

Minutes for February 20, 2007

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066536 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 20, 2007** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

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

Present: Joe Smillie, (9:00 a.m.) Kelli Campbell, (9:15 a.m.) Marlynn Markley (9:30 a.m.), Joe Reynolds (9:45 a.m.)

066537 1. Items discussed included: financial update, .08 clarification on Port match, Gary Kopf meeting update, ADA review, Pullman District Court office vacancy and Assessor's office vacancy. No action taken.

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

Present: Joe Smillie

D066537A 2. A **motion** was made by Commissioner Largent to approve the consent agenda, **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

066538 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **200556-200570 and 200573-200723** for **\$390,854.53** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	6,612.80	41,378.60	154,434.86
102	Building & Development		1,259.20	100.00
103	Countywide Planning		2,384.00	42.00
104	Developmental Services			53.36
110	County Roads	1,250.00	14,584.20	11,306.48
111	CETC Building			1,186.95
118	Inmate Welfare	306.25		306.25
122	Sheriff's K-9 Unit	69.90		69.90
123	Paths & Trails	159.06		159.06
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	554.86	400.00	554.86
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	55.00		55.00
136	Electronic Monitoring	178.25		178.25
137	Web Site Development	58.09		58.09
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001	1,903.62		1,903.62
300	Capital Projects General-300.010.000			1,962.65
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	1,962.65		
400	Solid Waste	4,707.27	3,898.00	4,707.27
410	Solid Waste Reserve			
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	450.00	4,599.20	67,354.06

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510	Photocopier Revolving			997.17
513	Communications Revolving			531.09
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			57,347.38
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001			8,644.42
690	Clearing Fund 690.006.000			2,085.81
ET	Electronic Transfer		68,503.20	

066539-066540 4. Personnel board orders approved.

Present: Paul Spencer

066546 5. Requisition on Indigent Soldier Fund, (2006), in the amount of \$120.00 from American Legion Post No. 24, Garfield, was read. Commissioner Finch made a **motion**, Commissioner Largent **seconded**, **motion carried** to approve payment.

066547 6. A letter was read from the City of Tekoa, dated February 15, 2007, requesting an extension of their .08 Grant well and pump project deadline at the Tekoa golf course. Commissioner Largent made a **motion** to extend the deadline to June 30, 2007, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion, motion **carried**. A letter to Mayor Richard Weatherly letting Tekoa know their request has been approved will be sent and copy to Jim Hudak.

066548 7. A listing of liquor licensees presently operating establishments in the county was presented, whose licenses expire on May 31, 2007. This is an advisory, not an action item.

066549 8. Correspondence was read from the Department of Ecology, dated February 12, 2007 by Commissioner Partch. The Order reflects recent changes to WAC 173-430 Agricultural Burning particularly the changes in permit fees and transmittal dates when permits and fees must be transferred to Ecology.

066550 9. A clarification of a previous statement that the \$12,500 which was designated as partnering with the Port of Whitman for the Green Grid Study coming from the .08 funds is in error. The money will be deducted from Commissioners' Budget and not .08 funds. A **motion** was made by Commissioner Finch, **second** by Commissioner Largent, **motion carried**.

066551 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30-11:00 a.m. - Janet Schmidt, WSU Extension

Present: Janet Schmidt, WSU Extension Agent, Paul Spencer, Corrine Sloat, Joe Smillie

D066551A Janet Schmidt gave the Extension Web Page presentation showing the ease of moving through it and the compatibility with the Whitman County web site. Agricultural Tours listing the dates, times and locations that would be available in the next few months; 4-H information, including downloadable recordkeeping pages, applications and many other forms used in 4-H,

eliminating the necessity of keeping a stock of supplies on hand were some of the highlights of the presentation. A myriad of information is available on this web site and it is extremely easy to navigate.

D066551B Ms. Schmidt explained that improvements on the Kids' Fishing Pond have been made as it pertains to sealing the bottom with Bentonite and now it should hold water and not having to be filled often.

066551C Fishing Kids Official Registration Form from WSU Extension/4H

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Joe Smillie, Paul Spencer, Colfax Fire Chief, Ralph Walter and Corrine Sloom.

ACTION ITEMS

Administration Division:

066552 1. Public Works recommends awarding the two (2) new 2007, mid-size, four-wheel drive utility vehicles to Chipman and Taylor. There were three bids for these vehicles Paradise Ford withdrew their Bid, and Jess Ford.

066553 Commissioner Finch **moved** to award the bid for two (2) new 2007, mid-size, four-wheel drive utility vehicles to Chipman and Taylor for a total bid amount of \$42,266.00 (without tax). Commission Largent **seconded** the motion and **carried**.

066554 2. Signs were awarded through the small works roster to Zumar Industries for a total amount of \$11,357.35 (without tax).

Maintenance Division:

066555 3. Ralph Walter, Colfax Fire Chief, awarded to Public Works, an appreciation plaque for outstanding effort and services in fighting the Palouse River fire. He expressed sincere thanks from the Whitman County Fire District #11.

066556 4. A Certificate of Retirement and appreciation of 30-year service award for Darrell Stubbe, was given to the Commissioners to sign. Mr. Stubbe will retire the 1st of March 2007.

Engineering Division:

066557 5. A letter from Jeff and Heather Flannigan, in the form of a request to lower the speed limit on Airport Road, was received.

11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Administrative Services.

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Present: Bev Welch, Joe Reynolds, Janet Schmidt, Fran Martin, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Peggy Wright, Bob Reynolds, Paul Spencer and Joe Smillie.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Marlynn Markley and Doug Robinson.

066558 1. The 13th month 2006 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

13th Month 2006 Cash Balance - \$2,906,682

13th Month 2005 Cash Balance - \$2,076,289

13th Month 2006 Revenue - \$11,120,325 - 91.41% of budget.

13th Month 2005 Revenue - \$ 9,437,106 - 94.13% of budget.

13th Month 2006 Expenditures \$10,531,490 - 89.20% of budget.

13th Month 2005 Expenditures \$ 9,324,596 - 91.79% of budget.

066559 2. The January 2007 ending financial report also provided by Ms. Cunningham.

January 2007 Cash Balance - \$2,347,025

January 2006 Cash Balance - \$1,344,757

January 2007 Revenue - \$575,713 - 4.95% of budget.

January 2006 Revenue - \$489,175 - 4.02% of budget.

January 2007 Expenditures \$818,868 - 6.99% of budget.

January 2006 Expenditures \$772,937 - 6.55% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.

Present: Jana Davis

D066059A Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services Director, updated the Commissioners including the future of housing for developmentally disabled. Hughes and Epton house, which Whitman County owns are aging and may not be suitable for the aging residents. Each house has a residential counselor who provides services. We are working with Community Action Center to search the possibilities of building new one-story houses and selling the older ones to help pay for them. A committee is being formed to look into different programs that might be available. A donation of property to build new houses would facilitate the application for Grants faster and easier. The Palouse Industries building is also owned by us, all three have been for 25 years.

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Bart Deerborn, Park Ranger, has accepted a job in Jasper, Texas, so the rehiring process will be started because he will be leaving in 2 weeks. He has been here ten years. It will take 6 weeks at the earliest to get someone hired and trained.

2:05 p.m. - Adjournment.

D066059B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **February 20, 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 **February 26, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **20th** day of **February 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board
By: Kaye Engel
Recording Clerk

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
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