

## Minutes for January 5, 2009

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### REGULAR MEETING

**069047C** The regular meeting of the Whitman County Commissioners was continued to Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. due to extreme weather conditions. County operations were closed with the exception of emergency and essential personnel on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### SPECIAL MEETING

**D069047D THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met for a special meeting on **Monday, January 5, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended via a conference call.

**069048** Due to severe weather conditions Commissioner Partch **moved** and Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to declare a state of emergency in Whitman County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069048**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**LOCAL DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Department of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009, extreme weather consisting of heavy snowfalls, high winds and white-out conditions exists; and,

WHEREAS, there is a present emergency which necessitates activation of the Whitman County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to R.C.W. 36.40.180 and R.C.W. 38.52.070(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that there is an emergency due to extreme weather conditions in Whitman County and designated departments are authorized to enter into contract and/or incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency, protecting the health and safety of persons and property and providing emergency assistance where it is deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that each designated department is authorized to exercise its powers vested under this resolution in light of exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).

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BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that this declaration is effective from 7:00 a.m. January 5, 2009 through midnight, January 9, 2009 and extended if necessary.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Michael Largent, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

**069049** Based on the recommendation of the Sheriff and Public Works Director Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to close county operations for **Tuesday, January 6, 2009** except for emergency and essential personnel due to severe weather conditions. In doing so, the commissioners' regular meeting was postponed to Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**069050** A media release was prepared by the Sheriff stating the above and also encouraging limited travel on roadways in Whitman County for the next 24 hours.

**2:45 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D069050A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Fran Martin and Michael Baker (9:00 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (9:30 a.m.).

**069051** 1. Items discussed included Historical Preservation allocation, IRS mileage rate, HIPAA Compliance Officer, 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District appointment, University Place LIFT grant request, Emergency Management

**BOCC MINUTES-01/05/09**

update, Civil Service application, vacation accrual request, WSAC legislative rally. No action taken.

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

Present: Jana Mathias.

**D069051A 2. Motion** by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**069052 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **223867-223869, 223870-223891** and **223892-223912** for **\$32,564.52** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	737.04	6,421.29	941.54
102	Building & Development			860.18
103	Countywide Planning			1,704.70
110	County Roads			3,031.27
118	Inmate Welfare		724.60	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	153.50	74.97	
137	Web Site Development			1,840.65
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001		510.66	
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001			2,855.57
400	Solid Waste		125.00	3,559.96
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving			3,209.07
513	Communications Revolving	238.53	506.21	
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001			5,743.56
690	AFLAC Flexible Spending 690.050.001	3,426.22		

**069053 4.** December 29, 2009 minutes approved.

**069054-069055 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**069056 6.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Michael Largent as Chairman for 2009.

**069057 7.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Greg Partch as Vice-Chair for 2009.

**069058 8.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice for the small works roster vendor lists.

**069059 9.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2009 contract between the Community Action Center and Whitman County for Community Development Block Grant Public Service (CDBG-PS) grant funding.

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**069060** 10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2009 Subrecipient agreement for the CDBG-PS grant.

**069061** 11. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to allocate \$18,000 for 2009 Historical Preservation grants.

**D069061A** 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to table the vacation accrual request.

**D069061B** 13. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to postpone a decision on the Public Works Director employment agreement until further notice.

**069062** 14. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the grant application data form for Public Health's 2009 Blue Ribbon E2SSB 5930 distribution in the amount of \$118,421.88.

**069063** 15. Notice of the Whitman County employees who did not complete bloodborne pathogen training in 2008 was received from Human Resources.

**069064** 16. The 2-year delegation order #09AQ-E253 for administrating the Agricultural Burn Permitting Program in Whitman County was received from the Department of Ecology (12/31/10).

**069065** 17. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:25 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.**

Present: Phil Meyer and Jana Mathias.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Administrative Division:**

**069066** 1. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for the weed contract.

**069067** 2. The following bid was received for 2009 fuel.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Busch Distributors	\$.145/gallon delivered w/additive.

The commissioners will make an award later today.

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**069068** 3. The commissioners were notified all county roads in Whitman County are closed to heavy traffic loads in excess of 19,560 pounds maximum with the exception of the following roads:

Pullman Airport Road	Pullman-Albion & Albion Road (from
Colfax Airport Road	SR 27-SR 195)
Flightline Drive	Palouse Cove Road
Dry Creek Road	Scott Road
Farmington Road (from SR 27-	
Farmington)	

**Engineering Division:**

**D069068A** 4. Mr. Storey provided an update on the snowpack on some of the county buildings.

**D069068B** 5. The commissioners were advised of mudslides on county roads.

**11:20 A.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Mark Storey.

**D069068C** 18. A position reclassification was discussed. No action taken.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**1:00 p.m. - Fuel Bid Recommendation.**

Present: Mark Storey.

**069069** Recommendation from the Director to award the fuel bid to Busch Distributors.

**069070** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the fuel bid be awarded to Busch Distributors in the amount of \$.145 VAA.

**069071** The bid contract was signed.

**1:10 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**D069071A** **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met for a special meeting on **Monday, January 9, 2009 at 1:13 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board and Fran Martin attended via a conference call.

**069072** Due to severe weather conditions/flooding, Commissioner O'Neill **moved** and Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to extend the declaration of emergency in Whitman County from January 9, 2009 at midnight to January 12, 2009 at midnight.

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENDED**

On this **9<sup>th</sup>** day of **January 2009**, the Whitman County Commissioners did hereby extend the January 5, 2009 Emergency Declaration to January 12, 2009 at midnight.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Michael Largent, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

**1:15 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D069072A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **January 5, 7 and 9, 2009** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **January 12, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **9th** day of **January 2009**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER  
ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners