

Minutes for March 2, 2009

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069280 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 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.

Present: Kelli Campbell (9:00 a.m.).

069281 1. Items discussed included proposed ID Badge policy, evaluations, CAC housing request, Port meeting/RTPO, Extension letter and Regional Support Network. No action taken.

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

D069281A 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

069282 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **225723** and **225726-225809** for **\$262,846.72** approved for 02/23/09.

D069282A 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **225827-225929** for **\$137,361.33** approved for 03/02/09.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT- 02/23/09	AMOUNT- 03/02/09	AMOUNT- 03/02/09
001	Current Expense	31,563.62	503.85	68,861.67
101	Self Insurance			2,481.12
102	Building & Development	579.56		102.06
103	Countywide Planning	293.10		80.00
104	Developmental Services	37,721.42		1,129.16
106	Extension Publications			20.70
108	Veterans Relief	90.00		
110	County Roads	1,779.66		4,738.96
111	CETC Building			54.49
114	Bulk Purchasing	776.10		
118	Inmate Welfare	93.62	11.66	628.21
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	7,617.79		2,458.93
143	Trial Court Improve-143.030.000			52.35
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001	32,724.38		1,353.41
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001	551.10		3,696.44
400	Solid Waste	120,745.27	1,865.03	2,218.93

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501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	26,655.97	46.59	36,922.45
510	Photocopier Revolving	49.15		
513	Communications Revolving	893.60		1,209.62
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	712.42		9,923.92
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001			1,428.91

069283 5. February 23, 2009 minutes approved.

069284 6. Personnel board orders approved.

069284A 7. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a request presented the American Legion Post 214 noting in the future rent request payments shall be submitted by 12/31 of each year.

069285 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to designate the Port of Whitman as the Whitman County's Associate Development Organization for the next biennium (2009-2011).

069286-069287 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the 2008 inventory as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069286
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

We, Michael Largent, Greg Partch and Patrick J. O'Neill, the Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have examined the inventories as of December 31, 2008, as duly prepared and certified by the heads of various departments of Whitman County and find the same to be correct, as we verily believe.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

RESOLUTION NO. 069287

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, R.C.W. 36.32.210 requires that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year file with the Auditor of the County a statement verified by oath showing for the twelve months period ending December 31st of the preceding year, a full and complete inventory of all capitalized assets kept in accordance with standards established by the State Auditor; and,

WHEREAS, a listing of Whitman County's capitalized assets as of December 31, 2007, was circulated to all county elected officials and department heads for review and certification; and,

WHEREAS, all county elected officials and department heads have reviewed and certified their respective inventories as of December 31, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners, that the attached listing(s) of Whitman County's capitalized assets as of December 31, 2008, represented as Attachment A to be correct, as we verily believe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to file said resolution and Attachment A with the County Auditor.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2009.

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ATTACHMENT A

Tag #	Cost
General Fund	
Land	362115.5
Buildings	10200112.72
Office Furniture	5000
Office Equipment	291438.46
DP Equipment	684865.89
Maint/Shop Equip	22262.59
Vehicles	465463.06
Road Maint Equip	45609.14
Communications	62428.53
Other	63516.17
General Fund	12202812.06

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Communications	6021.43
DP Equipment	11052.04
Maint/Shop Equip	49850.51
2008 Purchases	66923.98
General Fund Total	12269736.04

Solid Waste

Building	644306.53
DP Equipment	5350
Maint/Shop Equip	101054.22
Vehicles	81421.45
Other	519118.35
Solid Waste	1351250.55
Buildings	180022.81
2008 Purchases	180022.81
Solid Waste Total	1531273.36

Equipment Rental & Revolving

Buildings	3712258.45
DP Equipment	14984.17
Maint/Shop Equip	32515.78
Vehicles	5144526.15
Road Maint Equip	6108634.87
Communications	38778.81
Other Equip	1766527.77
ER&R	16818226
Road Maint Equip	572196.21
Vehicles	164749.57
Maint/Shop Equip	42231.18
2008 Purchases	779176.96
ER&R Total	17597402.96

Photocopier Revolving

Office Equipment	106212.71
Photocopier Rev	106212.71
Office Equipment	12250.39
2008 Purchases	12250.39
Photocopier Rev Total	118463.1

Communications Revolving

Communications	331137.4
Communications	11961.94
2008 Purchase	11961.94
Communications Total	343099.34

069288 10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a 2-month extension to the 2008-2009 Emergency Shelter grant #08-46106-38 as submitted.

069289 11. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution writing off a \$165 Public Health uncollectible as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 069289

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington met on March 2, 2009 in regular session; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Health Department has billed out Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity Whole House inspection and finance charges, the amount of those costs have not been paid; and,

WHEREAS, attempts have been made to collect the past due amounts of the total amount of \$165.00, but further effort will cost more than the amount due.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the listed amount be declared not collectible and removed from the accounting records of Whitman County Health Department.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March 2009.

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069290 12. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Kelly Farnsworth to the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board representing Whitman County.

