

Minutes for February 09, 2009

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069199 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, February 9, 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.

069200 1. Commissioners' Choice award discussed. No action taken.

9:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Josh Powers and Joe Smillie.

D069200A 2. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

069201 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **225046-225155** for **\$330,045.47** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	37,143.65
101	Self Insurance	1,928.26
102	Building & Development	31.03
104	Developmental Services	424.16
110	County Roads	135.87
111	CETC Building	86.04
118	Inmate Welfare	260.73
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	2,635.99
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	1,260.80
136	Electronic Monitoring	178.25
143	Trial Court Improve-143.030.000	16.95
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001	1,099.38
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001	467.92
300	CIP-CIP Proj. 300.010.005	2,507.07
320	Cap. Proj./Out. Sources (Bond)	12,725.36
400	Solid Waste	1,002.07
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	18,460.92
513	Communications Revolving	643.20
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	48,274.17
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001	9,889.00

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690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000	190,874.65
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069202 4. February 2, 2009 minutes approved.

069203-069205 5. Personnel board orders approved.

069206 6. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to have the Chairman sign the HRA VEBA Employer Policy covering non-represented employees.

7. The following asset acquisition requests were presented by Josh Powers for approval:

069206A Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Election Department printer parts.

069206B Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve replacement of the Juvenile Department printer.

069206C Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve an Information Technology Department laptop computer.

069206D Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve replacement of a second Information Technology Department laptop computer.

069206E Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve replacement of a desktop computer for the Prosecutor's office.

069206F Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve replacement of a desktop computer for the Pullman Health Department office.

Commissioner Partch cautioned funding in this area is limited and he would not be receptive to an amendment later in the year.

069207 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign an investment/withdrawal authorization letter to the Treasurer for the Document Management fund.

069208 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** authorizing Commissioner Partch to sign the Secretary of State Imaging and Preservation Services Amendment A related to Document Preservation grant interlocal agreement #848W-948.

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069209 10. Letter to the Latter Day Saints Church thanking them for their surplus chairs now being used at the Community Education Training Center (CETC) was received from the CETC Advisory Board.

069210 11. An email requesting support for Whitman County Library building projects as part of the stimulus funding if given the opportunity was received from Kristie Kirkpatrick, Library Director.

069211 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Kirk Suess, Steptoe.

Present: Joe Smillie.

D069211A Mr. Suess joined the commissioners' meeting to inquire as to their stand on proposed legislation, SB 5911 regarding B&O tax for farmers. The Chairman stated the Board received an alert regarding this legislation last week. The bill has gone to a first reading and was referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The commissioners are following it closely.

Mr. Suess asked the Board for their assurance to oppose this legislation. The Chairman explained anyone can testify at a legislative hearing if a bill gets that far. However, the county commissioners do not pass resolutions jointly supporting/opposing legislation. That is done on an individual basis. He personally hoped the bill fails.

Commissioners Partch felt this is bad legislation.

The Chairman further clarified, the place and time to oppose this is in Olympia on a personal basis. As far as taking a poll of the county commissioners - the issue is not under their privy.

Mr. Suess raised the point about the county's lobbyist that the commissioners must filter information to and Chairman Largent explained that the county's lobbyist lobbies for county issues. The people that represent the residents of Whitman County are the 9th District Legislators.

Commissioner O'Neill indicated he too thought SB 5911 is bad legislation and asked Mr. Suess to contact him personally.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Maintenance Division:

069212 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and Darry-Air, Inc. for the 2009 weed bid be signed as presented.

D069212A 2. Phil Meyer said road restrictions are still in effect, but half-day permits are being issued.

D069212B 3. Current maintenance work consists of tree trimming, brushing, grading, hauling rock and repairing damaged roads.

Engineering Division:

069213 4. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Thera Quarry/Stockpile Site lease be signed as presented.

Administrative Division:

069214 5. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the 2009 road levy and estimated revenue produced form be signed as presented.

D069214A 6. A letter of thanks for the Transfer Station tour was received from Colfax Cub Scouts Pact #595.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Jeff Marshall and Joe Smillie. (1:00 p.m.).

069215 13. The item of discussion was Public Works level of service. No action taken.

2:00 p.m. - Loader Bids.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

069 The following bids were received for one loader.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Rowand Machinery Company, Spokane, WA	\$155,500.00
Mid-Mountain Machinery, Spokane, WA	\$160,000.00
Western States Equipment Co., Spokane, WA	\$183,388.00
Modern Machinery, Spokane, WA	\$176,664.21

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The commissioners will make an award February 17th.

2:15 p.m. - Adjournment.

D069 Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **February 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 **February 17, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **9th** 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