

## Minutes for February 02, 2009

Disclaimer: This is only a web copy of the Whitman County Commissioners' Monday Meeting Agenda. An official agenda may be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Commissioners office at (509) 397-5240.

**069164 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 2, 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.**

**069165 1.** Items discussed included ADO contract, Historical grant update, road restriction damage, a request for support, Quad Counties meeting, County Closure policy, CTED meeting and handicap voting. No action taken.

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

Present: Joe Smillie.

**D069165A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

**069166 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **224790, 224810-224811** and **224817-224899** for **\$135,225.75** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	1,013.43	25,809.99
102	Building & Development		8.11
103	Countywide Planning		13.07
104	Developmental Services		520.07
110	County Roads		310.17
118	Inmate Welfare		475.74
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		216.17
132	Auditors Document Preservation		90.00
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001		2,772.54
400	Solid Waste		390.10
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving		4,700.72
510	Photocopier Revolving		666.59
511	Unemployment Insurance		451.44
513	Communications Revolving		643.20
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	24,560.00	18,573.68
690	Clearing Fund 690.004.000	54,010.73	

**069167 4.** January 26, 2009 minutes approved.

**BOCC MINUTES-02/02/09**

**069168-069171** 5. Personnel board orders approved.

**069172** 6. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** effective immediately, a hard freeze on all position reclassifications has been instituted until further notice due to the county's financial status. This freeze will be reviewed July 1, 2009.

**069173** 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of call for bids for the 2009-2010 legal printing.

**069174** 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request for a 1-year award extension to the Town of Oakesdale 2008 Public Facilities (.09) project. This extension will expire May 2010.

**10:15 a.m.** - Paul Spencer.

**069175** 9. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Mark Yrazabal to a 4-year term on the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. Mr. Yrazabal's term will expire 12/31/12.

**069176** 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Cheryl Ann Brock for a 4-year unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Ms. Brock's term will expire 12/31/11.

11. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the reorganization of visa cards for the following departments.

**069177** Prosecutor

**069178** Information Technology

**069179** 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the grant application data form for Emergency Communications in the amount of \$23,591.00.

**069180** 13. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the revised countywide petty cash funds resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069180  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the **2nd** day of **February 2009**; and,

**BOCC MINUTES-02/02/09**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need and requirement of regulating the various petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts in all county funds; and,

WHEREAS, responsibility for the various petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts must be entrusted to specific individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following are the revised petty cash/cash drawer, petty cash stamp, revolving cash and advance travel accounts for Whitman County:

**PETTY CASH/CASH DRAWER,  
PETTY CASH STAMP,  
REVOLVING CASH AND ADVANCE TRAVEL ACCOUNTS**

**PETTY CASH/CASH DRAWER ACCOUNTS**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001.000.000	111.70.02	PUBLIC HEALTH – COLFAX – FRONT DESK	Brian Beason	\$70.00
001.000.000	111.70.021	PUBLIC HEALTH – COLFAX – FRONT DESK	Judy Roberts	\$140.00
001.000.000	111.70.022	PUBLIC HEALTH – COLFAX - ENV. HEALTH	Pauline Anderson	\$50.00
001.000.000	111.70.023	PUBLIC HEALTH – PULLMAN	Shannon Hatley	\$199.00
001.000.000	111.70.024	PUBLIC HEALTH – PULLMAN	Shannon Hatley	\$70.00
001.000.000	111.70.03	DISTRICT COURT – COLFAX	Marlynn Markley	\$50.00
001.000.000	111.70.031	DISTRICT COURT - PULLMAN	Virginia Walker	\$50.00
001.000.000	111.70.04	PARKS & RECREATION – COLFAX OFFICE	Janel Goebel	\$100.00
001.000.000	111.70.041	PARKS & RECREATION – KAMIAK BUTTE	Justus Barton	\$25.00
001.000.000	111.70.042	PARKS & RECREATION - WAWAWAI	Dave Mahan	\$25.00
001.000.000	111.70.05	AUDITOR – COLFAX – AUTO LICENSING	Eunice Coker	\$400.00
001.000.000	111.70.052	AUDITOR – COLFAX – LEGAL FILING	Eunice Coker	\$100.00
001.000.000	111.70.08	FAIR – COLFAX OFFICE	Terry Jefferies	\$125.00
001.000.000	111.70.09	PROSECUTOR	Kristina Cooper	\$100.00
001.000.000	111.70.13	CLERK	Shirley Bafus	\$50.00
001.000.000	111.70.15	DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES	Janel Goebel	\$25.00
<b>Total Current Expense Petty Cash/Cash Drawer Accounts</b>				<b>\$1,579.00</b>
106.240.000	111.70.07	EXTENSION - PUBLICATIONS	Sheri Hatley	\$50.00
110.400.000	111.70.10	PUBLIC WORKS – COUNTY ROAD	Judy McMurray	\$150.00
400.400.000	111.70.17	SOLID WASTE – LANDFILL	Ruth McGillic	\$400.00
999.000.000	111.70.21	TREASURER	Donna Poland	\$900.00
<b>Total Other Funds Petty Cash/Cash Drawer Accounts</b>				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PETTY CASH/CASH DRAWER ACCOUNTS</b>				<b>\$3,079.00</b>

**PETTY CASH STAMP ACCOUNTS**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001.000.000	111.77.03	DISTRICT COURT	Marlynn Markley	\$96.00
001.000.000	111.77.09	PROSECUTOR	Kristina Cooper	\$100.00
001.000.000	111.77.20	SUPERIOR COURT	Sonya Miller	\$33.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSE PETTY CASH STAMP ACCOUNTS</b>				<b>\$229.00</b>

**REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNTS**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001.000.000	111.00.972	AUDITOR	Eunice Coker	\$5,000.00
001.000.000	111.77.01	SHERIFF (718)	Brett Myers	\$400.00
127.140.000	111.77.01	SHERIFF –DRUG TASK FORCE (371)	Brett Myers	\$30,000.00
<b>Total Revolving Cash Accounts</b>				<b>\$35,400.00</b>

**ADVANCE TRAVEL ACCOUNTS**

<b>FUND #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
999.000.000	111.74.21	TREASURER-ADVANCE TRAVEL	Lana Cloaninger	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Advance Travel Accounts</b>				<b>\$15,000.00</b>

<b>Total Petty Cash/Cash Drawer Accounts</b>	<b>\$3,079.00</b>
<b>Total Petty Cash Stamp Accounts</b>	<b>\$229.00</b>
<b>Total Revolving Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$35,400.00</b>
<b>Total Advance Travel Accounts</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Total Cash Accounts to BOCC Resolution</b>	<b>\$53,708.00</b>

Signed this 2nd day of February 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Largent, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Partch, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick J. O’Neill, Commiss.

**069181 14.** Upon receiving a letter of resignation from Eileen Roe, the commissioners signed a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Roe for her 28 years of service to Whitman County.

**BOCC MINUTES-02/02/09**

**069182** 15. A copy of a letter sent to the Teamsters Local No. 690 was received from Superior Court Judge David Frazier requesting that the Court Administrator position be removed from union membership due to the nature of the position.

16. The 2008 annual audit report of the Agricultural Burning Permitting Program for the following conservation districts was received from the Department of Ecology:

- 069183** Palouse Conservation District
- 069184** Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District
- 069185** Pine Creek Conservation District
- 069186** Whitman Conservation District

**069187** 17. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m. - Eunice Coker, Auditor and Kathy Lemon, Treasurer's Office.**

Present: Bob Lothspeich, Paul Spencer and Joe Smillie.

**069188** 1. Eunice Coker presented the 2008 tax collections as required by law. She noted Whitman County is at 98.07% collected.

**069189** 2. The Auditor also distributed information on proposed legislation that was later dropped for the 2009 legislative session that would require the collection of property taxes for the entire year upon the sale of a property.

**069190** 3. In accordance with the law, Kathy Lemon presented a summary of the 2008 refunds issued by Whitman County.

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

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Dan Gladwill, Paul Spencer and Joe Smillie.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**069191** 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for the 2009 weed spray contract to Darry-Air, Inc. for all 3 districts in the amount of \$138,554.40.

**069192** 2. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the notice to publish a call for bids for 2009 liquid asphalt.

**Building Division:**

**069193-069194 3.** Dan Gladwill reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and year-end Building Division reports.

**Engineering Division:**

**069195 4.** Director Storey distributed proposed legislation related to Public Works day labor and land surveyors.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D069195A 5.** Mr. Meyer indicated road restrictions are still in place.

**11:25 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Sigrid Gauger.

Commissioner O'Neill was unavailable.

**069196 1.** Highlights from the January 15 & 23, 2009 GCBH Board meetings:

- The Board reviewed information from the Mental Health Division regarding funding cuts for GCBH for the remainder of this biennium (Handout). A special board meeting was set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> to consider recommendations from the Funding Committee on how to deal with this decrease in funding.
- The Board approved a new funding formula (#1A) that does away with the "hold harmless" of the old formula. This formula was modified for Garfield, Columbia, and Skamania Counties until the end of June 2009.
- The Board received an update on the recruitment for a new GCBH Director.
- The Board was informed that Yakima County is sending out letters to other WA Counties that they will be expecting payment for court costs when a person is psychiatrically hospitalized at Yakima Memorial Hospital.
- The Chair was authorized to sign contract amendments between MHD/GCBH and between GCBH/Provider Network.
- The Chair was authorized to sign the contract between GCBH and Two Rivers Landing (new children's inpatient facility in Yakima).
- The February board meeting has been rescheduled to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**069197 2.** FY 2009 Funding Formula #1A:

For many years GCBH has utilized a funding formula that included a "hold harmless" clause (#3A). This hold harmless clause supported a very successful service design up to this point but was the cause for the disproportionate cut in Medicaid funding experienced by GCBH recently. In

**BOCC MINUTES-02/02/09**

addition, this disproportionate cut will occur each time the State reviews/resets its service rates. Most, if not all of the cuts are required to be taken from outpatient services. At the Board meeting on 1/23 it was decided to move to funding formula #1A beginning 2/1/09. For the next 5 months (through 6/30) Benton County volunteered to forgo \$50,000 per month of what they would receive under formula #1A so that this amount could be distributed proportionately to Garfield, Columbia, and Skamania Counties.

At the special Board meeting it was also decided that GCBH would continue to request access to the data that the Mental Health Division (MHD) used to determine the funding cuts, to consider partnering with other groups to hire an actuary to review the State's calculations and to discuss with our legislators the impact of these disproportionate cuts. No new action expected at the February meeting.

**D069197A 3. New Director Recruitment Update:**

By the February Board meeting the position will have closed, the Executive Committee will have reviewed all applications and have a recommendation for the Board.

**D069197B 4.** The amended interlocal agreement proposed by GCBH legal counsel is mostly housekeeping in nature. It clarifies/unifies liability/indemnification language and reflects the current status of the Yakama Nation. A second version of the amended Inter-local was proposed by Benton County. Feedback from Whitman County was provided to GCBH legal counsel and that formed the basis for the final draft. There still seems to be no support for the Benton County version. The amended interlocal agreement should be sent to each of the Member Counties in February with a request to sign. Mr. Berney recommended Whitman County sign the amended agreement.

**D069197C 5. Eastern State Hospital ward closure update:**

To date, Whitman County has been able to stay out of a "wait list" situation.

**D069197D 6. County Coordinator budget update.**

No staff or programming services should be cut for now.

**D069197E 7.** Demolition of the damaged area at the Harvest House has begun and an electrician has been working at the House.

**3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Joint Port/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: John Love, Bob Gronholz and Dan Boone (3:00 p.m.).

Commissioner Largent was unavailable.

**BOCC MINUTES-02/02/09**

**069198** 18. The ADO contract renewal, economic stimulus expectations, water district, IPZ update, rail update and PDA Authority discussed. No action taken.

**4:10 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D069198A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **February 2, 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 **February 9, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **2nd** day of **February 2009**.

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

---

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

---

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners