

**Minutes for January 19, 2009**

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**069098 THE 9<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in the Auditorium of the Public Service Building, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, January 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**069099**

**1. Welcome and introductions.**

Welcome and introductions by Whitman County Commission Chair Michael Largent.

**Present:**

**County Commissioners representing the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District:**

Adams County: Rudy Plager and Jeffrey W. Stevens  
Asotin County: Doug Mattoon, Don F. Brown and Robert E. Lane  
Franklin County: Brad Peck, Bob Koch and Rick Miller  
Garfield County: Robert K. Johnson and Dean Burton  
Spokane County: Todd Mielke  
Whitman County: Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent

**Absent:**

**County Commissioners representing the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District:**

Adams County: Roger L. Hartwig  
Garfield County: Wynne McCabe  
Spokane County: Mark J. Richard  
Spokane County: Bonnie Mager

**Staff:**

Denis Tracy: Whitman County Prosecutor  
Linda Reimer: Adams County Clerk of the Board  
Maribeth Becker: Whitman County Clerk of the Board

**Nominees:**

Don Cox #1  
Jeff Holy #2  
Hans Engelke #3

**General Public:**

Approximately 21.

**2. Joint Meeting Convened.**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District joint county commissioners meeting convened by host Chairperson Michael Largent; Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Nominations and election of joint meeting chairperson.**

**Motion** by Dean Burton **seconded** by Don Brown to nominate Michael Largent as the joint meeting Chairperson. There being no other nominations Michael Largent was **unanimously** elected.

**4. Review, discuss and/or amend the proposed agenda and meeting rules and procedures.**

All documents reviewed.

**5. Adoption of proposed agenda and meeting rules and procedures.**

Dean Burton **moved** and Don Brown **seconded** the motion to adopt the proposed agenda and meeting rules and procedures as presented. Upon inquiry by Brad Peck, Denis Tracy confirmed he had reviewed the proposed documents and found them to be compliant with the law. Motion **carried**.

**6. Five (5) minute presentations to the commissioners by each nominee in order of preference as voted upon by the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Republican Precinct Committee Officers.**

Nominee #1 - Don Cox

Nominee #2 - Jeff Holy

Nominee #3 - Hans Engelke

**7. Commissioners questions and answer period for nominees.**

**Order of Speakers:**

- Brad Peck (re-establish seniority)  
Response: Cox
- Rudy Plager (criminal justice issues)  
Response: Holy, Engelke, Cox
- Rick Miller (regional jail options)  
Response: Holy, Engelke, Cox
- Doug Mattoon (legislative funding support for construction/operation for out of state correctional facilities) and optional sales tax authority given to county commissioners)  
Response: Cox, Holy, Engelke
- Doug Mattoon (counties are criticized by the state for not imposing all taxes)  
No response required.
- Todd Mielke (core functions of state government-priorities)  
Response: Engelke, Holy, Cox
- Todd Mielke (commitment to recognizing the different roles counties are mandated with regard to land use issues)  
Response: Cox, Holy, Engelke, Cox
- Dean Burton (Public Health issues and funding restrictions)  
No response required.
- Brad Peck (highlight skills for effectiveness in Olympia environment)  
Response: Holy, Engelke, Cox

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**8. Two (2) minute final remarks by each nominee in order of preference as voted upon by the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Republican Precinct Committee Officers.**

- Nominee #1 - Don Cox
- Nominee #2 - Jeff Holy
- Nominee #3 - Hans Engelke

**12:35 p.m. - Recess.**

**9. Meeting Reconvened/Vote.**

Chairperson Largent reconvened the joint meeting. Ballot "A" was distributed, votes cast, ballots collected, results read aloud by Chairperson Largent and tallied as follows:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	BALLOT NUMBER	NOMINEE COX	NOMINEE HOLY	NOMINEE ENGELKE
Adams County Rudy Plager	1 -A			X
Adams County Roger L. Hartwig	2 -A	ABSEMT	ABSEMT	ABSENT
Adams County Jeffrey W. Stevens	3 -A			X
Asotin County Doug Mattoon	4 -A	X		
Asotin County Don F. Brown	5 -A	X		
Asotin County Robert E. Lane	6 -A	X		
Franklin County Brad Peck	7 -A		X	
Franklin County Bob Koch	8 -A			X
Franklin County Rick Miller	9 -A			X
Garfield County Robert K. Johnson	10-A	X		
Garfield County Wynne McCabe	11-A	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Garfield County Dean Burton	12-A	X		
Spokane County Todd Mielke	13-A	X		
Spokane County Mark J. Richard	14-A	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Spokane County Bonnie Mager	15-A	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Whitman County Greg Partch	16-A	X		
Whitman County G.R. Finch	17-A	X		
Whitman County Michael Largent	18-A	X		
<b>TOTALS REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN LARGENT</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

**10. Chairperson declares 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District House of Representatives appointee.**

Chairperson Largent declared and congratulated Don Cox as the newly appointed member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District House of Representatives and signed the official certificate of appointment.

**11. Adjournment.**

At 12:50 p.m. the convention of county commissioners was adjourned by Chairperson Largent.

**12. Swearing In Ceremony/Oath of Office (1:00 p.m.).**

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Newly appointed 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Representative Don Cox was immediately sworn into office by Superior Court Judge David Frazier and the oath of office. Both documents were forwarded on 01/20/09 to the House of Representatives Chief Clerk, Barbara Baker in Olympia.

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

**D069099A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **January 19, 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 20, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **19th** 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

**D069099B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, January 20, 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: Kelli Campbell, Sharron Cunningham, (Gary Hunt via phone-9:00 a.m.) and Joe Smillie (9:30 a.m.).

**069100 1.** Union contracts discussed. No action taken.

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

Present: Joe Smillie.

**D069100A 2. Motion** by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**069101 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **223915-223942, 223965-223989, 224061, 224064, 224067-224081, 224229-224483** and **224486-224525** for **\$1,410,154.80** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	48,770.58	53,775.78	1,756.11	5,612.80	216,821.41
102	Building & Development	1,627.20	1,627.20			2,107.00
103	Countywide Planning	2,945.60	2,945.60			3,475.28
104	Developmental Services					37,809.47

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110	County Roads	14,702.60	17,708.60		2,681.00	20,736.01
111	CETC Building					1,209.84
114	Bulk Purchasing					2,897.45
118	Inmate Welfare			5.56		549.56
120	Historical Preservation					3,061.52
122	Sheriff's K-9 Unit					558.38
123	Paths & Trails-123.310.000					199.76
125	Donations & Planned Giving					248.06
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00	400.00	1,029.23		12,187.89
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	350.00	350.00			1,918.89
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	150.00	150.00			
137	Web Site Development					51.98
143	Trial Court Improve-143.030.000					15.63
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001	250.00	250.00			3,038.16
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001					639.73
300	CIP Doc. Mgmt.-300.010.006					2,632.49
300	CIP Klemgard Park-300.310.001			4.52		5,646.90
300	CIP Proj.-300.310.004					1,588.03
300	CIP Proj.-300.310.005					2,420.37
400	Solid Waste	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,534.26		115,249.43
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,634.00	4,984.00	130.89	350.00	135,150.96
510	Photocopier Revolving					96.98
513	Communications Revolving				5,739.41	3,533.89
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000					12,740.32
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001				2,577.88	7,416.03
690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000			550.00		
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000					13,017.35
ET	Electronic Transfer	466,023.27				

**069102** 4. January 12, 2009 minutes approved.

**069103-069113** 5. Personnel board orders approved.

**069114** 6. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2009 Fountain Flying Service agreement.

**069115** 7. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the appointment of Brett Myers and Judy McMurray to the Classification Committee as of 02/01/09. All terms will expire 02/01/11.

**069116** 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the reappointment of Bob Reynolds and Bob Lothspeich to 3-year terms on the Community Education Training Center Advisory Board. All terms will expire 12/31/11.

**069117** 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve appointment of Joel Lemon to an unexpired term on the Developmental Service Advisory Board. Mr. Lemon's term will expire 12/31/09.

**069118** 10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the reappointment of Bob Reynolds and

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appointment of Mary Barstow to 3-year terms on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. All terms will expire 12/31/11.

**069119** 11. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the appointment of Dr. Jim Sharp to a 6-year unexpired term on the Park Board. Dr. Sharp's term will expire 06/30/12.

12. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the following grant application data forms for Public Health.

- 069120** 2008 Department of Health Child Death Review-\$750.00
- 069121** 2009 State Maternal and Child Health Services-\$30,472.00
- 069122** 2010 State Maternal and Child Health Services-\$40,629.00
- 069123** 2011 State Maternal and Child Health Services-\$10,157.00

**069124** 13. The State Treasurer notified the commissioners that due to the 2008 legislative amendment, counties no longer need to forward the State Treasurer a resolution confirming county prosecutors' salaries.

**069125** 14. Notice was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) concerning Whitman County liquor licenses due to expire in 90 days.

**069126** 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:35 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Alan Thomson, Mariah Simpson and Joe Smillie.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**069127** 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for one 2006 or newer loader.

**Planning Division:**

**D069127A** 2. Alan Thomson provided an update on the Planning Commission discussions regarding wind towers. He is also working on putting a tour together to visit other areas with wind towers.

**Engineering Division:**

**069128** 3. A copy of a letter from Jeffrey DeVoe was received from the Director regarding the Stateline project water system.

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**Maintenance Division:**

**D069128A 4.** Mark Storey indicated the county is still under road restrictions, but the department is writing permits for mornings only.

**D069128B 5.** The Director shared 3 letters from residents in the Palouse area extending their appreciation for snow removal this season.

**11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Finance.**

Present: Adam Roberts, Bev Divine, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Candi Fisher, Eileen Roe, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Kristina Cooper, Mark Storey, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie.

**069129** Ms. Cunningham provided the December 2008 financial report.

December 2008 Cash Balance	- \$2,953,914
December 2007 Cash Balance	- \$3,250,538
December 2008 Revenue	- \$11,536,736 - 93.41% of budget.
December 2007 Revenue	- \$11,939,066 - 90.94% of budget.
December 2008 Expenditures	- \$11,471,499 - 92.26% of budget.
December 2007 Expenditures	- \$11,265,339 - 85.33% of budget.

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

**1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Tim Myers (1:30 p.m.).

**D069129A 16.** Items discussed included Parks and Developmental Services updates. No action taken.

**2:00 p.m. - Meeting Reconvene/Board of Health.**

Present: Fran Martin, Dr. Moody, Michael Baker, Cinnamon Brown, Brian Beason and Joe Smillie.

**D069129B 1.** Introduction of staff by the Director.

**D069129C 2.** Dr. Moody stated "peanuts" and peanut butter are okay to eat. The salmonella outbreak that has affected several hundred people around the country has been narrowed down to Lynchburg, VA at a peanut processing plant. This particular plant makes a peanut paste used in various products. The Kellogg Food Company said they found salmonella in one of their peanut butter crackers. Most of the products have been recalled. A technique called fingerprinting can determine if more than one salmonella case across the country is derived from the same source and that process was used for this particular common source outbreak.

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**D069129D 3.** Flu season has not been terrible but private providers around the county are reporting Influenza A. Most of the samples sent to the Centers for Disease Control for testing this year have been resistant to the common oral anti-viral medicine "Tammy Flu" making it difficult for providers and their approach to treating patients.

**D069129E 4.** Michael Baker said a newsletter and copy of the current regulations were included with all Environmental Health billings.

**D069129F 5.** Mr. Baker indicated he is finishing the last of the certificates of zoning compliance for the on-site sewage program after the change in the rural housing regulation.

**D069129G 6.** A homeowner in Palouse has adjoining property to the city. Construction was done on the road and some inert materials were dump on the city property that spilled onto a private residential property. In speaking with the city, the private landowner and the construction company, no one knows why or who authorized the material to be dumped nor is there any record of an application or permit with the Department of Ecology. In any event, the inert materials must be cleaned up.

**D069129H 7.** Mr. Baker talked about a potential on-site sewage issue In Malden. A homeowner in Malden recently applied for a permit to build a garage. Dan Gladwill, Building Inspector and he made an inspection and verified the permit is for just for a garage, no plumbing or increased use on the septic system and no signs of failure on the existing septic system. The Mayor of Malden is concerned as to how this existing home is obtaining water from the city. After further investigation, it was learned this particular house shares a city connection with the neighbor. There were questions about this home's effect on the aquifer. In reviewing data from the Department of Health, the nitrate levels in that well spike seasonally. The seasons correspond to heavy rain or agricultural use. Therefore, there doesn't seem to be a specific source coming from this neighboring house which is approximately 100' away and within the sanitary control zone of the well and there is no health risk to anyone in Malden due to this single residence. Malden Mayor Maxwell wanted Mr. Baker to know that he would be speaking with the owner and a lawyer about this issue.

**D069129I 8.** According to Cinnamon Brown,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the junk cars in the county have been removed. The project is on hold pending weather and appointments have been made with the contractor to pick up vehicles in the spring. Upon completion of the program, 170 vehicles will have been removed from the county.

**D069129J 9.** The Director presented a welcome guide book to Commissioner O'Neill as the newest member of the Board of Health.

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**D069129K 10.** Ms. Martin is finishing the transition phase between Whitman County and Columbia County Public Health. She provided Columbia County the last financial report for 2008. Michael Baker provided them with a report on what he has accomplished since last June. A total of 100% of Columbia County Public Health revenue has been collected and expenditures total 97% with operating funds for 2009. Whitman County did everything it could to leave Columbia County in very good shape. The Director is in hopes Columbia County will hire someone in the near future so she has an opportunity to spend some time training before the contract expires.

**D069129L 11.** Ms. Martin spoke about the *Living Well in Whitman County* program dealing with obesity, especially with school age children. A curriculum called CATCH was purchased. All the nurses will be taught how to teach the curriculum so they can help the school district work on nutrition and exercise with students.

**D069129M 12.** The Finance Director and Assistant Director spent time explaining Whitman County finances to Mr. Beason, Public Health's new Financial Coordinator. Ms. Martin recommended this be done for any new financial coordinators.

**D069128N 13.** Due to the retirement of a long-time nurse, duties within Public Health have been reorganized.

**D069129O 14.** The Health Department is installing an ID system that uses bar codes, can open doors and track the time when the doors are opened.

**D069129P 15.** All defibrillators were checked and hanging up. Later in the year, Bob Reynolds and Ms. Martin will meet with each department to explain how the equipment works.

**D069129Q 16.** The Director gave a very brief update on the status of the Pullman office space construction costs.

**D069129R 17.** With administrative matching funds earned, Public Health, Emergency Management and Emergency Communications are going to a digital inventory system.

**D069129S 18.** Dr. Moody informed the commissioners that the Coroner will be receiving a Humanitarian award from the Washington State Physician Assistants Association on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Seattle.

**D069129T 19.** In reviewing the recent Emergency Management weather issue, it appears everything was done properly and is in order.

**D069129U 20.** The next Board of Health meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**D069129W** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **January 20, 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 26, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **20th** 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  
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