

Minutes for January 22, 2007

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066810 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 22, 2007** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Fran Martin, John Skyles, Tammy Cochran, Michael Baker and Joe Smillie (9:00 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell and Joe Smillie (9:25 a.m.).

066811 1. Items discussed included a Public Health complaint, Classification Committee meeting, Latah Economic Development Council letter, Commissioners' journals, shared calendars, lobbyist contract, travel allowance, document destruction update, county budget and 2007 capital improvement projects. No action taken.

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

D066811A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

Present: Joe Smillie.

066812 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **199634-199648, 199731-199834-199876** for **\$906,346.83** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	41,345.40	6,612.80	181,688.16	76,375.69
102	Building & Development	1,259.20		.95	465.11
103	Countywide Planning	2,384.00		2.36	837.83
104	Developmental Services			35,868.39	.36
110	County Roads	14,584.20	1,250.00	5,122.52	25,969.03
114	Bulk Purchasing			9,940.55	
118	Inmate Welfare			103.09	
123	Paths & Trails			75.00	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00		487.45	
129	House Bill 3900-CASA			24.30	26.77
137	Web Site Development				58.09
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.			528.08	
400	Solid Waste	3,898.00		358.28	670.26
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,599.20	450.00	199,408.17	15,507.36
510	Photocopier Revolving			8,518.30	430.94
513	Communications Revolving			1,677.48	529.05
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			52,606.24	
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001			2,125.34	
690	Clearing Fund 690.004.000				54,215.23

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690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000				155,943.65
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066813 4. January 16, 2007 minutes approved.

066814-066815 5. Personnel board orders approved.

066816 6. The 2007 dues/memberships requests were before the Board. Commissioner Finch was in favor of all requests with the exception of: Women & Minority Owned Businesses - reduce amount from \$150 to \$100, Palouse Basin Water Summit - reduce amount from \$500 to \$0, Washington State Association of Counties - reduce amount from \$8,173 to \$4,573 to cover the cost of the lobbyist.

At this point in time, until he becomes more familiar with the operations of these committees, Commissioner Largent was in favor of keeping the WSAC dues at the requested level as well as contracting with a lobbyist.

Chairman Partch noted he will not be able to attend all the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee meetings this year as he has in the past, he was agreeable to retaining the lobbyist and the requested WSAC dues level. He was not in favor of providing any funding in 2007 for the Palouse Basin Water Summit.

Commissioner Finch **moved** and Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion to accept the proposed dues with the exception of \$500 for the Palouse Basin Water Summit and reducing WSAC dues by the 2007 lobbyist contract amount.

Discussion - Commissioner Largent **moved** to amend the above motion to reinstate WSAC's dues into the motion. Chairman Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** with Commissioner Finch voting **nay**.

Commissioner Largent and Chairman Partch voted in favor of the main motion as amended, Commissioner Finch voting **nay**. Motion **carried**.

10:15 a.m. - Ryan Bentley.

066817 7. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of budget amendment #1 with the hearing to be held Monday, February 5th at 11:30 a.m.

066818 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2007 Fountain Flying Service fly-over agreement.

066819 9. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the 2007-08 Pine Creek Conservation District cooperative agreement as presented.

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066820 10. A copy of a letter sent to Nancy Chaney, Mayor of Moscow was received from Moscow Chamber of Commerce regarding the City's comments associated with development in the Pullman-Moscow Corridor.

066821 11. An executed copy of the 2007 WSU interagency agreement for extension agent wages was received.

066822 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Dan Gladwill, Joe Smillie and Ryan Bentley.

ACTION ITEMS

Administration Division:

066823 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for one new 2007, four-door sedan police interceptor.

Maintenance Division:

D066823A 2. According to Phil Meyer, crews were out over the weekend. The worst conditions centered in the Oakesdale area. The Director stated permits continue to be issued but only for the morning hours.

Engineering Division:

D066823B 3. The Engineering Division designing projects and putting together permit packages for the next season's construction program.

Building Division:

066824 4. The 4th quarter Building Department activity and
066825 2006 year-end report were received and reviewed.

The reports indicate a slight increase in property valuation and a small decrease in the number of permits issued.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH)/Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC).

