

## Minutes for January 04, 2010

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**070238 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 04, 2010** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Greg Partch and Patrick J. O'Neill, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Bob Reynolds (9:30 a.m.) and Joe Smillie (9:45 a.m.).

**070239 1.** Items discussed included WSAC insurance letter/response, BOCC reorganization, 2010 committee assignments, 2010 county dues, 2010 public facilities allocation, 2010 historical preservation allocation, IRS mileage rate and efficiency ideas. No action taken.

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:00 a.m. - Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Joe Smillie.

**D070239A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

**070240 3.** December 28, 2009 minutes approved.

**070241 4.** Personnel board orders approved.

**070242 5.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Greg Partch Chairman for 2010.

**6.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Patrick J. O'Neill Vice-Chairman for 2010.

**070243 7.** After review and modification, Commissioner O'Neill **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the commissioners' 2010 committee assignments as presented:

**2010 Whitman County Commissioners Committee Assignments**

**Commissioner District I, Greg Partch**

Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington Governing Board (ALTCEW)  
(Paid Expenses)  
Joint Planning Advisory Committee (JPAC) II  
Palouse Local Work Group  
Public Defense Advisory Committee  
Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) (Paid Expenses)  
Whitcom Executive Board  
Workforce Development Council (WDC) (Paid Expenses)

**Commissioner District II, Patrick J. O'Neill**

Community Education Training Center Advisory Board (CETC)  
Council on Aging & Human Services (COA&HS)  
Developmental Services Advisory Board (DSAB)  
Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)  
Martin Hall Juvenile Facilities Consortium  
Palouse River Counseling Center Advisory Board (PRCC)  
Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)  
Safety Committee (SC)  
Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA)  
United Way of Pullman (FEMA)

**Commissioner District III, Michael Largent**

Agricultural Burning Task Force (DOE)  
Greater Columbia Behavior Health Regional Support Network (GCBH)  
LEOFF I Board  
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC)  
Palouse Empire Fair Board (PEF)  
Palouse Empire Fair Foundation (PEFF)  
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB)  
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) (Paid Expenses)  
Washington Rural Counties Risk Pool (WRCRP)  
Water Resource Investment Area (WRIA) 34-Whitman County  
Water Resource Investment Area (WRIA) 35-Garfield County  
Water Resource Investment Area (WRIA) 56-Spokane County

**Chairperson**

Board of Law Library  
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)  
Finance Committee  
Hearings Examiner Board  
Incident Team (IT)  
Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

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**All Commissioners**

Board of Health (BOH)  
Board of Equalization (BOE)  
Elected Officials Meetings  
Financial Report Meetings  
Joint Latah County/Whitman County  
Joint Port of Whitman County/Whitman County  
Law & Justice Planning Council (L&J)  
Quad Counties Meetings

**All Commissioners May Attend Occasionally (BOCC-Not Members)**

Accounting Technicians Meeting  
Associate Development Organization (ADO)  
Civil Service Commission  
Emergency Communication Advisory Committee (ECAC)  
Extension Steering Committee  
Noxious Weed Control Board  
OKKO Club  
Park & Recreation Board  
Road and Bridge Advisory Board (RBAB)  
Scenic Heritage Byways Committee  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)  
TEA-21 or ISTEA or SAFE-TEA Committee  
Water Conservancy Board  
Web Committee  
Wellness Committee

**Commissioners Do Not Attend**

Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee  
Board of Adjustment  
Citizens' Commission for Salary for Elected Officials  
Classification Committee  
Elected & Appointed Team Committee  
Planning Commission

**070244 8.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2010 county dues as presented.

Aging & Long Term Care	\$ 5,194.00
Community Education Training Center	5,000.00
National Association of Counties	865.00
Office of Minority & Business Women	150.00
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee	5,000.00
Palouse Basin Water Summit	250.00
WA Association of County Officials	7,200.00
WA State Association of Counties	8,505.00

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**070245** 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the 2010 Public Facilities (.09) funds be allocated in the amount of \$100,000.

**070246** 10. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to delay the allocation of Historical Preservation funds to 2011 unless a need arises that the Board deems necessary.

**070247** 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice for the small works roster vendors, contractors and professional services rosters.

**070248** 12. The commissioners acknowledge receipt of a list of individuals not in compliance with the Whitman County Exposure Control Plan and OSHA regulations, bloodborne pathogens training.

**070249** 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign an earnest money contract for the purchase of the Whitman County Public Health office space in Pullman from the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation for \$94,000 with \$1,000 earnest money, closing costs, loan fees and a closing date on or before 03/31/10.

**070250** 14. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign a renewal contract with the Washington State Military Department #E10-097 for Whitcom funding (09/30/10).

**070251** 15. The Current Expense and Road levy for 2010 taxes was received from the Assessor.

**070252** 16. Notice of disbursement of Whitman County's share of the 2010 Public Defense improvement services in the amount of \$41,119 was received from the Office of Public Defense.

**070253** 17. An executed copy of the Indigent Services contract beginning 01/01/10 for District and Superior Court was received (12/31/14).

**070253A** 18. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:40 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:30 a.m. - Rachel Cox and Gary Martin, Honor Them Foundation, Inc.**

Present: Jeslyn Lemke.

**070254** Gary Martin explained the purpose of the "Honor Them" Foundation is a way to reunite families with deployed family members returning home.

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As a Vietnam veteran he understands returning home and acclimating with loved ones is not always easy.

Having been in the time share industry for 20 years he knew there are always many time share vacancies available throughout the world. He wondered about the possibility of combining a service person's return from deployment with his/her family in a vacant time-share facility.

The foundation is in the process of acquiring a 501-C3 non-profit status. That status will allow individuals the opportunity to donate their time share weeks to the foundation so service men/women have a vacation with their family in an upscale facility and in a location away from military areas.

It is their desire to make this a Whitman County based entity. Mr. Martin met with Curtis Schultz about the idea of basing the foundation in Colfax and he didn't think Mr. Martin would have any problem finding support for this idea. It is a concept that doesn't seem to be offensive to anyone and is a win-win situation for everyone.

He just sent a couple service men to a facility and Mr. Martin received a very tearful appreciation.

Mr. Martin said Rachel Cox runs the office in Colfax shared with Brown Family Builders. Ms. Cox will be visiting with local groups in Colfax.

Ms. Cox spoke about a mailer being sent to businesses throughout the country. She encouraged the commissioners to check out their website, Facebook, Utube and Twitter pages. The foundation has 2 commercials ready to go once funding is in place. She recently held a very successful fundraiser in northern California and will be doing another in this area.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Martin said the foundation does not underwrite travel to the locations, just the facility at a significant savings.

All commissioners agreed this is a great idea and effort.

**11:55 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).**

**070255** 1. Highlights from December 3, 2009 GCBH Board meeting and preparation for the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**D070255A** 2. All GCBH counties have signed the amended interlocal agreement.

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**D070255B 3.** Following direction provided by the Board of Director's at their November meeting two interviews were held. Both candidates had different strengths. Eight (8) counties voted in favor of entering into negotiations with Ken Roughton, Columbia County's Alternate Director, to become the next GCBH Director. The Executive Committee is tasked with overseeing these negotiations and setting a starting salary. Whitman County voted with the majority. Ken Roughton accepted the position as GCBH Director and began his new position today.

**D070255C 4.** After much discussion at the December Board meeting regarding Yakima County charging per involuntary detention costs, the draft policy developed earlier was referred to the Fiscal Committee. The committee provided a recommendation in time for a special Board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> to support an agreement that does not require GCBH to pay for court costs associated with Involuntary Treatment Act hearings for individuals from outside the RSN. At the special 12/10/09 meeting the Board modified the recommendation and was able to pass a new policy that was acceptable to the majority.

**D070255D 5.** Amendment #1 to the contracts between the State and GCBH for PHIP and State-only contracts were received by the Regional Office and the Chair was authorized to sign the amendments.

**D070255E 6.** The 2010 Executive Committee slate of officers presented by Chuck Reeves that included Bob Koch, Chair; Chuck Reeves, Vice Chair; Doug Mattoon, Treasurer; and Gail Price, Secretary (**temporarily**) was unanimously accepted.

**2:00 p.m. - One New 2009 Four Wheel Drive Cab and Chassis 17900#.**

Present: Mark Storey and Phil Meyer.

**070255F** The following bid was received.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Jess Ford, Pullman, WA	\$38,672.36 with tax.

The commissioners will make an award at 2:45 p.m..

**2:05 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

**070255G 19.** The Coroner's budget was discussed. No action taken.

**2:10 p.m. - Recess.**

**2:45 p.m. - One New 2009 Four Wheel Drive Cab and Chassis 17900#.**

Present: Mark Storey and Phil Meyer.

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**070256** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for one new 2009, four wheel drive cab and chassis 17900# to Jess Ford of Pullman for a total bid amount of \$35,774.62. Bid contract signed.

**3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

**070257 20.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 5:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

**5:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.**

**D070257A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**6:30 p.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued/Joint Planning/County Commissioners' Workshop.**

Present: Planning Commissioner Members: Justine Rupp, Mary Collins, Archie Neal, Durand Cox, Ken Jacobs and Cheryl Brock; County Commission Members: Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent; County Council: Prosecutor Denis Tracy; Staff: Mark Storey, Alan Thomson and Ginny Rumiser; Media: Mark Morgan; General Public: Gary Kopf.

**070258 21.** Adopted Wind Facilities Zoning ordinance and prioritization of planning related items discussed. No action taken.

**7:45 p.m. - Recess.**

**D070258A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Chris Nelson, Mark Storey, Maribeth Becker and Joe Smillie.

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**070259**     **22.** Items discussed included HP 3000 system problems, New World tentative transition date, RTP0, Water Conservancy Board hearing, Sheriff's contracts, Health Department building contract and Pullman annexation proposal. No action taken.

**070260**     Not used.

**9:45 a.m. - Adjournment.**

**D070260A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **January 4, 6 and 11, 2010** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on the **19<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2010**. The foregoing action made this **11th** day of **January 2010**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER  
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners