

## Whitman County Project Priority List While Maintaining a Balanced Budget

1. Need for an additional FTE in the Clerk's office.
2. Solid Waste Transfer facility. (Finish fire damage repairs and complete Solid Waste Management Plan)
3. Public Health. (Monitor and take action if needed on all public health issues –medical and environmental)
4. Whitcom sustainability. (Facilities, funding and workforce)
5. Meet ADA requirements in the Courthouse and Public Service Building. ( Elevator, Safety, Security and Access)
6. Getting a GIS system up and running.
7. Public Service Building structural repairs needed. (Front alcove structural support and Health Department North East corner Floor issue.)
8. HIPAA security compliance. (Policy and procedure put into place)
9. Time and attendance system installed and functioning.
10. Address assigning for the MSAG (Master Street Address Guide.) (Code, policy and procedure)
11. Janus Ruling. (Changes to Contracts and agreements)
12. Meeting Unfunded Mandates requirements. (Placing ballot boxes in each town and indigent defense funding)
13. Maintain all County Roads. (Patching, Grading ,Culvert Installations, Paint Striping, Spot Sealing, Aggregate placement, Bridge Repairs, Snow & Ice Removal, Bridge Inspections, Ditching and Drainage, Signs, Roadside Mowing, Sealcoating and Overlays.)
14. County Medical Insurance. (Research and comparing the best options for the county employees.)
15. Encouraging Economic Development. (Code modification to be more development friendly and SEWEDA {Southeast Washington Economic Development Association} participation and support.)
16. Updating County Liability Insurance Policy.
17. Fair Grounds. (Building repairs and maintenance plus planning for new Grandstands)
18. Possible GMA (Growth Management Act) implications and the requirement to update the Comprehensive Plan for Whitman County.

This is a list of most of our proverbial “on the front burner issues”, most of which are underfunded and are stretching our resources beyond capacity. We will address these items as our current funding, time and resources allow.

**Counties Are Unique Because They Have Three Major Roles  
These Are Constitutional Obligations**

<b>State</b>	<b>Regional Government</b>	<b>Local Government</b>
Prosecuting Attorney	Specialized Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Public Defender	District Court	Roads & Bridges
Superior Court	Domestic Violence	Land Use Planning
Juvenile Court	Medic 1 Ambulance	Zoning
Jail	E-911 & Central Dispatch	Building Permits
Juvenile Detention	Transit Programs	Parks & Recreation
Medical Examiner	County Airports	Garbage & Recycling
Mental Health	Public Health Services	Surface Water Management
Developmental Disabilities	Aging & Senior Services	Sewer Service
Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	Housing Programs	Water Service
Elections	Housing Repair Assistance	Weed Control
Treasurer	Energy & Weatherization	
Document Recording	Veterans Assistance	
Vital Statistics	Cooperative Extension	
Property Tax Admin.	Emergency Management	
Vehicle & Marriage Licenses	Search & Rescue	
	Sewer Service & Treatment	
	Growth Management Policies	
	River Basin Flood Plans	
	Solid Waste Management	
	Economic Development	
	Tourism & Facilities	
	Arts Commissions	
	County Fair	

**Whitman County**

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Population	49,000	39,000
Total Area	2,178 sq. miles	1,077 sq. miles
Total Road miles	1,900 435 paved, 1,100 gravel, 400 dirt	816 miles
General Fund Budget	\$15.5 million	\$19.7 million

To provide the same services, depending on how you extrapolate the numbers, Whitman County needs to be 2 – 4 times more efficient with each dollar.