

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Whitman County Board of Commissioners Date: May 2, 2022
Observer Reporting: Mary Collins Length of Meeting: 9am until 11:30 am
Members Present: Commissioners Largent, Swannack, and Handy
Members Absent: _____
Others Present (e.g., media, public): 11 others including reporters, department heads and other unknown individuals.

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

The meeting was first a workshop 9-10:15 and then a BOCC meeting. Actions included:

Workshop

Discussion of use of **Historic Preservation funds** that accrue from fees. Current balance is about \$73,000
Funds have not been used for a while as balance had gotten very low. Will explore opening grant opportunities for towns, cities, and historic preservation groups.

BOCC Meeting

A lobbyist for a statewide organization of town and county governments gave a **legislative update**. At this point not much chatter about local needs, some concern about solvency of **family leave funds**.

Various project funds were approved for **road and bridge work**.

Sale of **surplus vehicles** was approved.

A letter of support for a **Community Action Center Grant** application to the department of Commerce to sponsor up to five Ukrainian refugee families was unanimously approved.

Process & Protocol: (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting)

The meeting was on Zoom and live but most people participated by Zoom. Everyone was very cordial.