066826 1. Network Sufficiency Proposal: During the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) process the Division of Mental Health (MH) required that each RSN indicate how they would prove that their provider network was adequate. The Division has since dropped that requirement. Some Regional office staff thought GCBH should proceed with a reduced study even though it is no longer required. Commissioner Finch **moved**,

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Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to decline a network sufficiency study at this time.

D066826A 2. GCBH resolutions:

- 1) Each governmental entity is required to identify someone who can accept claims for damages. The resolution would authorize the Office Manager to provide this function for GCBH.
- 2) As part of establishing the 2007 GCBH committees, there is now a new requirement limiting how long one person may serve as Chair of a committee.

There being no objections, Mr. Berney will vote in favor of both resolutions.

D066826B 3. Review of 7 GCBH policies: Mr. Berney has been providing input for two of these policies (Enrollee Rights and Integrated Crisis) and if they have not changed since he last saw them he thought they would be ready for approval. Most of the other policies seem to be housekeeping in nature. There being no objections, Mr. Berney will vote to renew these policies if there are not substantial changes.

D066826C 4. Inpatient usage in Benton and Franklin Counties: For many years the psychiatric inpatient usage in Benton and Franklin Counties, as measured by bed days used per 1,000 of population, has been much higher (for adults: 178 v 58 v 54) than anywhere else within Greater Columbia. This much higher than average usage impacts the other GCBH Counties and it is almost certain that this impact will be increasing. "Phase 3" of the GCBH Inpatient Savings model has been approved by the Board without bed day targets. The Funding Committee was asked to recommend targets for Board consideration. The committee will be recommending that no target be set for children at this time and that targets of approximately 141 and 71 be established for the next two fiscal years for adults. There being no objections, Mr. Berney will vote in favor of adopting these targets.

D066826D 5. Placement of Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams: As part of the legislation that provided temporary new capacity at the State hospitals there was also funding for assertive community outreach teams. GCBH was allocated funding (1.3 Million) for one full team in this round. Initial thinking was that this new team would focus its efforts in Benton and Franklin Counties but there were some significant concerns to this approach. The Board established an Ad-Hoc Committee in November and Mr. Berney was asked to be a member. The task of this committee is to clarify requirements, summarize issues/concerns and make recommendations for the Board's consideration. The committee met twice and has produced a briefing document for the Board's review at its next meeting (copy included). There being no objections, Mr. Berney will support the recommendations of the Ad-hoc Committee.

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D066826E 6. Amendment to the contract between GCBH and Behavioral Health Options (BHO) for additional utilization management services: Regional Support Networks are required to provide independent utilization management services. GCBH has chosen to contract part of this responsibility to BHO. This amendment would allow for additional Medical Director Services when needed. There being no objections, Mr. Berney will vote in favor of the contract amendment.

D066826F 7. ITA Ad Hoc Committee: This has to do with fees paid on court papers filed when a person is detained under RCW 71.05. The hope is to develop some consistency across GCBH in this area. Urban counties seem to be impacted to a greater extent than rural counties. No action required.

066427 8. Chemical Dependency (CD) program agreement amendment: The primary purpose of the amendment is to make a number of adjustments to the allocations in Whitman County's agreement. This is a fairly common practice in the CD system because their funding streams are so categorical. The award and revenue page descriptions will be reviewed during the verbal presentation.

066428 Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept amendment #1 to the County Program Agreement #0563-73267-01 as presented.

2:00 p.m. - 2007 Oil Bids.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and Jess Scourey.

066429 The following bids for oil and grease were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award January 29th at 11 a.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Busch Distributing	\$27,777.32 without tax
Petroleum Distributing	\$24,349.43 without tax

2:20 p.m. - Recess.

2:15 p.m. - 2007 Tire Bids.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

066430 The following bid for tires was received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bid and make a recommendation for award January 29th at 11 a.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Tire Distribution Service	\$13,643.42

2:20 p.m. - Recess.

2:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Sharron Cunningham and Bev Welch (2:30 p.m.) and Mark Storey (4:00 p.m.).

D066430A 13. Items discussed included the 2005 audit and solid waste related issues. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D066430B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **January 22, 2007** 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 **January 29, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **22nd** day of **January 2007**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners