

Minutes for February 1, 2010

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070328 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 1, 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Bev Divine and Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.), Joe Smillie Sarah Mason (9:20 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (9:45 a.m.).

070329 1. Items discussed included financial project updates, L&I write off, State Examiner's email, NACO video conference and financial roundtable. No action taken.

9:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Sarah Mason and Joe Smillie.

D070329A 2. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

070330 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **236650-236726** for **\$205,625.59** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	57,195.93
102	Building & Development	190.58
103	Countywide Planning	372.35
104	Developmental Services	421.00
109	Homeless Housing	5,180.56
110	County Roads	3,634.52
112	Public Facilities Improvement	314.98
118	Inmate Welfare	77.36
123	Paths/Trails-BCPT 123.310.001	190.00
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	595.56
137	Web Site Development	51.51
138	Federal Equitable Sharing	345.66
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060	15,523.76

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144	Emergency Communications	144.260.001	2,172.87
300	CIP Computer	300.010.003	41,373.64
400	Solid Waste		548.55
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving		43,420.41
511	Unemployment Insurance		10,867.16
513	Communications Revolving		886.42
660	Whitcom-General	660.911.000	3,384.45
660	Whitcom-Grant	660.911.001	18,878.32

070331-070331A 4. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve veteran assistance claim.

070332 5. January 19, 2010 minutes approved.

070333-070345 6. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Kelli Campbell.

070346 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of call for bids for 2010-2011 legal printing.

070347 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice setting the regular meetings dates for the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials.

070348 8. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to designate the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA) as the county's Associate Development Organization (ADO) for the 2009-2011 biennium.

070349 A letter was also forwarded by the Chairman to Francis Benjamin notifying him of the Board's decision.

10:15 a.m. - Fran Martin and Roger Daisley.

070350-070351 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Martha Mullen to a 4-year unexpired term and to reappoint Mitchell Chandler and Norman Schorzman to 4-year terms on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee. Ms. Mullen's term will expire 12/31/11. Mr. Chandler and Mr. Schorzman's terms will expire 12/31/13.

070352 10. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Dave Gibney and reappoint Guy Williams on the Planning Commission. Both terms will expire 12/31/13.

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070352A 11. Commissioner Largent responded to Ken Duft's application for appointment to a Planning Commission District 3 position advising there is currently no opening in that district at this time, but his application would be retained for a possible future appointment.

070353 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Kathy Brown and Paul Eichenberg to 4-year terms on the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. Both terms will expire 12/31/13.

070354 13. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2009 CDBG-PS grant closeout.

14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the following grant application data forms:

070354A Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance-\$192,243 for 2009-10

070354B Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance-\$192,243 for 2010-11

070354C Violence Against Women Formula-\$30,000 for 2009-10

070355-070357 15. Chairman Partch signed three (3) Emergency Management signature authorizations forms.

070358 16. Public Health/Emergency Management Director Fran Martin recommended the H1N1 emergency declaration be lifted. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to lift the H1N1 Pandemic Declaration of Emergency.

RESOLUTION NO. 070358
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY H1N1 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2009, the Whitman County Commissioners declared an emergency as defined in the Whitman County Comprehensive Emergency Plan (Plan) due to the imminent spread of the H1N1 Pandemic in Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Whitman County Public Health Department is now recommending the declaration of emergency be lifted.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners that the November 16, 2009 declaration of emergency is hereby lifted.

Dated this 1st day of February 2010 and effective as of this date.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

10:25 a.m. - Kathy Lemon and Bob Lothspeich.

070359 17. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign all documents related to the purchase of the Pullman Public Health Office building.

070360 18. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter to various legislators regarding the protection and restoration of watershed planning funds.

070361-070362 19. The 2010 Current Expense and Road levy certifications were received from the Assessor.

070363 20. An executed copy of the January 25, 2010 earnest money agreement for the purchase of the Pullman Public Health office building was received from the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation.

070364 21. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer, Treasurer's Office.

Present: Bob Lothspeich, Eunice Coker, Sarah Mason, Joe Smillie and 2 visitors.

1. The following required reports were received and reviewed:

070365 Auditor presented 2009 property tax collection report noting a 97.46 collection rate.

070366 Kathy Lemon presented and explained the 2009 summary of refunds.

070367 Kathy Lemon presented a list of uncollectible personal property tax. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the affidavit and write off \$4,457.67 in uncollectible personal property taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 070367
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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In the matter of the approval of the Board of County Commissioners to cancel the following uncollectible personal property taxes in accordance with RCW 84.56.240.

WHEREAS, it has been deemed by Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer for the Whitman County Treasurer, that the taxes on the following parcels are uncollectible:

4-4445-00-10-02-0960	Great Western Comm. LLC	2005	\$2,033.39
4-4445-00-10-03-2002	Great Western Comm. LLC	2005	352.65
4-4780-00-18-83-2002	Great Western Comm. LLC	2005	340.43
4-4780-00-19-09-0860	Great Western Comm. LLC	2005	<u>1,731.20</u>
	Total Cancelled		\$4,457.67

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the above mentioned uncollectible personal property taxes be cancelled, as we are satisfied they are uncollectible.

Dated this 1st day of February 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

070368 **2.** Ms. Lemon submitted an application for the re-sale of county tax title property in Palouse filed by John Eastburn. She noted Public Works, the Assessor and title company have confirmed this request as tax title property.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution authorizing the sale of tax title property in Palouse.

RESOLUTION NO. 070368
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF a citizen submitting a County tax title petition for re-sale of County tax title property.

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WHEREAS, John Eastburn, 27351 SR 195, Pullman, Washington has petitioned the county for re-sale of County tax title property; and,

WHEREAS, the property listed below is County tax title property and may be sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that the County Treasurer advertise and sell, according to law, the following described property:

Located in the North ½ of Section 6, Township 16, Range 46, more particularly described as all of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 5, lying west of D Street and lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 5 lying East of E Street, Breeding's Addition to Palouse except 50 ft. of right of way owned by the former Washington-Idaho & Montana Railway Company. Said tract contains .92 acres less .24 acres RR right of way, equaling .68 acre, known as Assessor's parcel number 8-0800-00-00-00-0229, or as tract CB.

Physical location: Located between 5th and 6th Streets and D and E Streets in Palouse, Washington.

For the above described property John Eastburn, hereby made a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 and the Treasurer is not to sell the said property unless he receives a minimum bid of the above amount.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

070369 3. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice to re-sell county tax title property.

070370 4. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution authorizing an interfund loan

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from Solid Waste to Current Expense for the purchase of the Pullman Public Health office building.

**RESOLUTION NO. 070370
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 1st day of February 2010; and,

WHEREAS, The Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation is selling the building located at 1205 SE Professional Mall Blvd, Suite 203, parcel #108950000330205, and parcel #108950000330203, Pullman, Washington which currently houses the Whitman County Health Department, Pullman, Washington; and,

WHEREAS, The Whitman County Commissioners have offered the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation \$100,000.00 plus costs to purchase Suite 203, 1205 SE Professional Mall Blvd, Pullman, Washington, and they have accepted the offer; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County needs to borrow \$111,000.00 from Whitman County Solid Waste to purchase the aforementioned property and to pay closing costs; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County Solid Waste agrees to a 3 year loan with Whitman County with an interest rate of 2.25%, to be amortized over 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, It is agreed that Whitman County may at anytime during the term of this loan pay it in full, including interest, without penalty; and

WHEREAS, Whitman County Solid Waste Fund is in a position to provide the funds requested; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s regarding loan agreements and debt limitations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$111,000.00 is to be made to Whitman County from the Whitman County Solid Waste Fund, commencing on February 18, 2010, to be disbursed and repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of February 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Alan Thomson, Iris Mayes, Judy Gray, Evon Jones, David Nails, Joe Smillie, Sarah Mason and 4 visitors.

ACTION ITEMS

Maintenance Division:

D070370A 1. The Director recommended delaying any decision on the Campbell and Hatley Road vacations but to proceed with the Pazen and Klemgard Road vacations.

070371 Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the County Engineer's report be accepted and the resolution to vacate the Pazen Road and a portion of Almota Road be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to)	
Vacate and Abandon the Pazen)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>070371</u>
Road, No. 8015 and a Portion)	
of the Almota Road, No. 8000)	
lying outside of the new right)	
of way of said Almota Road, in)	
Sections 22, 27 and 28,)	
Township 16 North, Range 43)	
East, W.M. in Whitman County,)	ORDER VACATING
Washington)	

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon the Pazen Road and portions of said Almota Road on the 7th day of December, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve the Pazen Road and portions of said Almota for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of the Pazen Road and portions of the Almota Road.

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon the Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480 on the 7th day of December, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve the Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480 for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of the Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 19th day of January, 2010, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of said Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480 is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480 located in Section 36, Township 14 North, Range 43 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the Klemgard Road, County Road No. 9480 lying south of the north section line of said Section 36 and lying within said Section 36, be vacated and divided along the centerline and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 1st day of February, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

070373 3. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Quarry site lease for Union Center between Whitman County and Mike and James Kincaid be signed as presented.

Administrative Division:

070374 4. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the 2010 road levy certification for the County Road Administration Board be signed as presented.

070375 5. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for the articulated crane and auger system for the sign truck.

Solid Waste Division:

070376 6. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the grant application data form for the Coordinated Prevention (CPG) grant be signed as presented.

070377 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the grant application data form for the Community Litter Clean-Up program be signed as presented.

Planning Division:

D070377A 8. Alan Thomson introduced Iris Mayes, newly hired Assistant County Planner.

070389 9. Mr. Storey distributed copies of a letter sent to all cities/towns regarding transportation stimulus projects. He stated this round of funding is similar to the last round of stimulus funding but will be more difficult to meet the requirements. The letter encourages the city/town officials to contact Public Works before drafting any proposal.

070390 10. A long term waste disposal plan presentation was provided by the Director.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Kevin Robinette, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Present: Mark Storey, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie.

070380 Mr. Robinette talked about the Hole in the Ground-Bonnie Lake 3,000 acre acquisition proposal from Chapman Lake to Rock including a recreational access area at Bonnie Lake. The Department is in the very early stages of the proposal and would like to partner with the county to address any concerns. Since this does include a portion of Spokane County, Mr. Robinette has spoken with Commissioner Bonnie Mager who seems receptive to the proposal.

Every 2 years the Department goes through an acquisition cycle to obtain funding made available through the Recreation Conservation Access (RCA) formerly Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) and the Washington Wildlife and Recreational Parks (WWRP). WFWD competes with parks and counties for money to acquire land for recreation conservation.

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The WDFW real estate specialist, Brian Trickle, is visiting with some of the landowners today and the Department will only proceed with willing sellers.

Chairman Partch said the road to Bonnie Lake is very limited. It is steep, narrow and lake recreationalists block access to the adjacent farmer fields. Mr. Robinette said if this was to become a state wildlife area, a wildlife area plan would be developed. As part of that plan, they would talk about things like road improvements and parking. They want to be a good neighbor and would work with the county and landowners for a solution to any concerns. The acquisition process takes a considerable amount of time and they work through it in phases based on funding. Even if every landowner told the Department they were not interested in the proposal, they would still be interested in working on the access issue to Bonnie Lake.

Mr. Myers said his understanding is there is a small boat access within the road right-of-way. Mark Storey clarified it is an informally established boat access due to use but was never intended to provide boat access. Mr. Myers continued, the access has improved somewhat, but is not a county park or public works access but rather, a public right-of-way.

What the Whitman County Park Board has seen as an issue is that parking creates problems for the landowners. They can't get into their property nor can they get their equipment down the road. The Park Board attempted to establish designated and non-designated parking areas. No parking signs have been installed by Public Works and the landowners. Unfortunately, the limited posted areas are the only parking areas. Chairman Partch is going to be visiting with the landowner about designating a portion of a field for allowed parking while still providing access to their field. Mr. Myers suggested an educational process of sorts to train people to park in designated parking areas only.

To date, Mr. Storey said Public Works only involvement has been through the complaint process because vehicles are parking on the county right-of-way blocking field access. At one time, a landowner offered to provide a parking area on an eastside bluff above the lake. Mark Storey said he is in favor of an access but the way it is now doesn't work.

Chairman Partch clarified Whitman County has no money to put towards this proposal. Unlike Spokane County, Whitman County is not a Growth Management Act (GMA) county and therefore do not receive GMA funding. Mr. Robinette said WDFW pays Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds or Fish & Wildlife fine violations money. The county could choose to take an assessment for PILT funds based on a number of acres or receive fine violations funds. The Department is currently paying the local fire district for lands in the Revere area.

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Commissioner O'Neill asked about the Department's timeframe and wondered where funding for on-going maintenance will be derived. Mr. Robinette explained a presentation would be made to RCO for whichever phase makes the most sense at the time. When funding becomes available next year, the real estate division then begins meeting one-on-one with the landowners. Funding is available from RCO for operations and maintenance. The Department receives federal funding, revenue from fishing and hunting licenses and the state general fund. For this particular project, the Department is relying on RCO money because minimal restoration work is involved.

Tim Myers pointed out the only accessible public property is minimal; most of the land is private. Currently, the island is the only public property available. As a side note, Mr. Myers said in speaking with the Department of Natural Resources, they own the island, but the Bureau of Land Management owns the water.

Commissioner Largent indicated he was personally excited about the concept if all concerns could be resolved.

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

Present: Jim & Zoe Cooley and Joe Smillie.

070381 1. There is a conflict between the new interlocal agreement and bylaws regarding the makeup of the GCBH Executive Committee. The current bylaws say "The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the immediate past Chair. Each Executive Committee member has one vote. The Regional Advisory Board Chair shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member. The Chair shall chair the committee, which shall meet monthly unless cancelled by the Chair. The Board shall avoid a Board member majority on the Executive Committee."

The issue is that the immediate past Chair is not a Commissioner. GCBH legal council has proposed three options: 1) Remove the immediate past Chair from the EC, 2) Allow the immediate past Chair to serve on the EC but not have a vote, and 3) Do nothing. This will only be an issue until the next time they elect a new Board Chair. Then, the immediate past Chair will be a Commissioner. When the vote is taken, most likely in March, it will be a vote of the Directors. Mr. Berney recommended any of the options. Commissioner Largent felt removing "immediate past chair" seemed to be the simplest method of resolving this issue and the other commissioners concurred. Mr. Berney will pass the commissioners comments forward to the GCBH Board but any decision will require Commissioner Largent to cast his vote, but that could be handled by phone.

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D070381A 2. A question was raised at the January Board meeting about what constituted a quorum of the Board under the new interlocal agreement and does that definition change if it was one of the enumerated issues only Commissioners can vote on. GCBH legal counsel proposed language for the bylaws that provides clarity to this issue. The proposed language also specifies that a majority of the entire Board, not just a majority of the quorum, is required to approve issues that only Commissioners can vote on. When the vote is taken, most likely in March, this vote will need to be by the Directors. Mr. Berney recommended supporting the language proposed by legal counsel.

D070381B 3. GCBH housekeeping issues include a resolution establishing the GCBH Committees, a professional services agreement (PSA) with Will Clemmer for Information Services work and a quarterly review of all professional services agreements.

D070381C 4. An amendment to the Chemical Dependency County contract is necessary, however there is no change in dollars, just contract language. Mike Berney will sign the amendment as previously authorized.

2:00 p.m. - Zoe and Jim Cooley, Pullman.

Present: Joe Smillie.

D070381D Mrs. Cooley, representing Palouse Alliance for the Mentally Ill (PAMI), talked about the possibility of improving services to people with mental illness in Whitman County. One way of doing that is through the passage of a sales tax increase as permitted by state statute.

Chairman Partch said although the Board realizes the importance of mental illness services, they are reluctant to talk about an additional tax at this time.

Mrs. Cooley mentioned areas of concern regarding mental illness.

- Disregarded when concerns are presented to Palouse River Counseling Services Board (PRCC) who are considered advisory
- Accountability of services and taxes for the mentally ill
- Commissioners not attending GCBH meetings on a regular basis
- Mr. Berney signing off on contract amendments
- No effective way to lodge concerns about PRCC operations
- Hospitalization/mental health evaluations
- Fiscal year-end funds used for bonuses rather than services
- Retaliatory measures against PRCC clients when issues are raised
- Violations of client confidentiality
- Harvest House budget request
- No psychiatrist on staff at PRCC

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- All mental health dollars should be used for direct treatment

Commissioner Largent commented that a resolution of Mrs. Cooley's concerns does not necessary mean the Board is in total agreement with her and not being in total agreement does not mean her concerns are not being heard. There are limited resources in this process and this area takes quite a bit of expertise hence, the Board's reliance on another very capable person. He suggested if Mrs. Cooley has accusations against PRCC that there is more objective proof or evidence of the criticism. Mrs. Cooley said that would be difficult because she can not violate the confidentiality of people receiving services.

Chairman Partch said this board relies heavily on Mr. Berney when making decisions because the issues PRCC and GCBH deals with are quite complex. It requires someone with very specialized knowledge to represent the commissioners. When a Board decision is required, a commissioner attends in person or via a conference call meeting. The Chairman asked Mrs. Cooley to submit her concerns in writing to the Board for further review.

2:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Bob Reynolds and Mark Storey.

070382 22. Items discussed included the CETC building and Correctional Facility roof. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

D070382A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 8, 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.

070383 23. An IntraNet presentation, NACO Showcase webinar, executive session topic, unauthorized email policy scams, and use of internal email reminder. No action taken.

10:15 a.m. - BOCC Executive Session.

Present: Kelli Campbell.

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070384 24. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 11:00 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(1)(g) for matters related to performance evaluations.

11:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

1:15 p.m. - BOCC Executive Session.

Commissioner Largent was absent from the remainder of today's meetings.

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

070385 25. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.

Present: John Love, Bob Gronholz, Dan Boone, Dick Watters, Mark Storey and Joe Smillie.

070386 26. Items discussed included the ADO contract, Telecom grant, Conexus, Pullman Airport Road grant and Hawkins Development water. No action taken.

070387 27. Documents associated with the purchase of the Pullman Public Health Building from the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation were signed by the Chairman.

4:15 p.m. - Adjournment.

D070387A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **February 1 and 8, 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 **February 16, 2010**. The foregoing action made this **8th** day of **February 2010**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners