

A G E N D A

WALLA WALLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

9:30

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Johnson

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each County Commissioner for review and are considered routine. The Consent Agenda will be approved by one motion of the Board of County Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired on a certain item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Commissioner, for action later.

- a) Roll call and establish a quorum
- b) Declarations re: conflict of interest
- c) Pledge of Allegiance
- d) Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

PLEASE NOTE: *If you wish to address the Commission, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Chair. When you have been recognized, please step up to the microphone and give your name and address before your comments. The Walla Walla County Commissioners are committed to maintaining a meeting atmosphere of mutual respect and speakers are encouraged to honor this principle. (An individual may request to address the board at a later time on the agenda, if time permits, by contacting the Clerk of the Board at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.) Thank you.*

- e) **Action Agenda Items:**
 - 1) Review submitted Employee Payroll Action Forms
- f) **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - 1) Resolution _____ - Minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of September 22 and 23, 2014
 - 2) Resolution _____ - Various appointments to the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors Pages 2-3
 - 3) County warrants as follows: 4156660 through 4156661 totaling \$85,528.73 (ER&R); _____ through _____ totaling \$_____ (payroll draws dated September 15, 2014); _____ through _____ totaling \$_____ (September payroll); and _____ through _____ totaling \$_____ (benefits and deductions)
 - 4) Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval
- g) Miscellaneous business to come before the Board
- h) Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports
- i) Review of constituent concerns/possible updates re: past concerns

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**IN THE MATTER OF VARIOUS
APPOINTMENTS TO THE
WALLA WALLA FAIR AND
FRONTIER DAYS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the bylaws in effect, terms of appointment for members of the Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors ("Board", "fair board") will terminate following the September meeting of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the term of appointment for Director Steve Harvey has now terminated, and said Director has served nine years on the fair board, and in accordance with Board bylaws, is not eligible to serve another term on said Board; and

WHEREAS, due to the death of Director Mike Humphreys in March, 2014, a vacancy was created on the Board; however, the Board did not wish to fill that position until after the annual Fair and Frontier Days event in 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Walla Walla County Resolution 13 237, Travis Locke was appointed to serve as ex-officio, non-voting member on the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board, with the provision that Mr. Locke, upon recommendation from the Fair and Frontier Days Board and concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners, would be appointed to serve as a member in full standing of the fair board in 2014; and

WHEREAS, applications for the opening on the Board were sought through a public process; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board bylaws, the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors submitted a list of nominees to the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners for consideration to fill said vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners conducted interviews of said potential fair board members during an open, public meeting of the Board on September 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to discussion on the matter during an open, public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on September 22, 2014, a motion was approved to appoint Miriam Grant to the fair board; and

WHEREAS, the term of appointment for Linda Miller on the fair board has now expired, and in accordance with the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Bylaws, the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors has recommended reappointment of Director Miller; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the fair board has requested and recommended the appointment of Travis Locke to a position on the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby reappoint Linda Miller to a third three year term of appointment on the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors, said term of appointment to be effective immediately and, pursuant to the bylaws, to expire after the September, 2017 fair board meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Miriam Grant be formally appointed to an initial three year term on the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors, said term of appointment to be effective immediately and, pursuant to the bylaws, to expire after the September, 2017 fair board meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon recommendation from the Fair and Frontier Days Board and concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners, Travis Locke shall be appointed to an initial three year term on the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors as a member in full standing, said term of appointment to be effective immediately and, pursuant to the bylaws, to expire after the September, 2017 fair board meeting.

*"Passed this **29th day of September, 2014** by Board members as follows: ___ Present or ___ Participating via other means, and by the following vote: ___ Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstained ___ Absent."*

Attest:

Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

James K. Johnson, Chairman, District 1

Perry L. Dozier, Commissioner, District 2

Gregory A. Tompkins, Commissioner, District 3

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of Walla Walla County, Washington*

9:45

COUNTY SHERIFF

John Turner

a) Office update and miscellaneous

10:00

WSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Debbie Williams

a) Extension office update and miscellaneous

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**Walla Walla County Extension
September 29, 2014**

10:00 a.m.

Update WSU/Walla Walla County Extension

Extension Assistant Position

4-H Program

Food \$ense Program

Agriculture Program – update for Dryland Regional Specialist

County Budget 2015

County Budget 2014

Hort Board Update

Schedule:

September 25 – WSU 4-H Program Days - Ephrata

October 17-19 WSU 4-H Leaders Forum, Wenatchee

November 18-20 – WSAC/Extension Conference, Spokane

**WSU Extension Office – Walla Walla County
September 2014 Update**

WSU Extension Updates

Extension Administrative Coordinator Position – Becki Green started September 2 and Mary Eagon retired on September 12.

Youth –

4-H - Melanie Owens started May 1 and has been working many 4-H events.

Fair: Youth at Fair seemed to do very well and youth had a great time. We did get quite a few more complaints this year from parents and a few leaders to work through. If the issue warrants, I contact the 4-H State Project Leader and/or the 4-H State Coordinator for more clarification and direction. Overall most youth had a great experience and were rewarded for the efforts they put in through the year.

4-H State Fair: 4-H Demonstrations: 4-h youth gave presentations in April and May at the Extension Office. These are a part of fair but are held in April/May because of the large participation.

Teen Leadership: We had a Geocaching and Orienteering Program for Teen 4-H members. Teen Rally is coming up later in the fall.

Melanie and I will be presenting a program at the WA State 4-H Forum in October on providing Mapping, Geocaching and Orienteering Program to 4-H Teens. We hope to increase 4-h projects including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Family/Community –

Food \$ense – Meike Johnson is hiring some new part-time Food \$ense Educators (USDA grant funded through WSU). Program will start up in October in partnership with schools, food banks, and other entities serving low-income clientele.

Our preliminary figure for the Food \$ense money coming from USDA for 2014-2015 will be about \$157,047 and will include Asotin, Columbia, Benton and Franklin Counties. Walla Walla County Extension Food \$ense program been serving our community utilizing County match, Federal dollars, and in-kind match since the start up in 2004. We have reached more than 26,000 youth and their families. The WSU Food \$ense program goal is to impact family nutritional habits at home through nutrition education to kids in the classroom. Franklin County efforts have reached more than 5400 youth.

Agriculture Programs –

Wayne Thompson is currently working with NRCS on soil quality project and has six cover crop trials (3 in Walla Walla, 1 Asotin, 1 Columbia, 1 Franklin). Wayne is wrapping up this season's Water Use by Cover Crop observational trial that he organized in collaboration with NRCS conservationists and five wheat producers from Walla Walla to Asotin counties. He is compiling and analyzing the data to prepare preliminary summaries as a poster for the American Society of Agronomy meetings in Long Beach CA in November. He will continue the trial for at least one more season - starting this fall (collaborating again with NRCS Conservationists).

Wayne is also surveying wheat fields and running one-on-one training opportunities with farmers across the region to familiarize ourselves more completely with the numerous effects of management on soil quality - and he is finding a significant and surprisingly common pH and soil chemistry challenge that is threatening to become a major limiting factor affecting soil quality, and pulse and cereal crop yields and quality. He is working with

producers in the region to establish multiple field-scale observational trials of CaCO₃ applications, expecting more to join the project later as news spreads. He is preparing an Extension Publication that illustrates and describes the effects of pH stratification under minimum tillage systems, and also submitting an invited grant proposal to develop a laboratory protocol for determining lime requirements in Palouse Region soils. He will prepare the protocol guidelines and will recruit an undergraduate student worker to be managed by a soil science grad student in Pullman to run lab tests, while Jim Harsh (WSU Crop and Soils Department Chair) will serve as his expert chemist and consultant.

On a separate topic, Dave Huggins, a new MS grad student, and Wayne are planning a 30+ acre water and nitrogen use efficiency trial just north of Walla Walla near Lower Waitsburg Road to examine the numerous effects of landscape variability on wheat yields and quality. This is a project that tackles big questions in agronomy theory and will effectively address and support precision ag management zone design theory. He hopes to recruit one or more advanced community college agronomy students to participate, an excellent opportunity for youth with interests in pursuing higher degrees in agronomy or soil science.

He is also planning lectures for December and January as provided by WSU Extension in previous years prior to his arrival. He saw a need to expand the focus of our lectures to more completely address pulse crops and added a new 3-hour lecture on December 4th - selecting varieties, managing soil-borne pathogens, and soil fertility for pulse crops. He will replicate parts of these lectures in Garfield and Asotin Counties, and possibly Franklin County. Finally, he is also coordinating more effective cereal crop field days by coordinating a joint OSU/WSU cereal tour with Don Wysocki's program and industry.

Master Gardeners/Master Food Preservers – We will have Master Gardener training this next spring. Master Gardeners have put in many hours during Office Clinics and Farmers Market Saturdays. Master Gardeners put more than 500 volunteer hours in each year. This year has been especially busy with hot weather issues.

2015 County Budget

WSU provides services including specialists from around the state plus the local staff. MOA for 2015 at \$76,137 to \$78,911 (total \$2,774) so that I can include these figures in my 2015 budget. The figures have increased \$2,774 total from 2014 (WSU has been holding off on the increase for a few years). Changes are County Director \$21,630 to \$22,877, Extension Educator \$18,507 to \$20,034, and 4-H Coordinator \$36,000 to \$36,000 (no change). WSU covers annual benefits and the remaining salary for these positions.

2014 County Budget

On track with 2014 Budget for this year.

Hort Board – Apple Maggot

Marmorated Stinkbug situation. We have had three major infestations found in Walla Walla County this summer. Experts expect the numbers to keep increasing. I am working with this taskforce to help with the situation.

Apple Maggot situation. Still working through the second grant acquired from the Apple Maggot Working Group through WSDA in the amount of \$3,000 (extended until December 31, 2014). They will reimburse \$150/tree removed in specific areas.

Schedule:

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10:15

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Randy Glaeser

a) Consent Agenda Items:

- 1) Resolution _____ - Setting a public hearing date for Tri-State Steelheaders for a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a utility system within the Mill Creek channel, in Walla Walla County, WA

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b) Department update and miscellaneous

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING A
PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR
TRI-STATE STEELHEADERS
FOR A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND
MAINTAIN A UTILITY SYSTEM
WITHIN MILL CREEK
CHANNEL, IN WALLA WALLA
COUNTY, WASHINGTON



RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Larry Zalaznik for Tri-State Steelheaders has requested a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a utility system within Mill Creek Channel in Walla Walla County; now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that a public hearing date be set for October 20, 2014 in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, located at 314 West Main Street, Walla Walla, Washington, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as such hearing may be held.

*"Passed this **29th day of September, 2014** by Board members as follows: ___ Present or ___ Participating via other means, and by the following vote: ___ Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstained ___ Absent."*

Attest:

Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

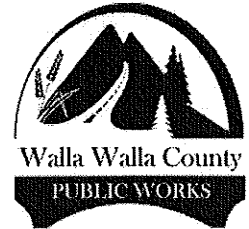
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**Walla Walla County Public Works
PO Box 813
Walla Walla, WA 99362**



To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Randy Glaeser, Public Works Director

Date: 25 September 2014

Re: Director's Report for the Week of 22 September 2014

Board Action: 29 September 2014

Resolutions:

In the Matter of Setting a Public Hearing Date for Tri-State Steelheaders for a Franchise to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Utility System within Mill Creek Channel, in Walla Walla County, Washington

ENGINEERING:

- **Mill Creek Road:** Waiting for input from Hunter's concerning wetland proposal and access.
- **Taumarson Road:** Expects Railroad documents to be completed and recorded the week of the 29th.
- **Pettybone Bridge:** Abutments and riprap complete. Girders scheduled to be set in mid-October.
- **Bussell Road:** Finalizing right of way plans.
- **Walter Bridge:** Earthwork complete. Crew is placing crushed rock on road. Scheduled to pave on Monday, 29 September if weather permits.

DEVELOPMENT:

- Permit issued for Irongate subdivision.

MAINTENANCE:

- South crew completed Mill Creek Channel repair projects.
- North crew working on Walter Bridge.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Working on performance evaluations.
- Conducted monthly crew meetings.

10:30

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jim Nagle/Jesse Nolte

- a) Miscellaneous business for the Board
- b) Possible executive session re:
litigation or pending or potential
litigation (pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i))

- a) Department update and miscellaneous
- b) **Active Agenda Items:**
 - 1) Possible discussion/decision re: any pending claims against the County
- c) Possible executive session re: personnel (pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g)), collective bargaining negotiations (pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)), and/or litigation or pending or potential litigation (pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i))

11:00 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- a) Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

12:00 Recess

1:30 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- a) Miscellaneous or unfinished business to come before the Board

- ADJOURN -

Walla Walla County is ADA compliant. Please contact TTY: (800) 833-6384 or 7-1-1 or the Commissioners' Office at 509/524-2505 three (3) days in advance if you need any language, hearing, or physical accommodation.

Please note that the agenda is tentative only. The Board may add, delete, or postpone items and may take action on an item not on the agenda.