069291 13. An executed copy of the Imaging & Preservation Services agreement with the Office of the Secretary of State #848W-948-1A was received.

069291A 14. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Alan Thomson and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Division:

069292 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for liquid asphalt to SemMaterials for a total bid amount of \$635,575.00.

069293 2. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of call for bids for one new 2009 crack sealer/melter applicator with electric hose.

069294 3. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Gneadinger stockpile site lease agreement be signed as presented.

069295 4. A 2009 mid-full size, four door sedan with police package was awarded through the small works roster process to Tyler and Kelly Trademark Motors, Inc. for a total bid amount of \$20,565.00 without tax.

Planning Division:

069296 6. Mark Storey and Alan Thomson visited some wind turbines (pictures presented) to determine how noisy wind turbines really area on a very windy day. With about a 20 MPH wind, Mr. Storey said they discovered the sound from the blades was a smaller percentage than the howling wind itself.

D069296A 7. Planner Thomson advised the commissioners Garfield County currently has a massive project in the works for potentially 700 wind turbines over the next few years in Columbia and Garfield County. They actually have a conditional use application. An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared at the request of the applicant, not the county. Considering the size of this project, Mr. Thomson thought that was a good idea. An open house is being held March 4th at Pomeroy High School from 5-8 p.m. Mark Storey, the Assistant Planner and Mr. Thomson plan to attend along with some Planning Commission members because Whitman County could be in a similar situation at some time. If interested, the commissioners were invited to join their group.

Solid Waste Division:

069297 7. **Clarification to 02/17/09 minutes as follows:**

"069236 2. The Transfer Station can now accept commercial hazardous materials rather than just residential hazardous waste. Four collections will take place in 2009. Interested businesses may call (509) 922-6417 for pricing information." Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the clarification as submitted.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

- 069298** 1. Highlights from the February 13, 2009 GCBH Board Meeting:
- Legislative update on bills/budget related to mental health.
 - The GCBH Board approved a new Funding Policy (as recommended by the Funding Committee) matching current funding formula #1A.
 - The Board approved a recommendation from the Information Systems Committee to uncouple the Errors/Warnings Report from the GCBH Data Dictionary.
 - Legal Council explained why he sent out a new version of a draft interlocal agreement. He requested member counties review the new language and submit comments/suggestions to him. The Benton County representative agreed to draft By-Law language to further explain the Operational Board concept.
 - As part of the Executive Committee report the Board reviewed the hiring plan they previously approved for a new GCBH Director. After much discussion it was decided that the Executive Committee would interview 3 candidates as planned but the entire Board would meet all three interviewees, hear the Executive Committee's recommendation(s)/reference checks and make the final hiring decision at an upcoming meeting.
 - The Board directed all of their committees to record their meetings.
 - After much discussion it appears that the March Board meeting will be held on its regular date/time (3/5).

D069298A 2. By the March Board meeting the position will have closed, the Executive Committee will have interviewed 3 applicants and have a recommendation for the full Board. It is currently unclear if the Board will meet all the interviewees at the March or April Board meeting.

D069298B 3. The original amended Interlocal Agreement proposed by GCBH legal counsel was mostly housekeeping in nature. It clarified/unified liability/indemnification language and reflected the current status of the Yakama Nation. A new version of the amended Interlocal was proposed by the Benton County representative. This new version envisions a Board of Directors made up of only County Commissioners that meets quarterly (frequency of meetings is open for input) and focuses on providing policy direction. In addition, it creates a new Operational Board that meets more regularly to operationalize policy direction provided by the Board of Directors (BOD) and to make certain decisions in between the times the BOD meets. All counties must agree in order to change the interlocal agreement. There seems to be significant support for the new Benton County version. There were many questions about how the By-Laws would change under this new design.

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Pros: The State will be more comfortable with this kind of BOD; other RSNs have this kind of BOD; some are more comfortable with elected officials making the policy decisions directly; significant support for this design.

Cons: A more complex structure; will it be able to make decisions as quickly; the old structure seemed to work well until funding started to decrease. This decision is up to the Board of Whitman County Commissioners. The commissioners would like the structure to remain as is, but if there must be a compromise, they would agree to meet twice each year.

D069298C 4. Court costs associated with Involuntary Detentions. In January, Yakima County sent letters to all counties stating they were going to start charging \$400 for court services associated with involuntary detentions and included a memorandum of understanding. There is a rumor that Yakima County will stop providing ITA court services as of March 1st unless the \$400 is paid. Yakima County Human Services wants the RSN to pay this fee. Mr. Berney recommended the commissioners support the Funding Committee's recommendation. This cost would be paid by Palouse River Counseling.

D069298D 5. After consultation with Commissioner Largent Amendment #2 to the Chemical Dependency county contract was signed.

2:00 p.m. - Josh Powers, Information Technology.

069299 Mr. Powers presented an APC replacement battery cartridge for one of the server battery backup systems in the amount of \$316.60. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request.

2:10 p.m. - Adjournment.

D069299A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **March 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 **March 9, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **2nd** day of **March 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