

April 4, 2022

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Todd L. Kimball, present, member Jennifer R. Mayberry, present, and member Gregory A. Tompkins, present. Clerk of the Board, Diane L. Harris, was also present.

Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation dated March 23, 2020 the Commissioner Meeting was held via phone and internet.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**Chairman Kimball**

Roll call and establish a quorum

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L. Kimball: Present

Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Present

Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A. Tompkins: Present

Declarations re: conflict of interest - none

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 - reviewed

Review vouchers/warrants/electronic payments - reviewed

Bid Opening:

Rodeo Viewing Platforms (Walla Walla County Fairgrounds)

Bids received:

Nelson Construction Corp - Base Bid \$2,212,482.00 and Alternate Bid \$634,143.00

Booth and Sons Construction Inc. - Base Bid \$1,936,000.00 and Alternate Bid \$680,000.00

Fowler General Construction, Inc. - Base Bid \$1,851,000.00 and Alternate Bid \$548,000.00

Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution No. 22 069 – Minutes of County Commissioners' proceedings for March 28 and 29, 2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the minutes of the Walla Walla County Commissioners' proceedings of March 28 and 29, 2022.

Resolution No. 22 070 – Approving out of state travel for Commissioner Todd L. Kimball and Public Works Employee (Garcia)

WHEREAS, Commissioner Todd L. Kimball and Tony Garcia, Director of Public Works, have requested approval for out of state travel to travel to Washington DC with a contingent of local elected and appointed officials to meet with state senators and representatives regarding county and state related issues, said travel covering the period of April 26 through April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County policy, an Employee Travel Authorization forms have 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.

Resolution No. 071 – Proclaiming April 4-10, 2022 as National Public Health Week

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is celebrated during the first full week of April each year, to bring together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are vital to improving our nation; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Public Health Week is "Public Health is Where You Are"; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about all aspects of public health and prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that changing our health means working together to ensure conditions where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health works to ensure the basic foundations necessary for good health – clean water, safe food, breathable air and access to life-saving vaccines; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they shall sign a proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2022, as National Public Health Week in Walla Walla County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is celebrated during the first full week of April each year, to bring together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are vital to improving our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about public health and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County recognizes that where we live, learn, work, and play impacts our health and our opportunity to ward off disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that changing our health means working together to ensure conditions where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health works to ensure the basic foundations necessary for good health – clean water, safe food, breathable air and access to life-saving vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Public Health Week is "Public Health is Where You Are"; now therefore

WE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 4-10, 2022 as NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in Walla Walla County, do, therefore, encourage all citizens to work together as advocates for positive change that will build healthier communities and eventually the healthiest nation.

Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

MOTION:

I move to approve the Commissioners' consent agenda items, the minutes; approving out of state travel for Commissioner Todd L. Kimball and Public Works Employee (Garcia) proclaiming April 4-10, 2022 as National Public Health Week; and payroll action and other forms, as listed on the agenda and referenced.

Commissioner Tompkins motion
Commissioner Mayberry second

Commissioner Tompkins read the National Public Health Week Proclamation.

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Action Items:

County vouchers/warrants/electronic payments as follows: 4052961 through 4052967 totaling \$76,476.00 (payroll draws dated March 15, 2022); 4053029 through 4053056 totaling \$1,004,944.35 (March payroll); 4238212 through 4238239 totaling \$1,121,845.58 (benefits and deductions)

MOTION: I move to approve county vouchers/warrants/electronic payments as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Resolution No. 22 072 – Designation of County legal newspaper for county printing and advertising for 2022-2023

WHEREAS, as advertised, a bid opening was held on March 28, 2022 for designation of Walla Walla County's legal newspaper for printing and advertising for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, with the following bid opened and read publicly:

- 1) **Union-Bulletin**, Walla Walla, Washington
Legal advertising.....\$6.20 per column inch
Subsequent insertions.....\$5.68 per column inch

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WHEREAS, the bid from the Union-Bulletin was the only bid received; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the bid for Walla Walla County printing and advertising is hereby awarded to the Union-Bulletin, Walla Walla, Washington, for the period of one year, commencing on July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2023.

MOTION: I move to approve designation of County legal newspaper for county printing and advertising for 2022-2023 as listed on the agenda and referenced.

Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion
Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd
Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve
Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve
Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve

Resolution No. 22 073 – Request by the Waitsburg Celebration Days Association to use County roads for wheeled all-terrain vehicle events

WHEREAS, RCW 46.09.455 restricts wheeled all-terrain vehicles from being used on public roadways in a County with a population of fifteen thousand or more, unless the County passes an ordinance allowing such uses; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.09.455 restricts wheeled all-terrain vehicle use to roads with speed limits of 35 miles or less; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla Ordinance No. 430 and Walla Walla County Code Chapter 10.30 allow for wheeled all-terrain vehicle special event permits; and

WHEREAS, via a Special Event Permit filed with the Walla Walla County Commissioners' office, Waitsburg Celebration Days, a 501c(3) organization is requesting use of certain county roads for all-terrain vehicle events designated as "Sunset Cruise" and for the Karen Huwe Mohnhey Memorial ATV Ride, to be held on May 20 and 21, 2022, respectively; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 430 and Walla Walla County Code Chapter 10.30, review of the above-referenced application by Walla Walla County Public Works Department, Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, and the County Risk Manager is required, and those reviews as well by the County Prosecuting Attorney's office have been completed; 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 shall provide traffic control, signage and flaggers in accordance with the approved Special Event Permit; and

WHEREAS, the event organizers understand that in no event may participants exceed 35 miles per hour, and participants must comply with state law, including, but not limited to RCW 46.09; and

WHEREAS, the event organizers shall obtain any required permissions from Columbia County for event-related travel in that county; 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 Sheriff's Office has informed the Board that two additional deputies will be needed during the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon events for supplemental law enforcement services; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that the "Special Event Permit" is approved, and permission is granted to the event organizers to use the following Walla Walla County roads: Wilson Hollow Road, Nordheim Road, Whiskey Creek Road, Jasper Mountain Road, Bundy Hollow Road, Warren Road, Dent Road, Coppei Road, Coppei Road, and McCown Road on May 20-21, 2022. This approval is based on the following conditions:

The organizers shall pay, in advance, any county public works employee, county sheriff's deputy for supplemental law enforcement services, or other county employee time necessitated by the permit. The Organizers shall coordinate with the Public Works Department and Sheriff's Office to determine whether any such payment is required. At a minimum, the organizers shall contract for two Sheriff's Deputies for the Saturday event and will pay any bills for such services.

The organizers shall comply with all terms of their submitted application, and shall also provide one pilot ATV/UTV (wheeled all-terrain vehicle) with each group of 20-25 riders in order to control speed, monitor conditions and provide for safe travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent these roads have speed limits exceeding 35 miles per hour, the County Engineer shall temporarily lower the speed limits pursuant to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 10.30.020 (E) during the event.

MOTION: I move to approve the request by the Waitsburg Celebration Days Association to use County Roads for wheeled all-terrain vehicle events as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Commissioner Tompkins – update that grant was received from Newhouse for \$1,000,000 and will need a 25% match for dispatch center move. In the process of applying for Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers for \$750,000 from the Board for consensus to apply for those funds. Discussion between Commissioners. Consensus from the Board to proceed with requesting these funds.

Dorothy Knudson, 1336 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla – comments

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Review of constituent concerns/possible updates re: past concerns

JOINT FINANCIAL UPDATE

Karen Martin
Gordon Heimburger-Lisa Stober

2021 Final budget report and 2022 budget report

COUNTY CORRECTIONS

Norrie Gregoire

Department update and miscellaneous

Kati Brown, County Corrections Department and Ursula Volwiler, CASA Volunteer presentation re Walla Walla Child Advocates (CASA)

Commissioner Mayberry – comments
RL McFarland, virtual – comments

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Lauren Prentice

Department update and miscellaneous

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chad Goodhue

Department update and miscellaneous

Dorothy Knudson, 1336 Rancho Villa - comments

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Robert Henry

Department update and miscellaneous

COUNTY SHERIFF

Joe Klundt, Undersheriff

Office update and miscellaneous

Dorothy Knudson, 1336 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla – comments

COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Greg Lybeck

WRITTEN UPDATE ONLY

Commissioner Tompkins – comments

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

Commissioner Tompkins – comments

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tony Garcia

Action Agenda Items:

Proposal 2022 04-04 PW-1 Approval to hire Fiscal Manager at Grade 7, Step D

MOTION: I move to approve Proposal 2022 04-04 PW-1 (Public Works) approval to hire Fiscal Manager at Grade 7, Step D as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Proposal 2022 04-04 PW-2 Approval to hire County Surveyor above mid-range at Grade 8

MOTION: I move to approve Proposal 2022 04-04 PW-2 (Public Works) approval to hire County Surveyor above mid-range at Grade 8 as listed on the agenda and referenced.

Dorothy Knudson, 1336 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla – comments

[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Department update and miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Dr. Kaminsky/Nancy Wenzel

Action Agenda Items:

Proposal 2022 04-04 DCH-1 Approval of Blue Mountain Health Cooperative One-Tenth Budget Amendment for 2022

MOTION: I move to approve Proposal 2022 04-04 DCH-1 (Department of Community Health) approval of Blue Mountain Health Cooperative One-Tenth Budget Amendment for 2022 as listed on the agenda and referenced.

Commissioner Tompkins – comments

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Presentation on "What is Public Health?" in honor of Public Health Week by Frank Sutton, COVID 19 Vaccine Coordinator

RL McFarland, virtual – comments

Department update and miscellaneous

HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGER

Shelly Peters

Department update and miscellaneous

Action Agenda Items:

Resolution No. 22 074 – Agreement between Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Road Crew Public Works

WHEREAS, the above captioned principals have been in labor negotiations; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the best interest of Walla Walla County to accept the latest agreement; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby approve and shall sign said Agreement between Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Road Crew, Public Works Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2025.

MOTION: I move to approve the Agreement between Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Road Crew Public Works as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Resolution No. 22 075 – Agreement between Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Current Expense Courthouse Employees

WHEREAS, the above captioned principals have been in labor negotiations; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the best interest of Walla Walla County to accept the latest agreement; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby approve and shall sign said Agreement between Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Current Expense Courthouse Employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2025.

MOTION: I move to approve Agreement between Board of Commissioners and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 1191-WC of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Current Expense Courthouse Employees as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Executive session re potential litigation and performance of a public employee 2:13 – 2:33 p.m. (Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) and RCW 42.30.110(g))

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jim Nagle/Jesse Nolte

Action Agenda Items:

Approving Request for Defense (Mayberry)

Commissioner Mayberry recused herself.

MOTION: I move to approve the request for defense (Mayberry) as listed on the agenda and referenced.

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Abstain](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

Commissioner Tompkins requested that the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to seek injunctive relief from request by Robert Hill requesting County Clerk Kathy Martin's and Commissioner Jennifer Mayberry's contact information on their cell phones and outlook accounts.

[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Motion](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: 2nd](#)
[Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Approve](#)
[Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Approve](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

There was no further business and the Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

April 5, 2022

The Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Todd L. Kimball, present, member Jennifer R. Mayberry, present, and member Gregory A. Tompkins, present. Clerk of the Board, Diane L. Harris, was also present.

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In person open house to review up to four (4) possible draft plans for redistricting/reassigning voters due to the 2020 Census

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Kimball

Roll call and establish a quorum

Commissioner District 2 Chair - Todd L Kimball: Present

Commissioner District 1 - Jennifer R. Mayberry: Present

Commissioner District 3 - Gregory A Tompkins: Present

Declarations re: conflict of interest - none

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Background provided by Commissioner Kimball on procedure and process.

Please note: Maps that were discussed can be found at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2022_county_commissioner_redistricting.php

Presentation by County Auditor Election staff re up to four (4) possible draft plans for redistricting/reassigning voters due to the 2020 census

Presentation by Dave Valiant, County Auditor Election Department.

Jeffery Aaron Robinson, 2 E Birch Street, Walla Walla – comments

Kari Isaacson, 712 W Langdon, Walla Walla - comments

Marjorie Sanborn, 219 Middle Street, Walla Walla – comments

Jeffery Aaron Robinson, 2 E Birch Street, Walla Walla – comments

Clint Rehn, 413 Craig Street, Walla Walla – comments

Ted Richerzhagen, 24 SE Sunny Drive, College Place – comments

Perry Dozier, 262 Conover Road, Waitsburg – comments

Jacque Richerzhagen, 24 SE Sunny Drive, College Place - comments

Linda Gunshefski, 1581 Summit Place, Walla Walla – comments

Danielle Garbe-Reser, 1994 Last Chance Road, Walla Walla – comments

David Schmaltz, 5 S Blue, Walla Walla – comments

Oral comments closed. Board of County Commissioners will take written comments until 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2022 sent to wwccommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Commissioner Mayberry – comments

David Valiant, Elections Department - comments

County Auditor Karen Martin - comments

There was no further business and the Commissioners adjourned until Monday, April 11, 2022.



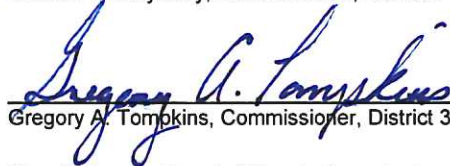
Diane L. Harris, Clerk of the Board



Todd L. Kimball, Chairman, District 2



Jennifer R. Mayberry, Commissioner, District 1



Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner, District 3

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