sheriff's Office were pulled and not approved.

Consent Agenda Items:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE
MINUTES OF THE WALLA WALLA
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
FOR JANUARY 22 AND 23, 2019 AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2019
AND CANCELLED SESSIONS OF
JANUARY 28 AND 29, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 19 023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the minutes of the Walla Walla County Commissioners' proceedings of January 22 and 23, 2019 and special meeting January 25, 2019, and cancelled sessions of January 28 and 29, 2019 shall be approved.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING FOR BIDS
FOR DESIGNATION OF THE COUNTY
LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR COUNTY
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING

RESOLUTION NO. 19 024

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.72.075, it is time to call for bids for designating the official county newspaper for county printing and advertising for a one year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walla Walla County issue a call for bids for county printing and advertising, to be opened on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, as the County Auditor's designee, shall cause the call for bids to be published.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OUT OF
STATE TRAVEL FOR CASA (COURT
APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE)
SUPERVISOR KATI BROWN

RESOLUTION NO. 19 025

WHEREAS, Walla Walla Corrections Director Norrie Gregoire has requested out of state travel approval for CASA Supervisor Kati Brown to travel to Billings, Montana for family site placement visit for a four year old dependent youth, scheduled for February 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, advance authorization for out of state travel is required; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregoire has approved said travel at the department level and ascertained there are sufficient funds for this expenditure, and has requested approval of this out of state travel by the Board of County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that out of state travel as outlined above be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional time related to said travel, if needed, is also approved.

Execute Acknowledgement of Receipt form for report from County Treasurer of all refunds for year 2018 (pursuant to RCW 84.69.020)

County vouchers/warrants/electronic payments as follows: 4047297 through 4047309, totaling \$80,029.00 (payroll draws dated January 15, 2019); 4047424 through 4047462, totaling \$936,458.73 (January payroll); 4205301 through 4205328 totaling \$1,044,636.34 (benefits and deductions)

Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

MOTION: *I move to approve the Commissioners' consent agenda items, the minutes; calling for bids for designation of the county legal newspaper for county printing and advertising; approving out of state travel for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Kati Brown; executing acknowledgement of receipt form for report from County Treasurer for all refunds for year 2018; and warrants and payroll action and other forms, as listed on the agenda and referenced.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Review of constituent concerns/possible updates re: past concerns

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Meghan DeBolt

Consent Agenda Items:

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING AN
INDIVIDUAL TO THE WALLA WALLA
COUNTY COUNCIL ON HOUSING

RESOLUTION NO. 19 026

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County currently administers local, state and federal funds for homelessness and housing; and

WHEREAS, these funds, and their contracts, are allocated, supervised and monitored by Walla Walla County through their designee, the Department of Community Health; and

WHEREAS, a Walla Walla County Council on Housing (COH) has been established by the Walla Walla County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the COH includes representatives from each incorporated jurisdiction within Walla Walla County; and

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WHEREAS, the COH includes sector seat representing veterans, service providers, healthcare, finance, business, and community member; and

WHEREAS, the COH will accept applications and recruit for vacant positions on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the COH received an application and voted at the January 2019 meeting to formally recommended Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer (Community Member) to serve on the COH, with a term of appointment of three (3) years; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, that the above named individual be appointed to the Walla Walla County Council on Housing, with said term of appointment of three (3) years.

MOTION: *I move to approve appointing an individual to the Walla Walla County Council on Housing, as listed on the agenda and referenced.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
 Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
 Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
 Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Action Agenda items:

Proposal 2019 02-04 DCH Approval to sponsor four members from the Walla Walla County Suicide Prevention Workgroup to attend Suicide Prevention day in Olympia to advocate for suicide prevention support

MOTION: *I move to approve Proposal 2019 02-04 DCH (Department of Community Health), approval to sponsor four members from the Walla Walla County Suicide Prevention Workgroup to attend Suicide Prevention Day in Olympia to advocate for suicide prevention support, as recommended and requested by the Director of Community Health.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
 Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
 Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
 Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Department update and miscellaneous

Peggy Needham gave an update re Suicide Prevention day in Olympia Meghan DeBolt gave a department update.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tom Glover

Department update and miscellaneous

Tom Glover provided an update.

RECESS for five minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tony Garcia

Bid Openings:

1) Aggregate Crushed Surfacing – Top Course

Bids received:	
Koncrete Industries, Inc.	\$487,950.00
Central Washington Asphalt, Inc.	\$746,750.00
Humbert Asphalt, Inc	\$499,950.00

2) Chemical Vegetation Control Products

Bids received:	
Wilbur Ellis	\$87,980.00
Nutrien Ag, Inc.	\$85,338.19

Consent Agenda Items:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE (WALKER)

RESOLUTION NO. 19 027

WHEREAS, Tony Garcia, Director of Public Works, has requested approval for out of state travel for Seth Walker, Chief of Engineering & Construction, to travel to Portland, Oregon for the Bridge and Tunnel Inspector's Conference April 23-25, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to County policy, an Employee Travel Authorization form has been submitted; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that out of state travel as outlined above is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional time to travel to or from said event, if needed, is also approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVISING RENTAL
RATES FOR EQUIPMENT OWNED BY
THE EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND REVOLVING
FUND**

RESOLUTION NO. 19 028

WHEREAS, the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) was established according to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to provide a stable and dependable method of owning, maintaining, repairing and replacing County equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has determined it is necessary to revise certain equipment rates for equipment owned by the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund to operate the fund as designed; and

WHEREAS, Court Services is replacing a copy machine with a new copy machine out of Court Services replacement monies from the ER&R Fund; and

WHEREAS, the replacement copy machine will no longer be part of the ER&R system and will be owned by Court Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners has reviewed the rates as determined by the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer will continue to monitor the ER&R Fund and equipment rental rates and recommends revisions as appropriate; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that rental rates for certain equipment owned by the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund be adjusted as shown on the attached list, effective January 1, 2019.

**IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING AN AGREEMENT
WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
FOR THE DODD ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING
AND PORT KELLY RAILROAD CROSSING**

RESOLUTION NO. 19 029

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been prepared between Walla Walla County and Union Pacific Railroad Company to improve Dodd Road Railroad Crossing and Port Kelly Railroad Crossing; and

WHEREAS, Dodd Road Railroad Crossing and Port Kelly Railroad Crossing have been selected to receive Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, for the improvement of the crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will allow reconstruction and installation of flashing lights, gates and guardrails of the crossings; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, that they do hereby enter into said Agreement for the improvements of the railroad crossings at Dodd Road Railroad Crossing and Port Kelly Railroad Crossing and the Chair of the board shall sign same in the name of the Board.

MOTION: *I move to approve out of state travel for public works employee (Walker); revising rental rates for equipment owned by the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund; and signing an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Dodd Road railroad crossing and Port Kelly railroad crossing, as listed on the agenda and referenced.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Department update and miscellaneous

Tony Garcia gave an update.

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla – Questions

Greg Tompkins, 49 NW B Street, College Place – Question

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jim Nagle/Jesse Nolte

Jesse Nolte here.

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Requested executive session for 15 minutes for potential litigation 10:29 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i)

Miscellaneous business for the Board

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGER

Shelly Peters

Department update and miscellaneous

Update provided by Shelly Peters

Action Agenda Items:

Proposal 2019 02-04 HR/RM Approval of updated Sick Leave Policy

MOTION: *I move to approve Proposal 2019 02-04 HR/RM (Human Resources/Risk Management), to approve the updated sick leave policy, as recommended and requested by the Human Resources/Risk Manager.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Revised job description approval form – Division Manager – Preventative Services (formerly Clinical Services) for the Department of Community Health

MOTION: *I move to approve the Revised Job Description Approval Form submitted by the Department of Community Health as listed on the agenda and referenced.*

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

Commissioner Updates here:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Martin, County Auditor, started the workshop.

Workshop re: internal use of credit cards issued to Walla Walla County for county purchases

Kathy Miller, Banner Bank – is checking account a requirement? Not necessarily required since the county volume. Central account. 25 days is billing cycle – need to determine cut off date, typically is end of month, but this can be changed.

Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

RECESS HERE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Interview candidates for appointment to vacant partisan elective office position of County Commissioner District 3, (vacancy created by the passage of James L. Duncan, Jr.)

Began at 1:34 p.m.

Wendi Kregger – Interview for appointment

Dave Maiden – Interview for appointment

RECESS for five minutes

Greg Tompkins – Interview for appointment

Interviews concluded.

Executive session re to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office (County Commissioner District #3) for approximately 20 minutes 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(h))

Action Agenda Item:

Appointment to fill vacancy in county elective office, the position of County Commissioner District 3

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Commissioner Johnson discussion re qualifications of candidates

Commissioner Kimball discussion re qualifications of candidates

MOTION: Based upon our discussions and after evaluating the various qualifications of the candidates put forth by the Republican Central Committee, I would move to appoint Greg Tompkins to the position of District 3 County Commissioner, to take office immediately upon his/her swearing in and to serve until the general election is certified, and request a 5 minute recess so that the clerk of the board can prepare a resolution to sign immediately.

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF
 GREGORY A. TOMPKINS TO SERVE AS
 WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

RESOLUTION NO. 19 030

WHEREAS, due to the death of Walla Walla County Commissioner James (Jim) L. Duncan, Jr. on December 27, 2018, a vacancy was created in the office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section 15, of the Washington State Constitution, "Vacancies in Legislature and in Partisan County Elective Office", the Walla Walla County Republican Central Committee met to consider nominees for appointment to fill said vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Central Committee submitted three nominations, Wendi Kregger, Dave Maiden and Greg Tompkins, as outlined on the attached letter, referred to as "Attachment A" and by this reference made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners interviewed the nominees; and

WHEREAS, during open public session this date, by motion the Board of County Commissioners appointed Gregory A. Tompkins as County Commissioner District #3, effective immediately; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that Gregory A. Tompkins be formally appointed as Walla Walla County Commissioner District #3, to serve until a successor is elected at the next general election and shall have qualified, pursuant to Article II, Section 15 of the Washington State Constitution.


MOTION: I move to approve the appointment of Gregory A. Tompkins to serve as Walla Walla County Commissioner effective immediately and approve a payroll action form for the appointment.

Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Motion
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - James K Johnson: Approve


The balance of the session was devoted to routine business.

Commissioners adjourned until Monday, February 11, 2019.

ATTEST:


 Diane L. Harris, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:


 Todd L. Kimball, Chair


 James K. Johnson, Member

Position Currently Vacant, Member