

Minutes for March 5, 2012

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072801 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 5, 2012** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Elinor Huber, Recording Clerk attended. Commissioner O'Neill was unavailable.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich, Elinor Huber, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley (9:00 a.m.). Bob Reynolds (9:20 a.m.).

072802 1. Items discussed included .09 legislature status, cash versus accrual, capital assets, McKinstry project, fire districts, Health Department funding, Pullman 2020 visioning meeting/asset-inventory presentation and the quarterly regional breakfast. No action taken.

9:25 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Karen Johnson, Joe Smillie, Kelli Hadley, and Paul Spencer.

D072802A 2. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

072803 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **261782-261861** for **\$241,977.54** approved.

072804 4. February 20, 2012 minutes approved.

072805-072810 5. Personnel change orders approved.

072811 6. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2011 county inventory resolutions as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 072811 BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, the Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have

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examined the inventories as of December 31, 2011, 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 5th day of March 2012.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 072812
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, 2011, 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, 2010.

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, 2011, 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 5th day of March 2012.

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<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2011 YEAR END</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>DISPOSITIONS</u>	<u>2011 YEAR END</u>
LAND	567,063		17333	549,730
BUILDINGS	15,555,072		103467	15,451,605
ICE EQUIPMENT	314,340			314,340
DATA PROCESSING EQUIP.	748,893	34265		783,158
MAINT & SHOP EQUIP.	214,402		11003	203,399
OTHER EQUIPMENT	602,769			602,769
VEHICLES	5,416,591	57367		5,473,958
ROAD MAINT. EQUIP	7,490,597		328907	7,161,0690
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	325,051			325,051
INFRASTRUCTURE	51,763,102		540477	51,222,625
TOTAL	<u>82,997,880</u>			<u>82,088,325</u>

072813 7. A request for contract mediation was received from the Public Employment Relations Commission for the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

10:10 a.m. - Recess.

10:17 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Present: Joe Smillie, Kelli Hadley, Paul Spencer, and Karen Johnson. Commissioner O'Neill phoned in for this portion of the meeting.

072814 8. The contract between the Commissioners and Foster Pepper PLLC was received. The changes made to the original include staff billing will be at \$225 an hour with a not to exceed basis capped at \$10,000 unless and until there is further action by the commissioners for good cause shown and prior approval of the court. The contract was approved by Judge Frazer on March 2, 2012. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion to sign the Legal Representation of Foster Pepper PLLC to represent Whitman County in the lawsuit with OVIC. Commissioners O'Neill and Partch voted **aye** and Commissioner Largent voted **nay**. The motion **carried**.

072815 9. An executed copy of the 2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between Whitman County and Teamsters Local 690/Road Department Bargaining Unit was received (12/31/12).

071816 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Public Works Department.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Joe Smillie, Kelli Hadley, Karen Johnson, and Paul Spencer.

072817 11. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Partch seconded the motion and it carried to award the asphalt distributor bid to Clyde West, Inc. for \$78,006.67.

072818 12. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Partch seconded the motion and it carried to publish the notice of call for bids for 2012 liquid asphalt.

072819 13. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner Partch seconded the motion and it carried to renew the contract between Cannon Hill and Whitman County for chipping of wood waste at the Whitman County Transfer Station (12/31/12).

072820 14. Mark Story stated that we have received funding for repair work on the Hatley Bridge on the Pullman-Wawawai Road. Nichols Engineering from Spokane is our structural Engineer and they advised us that the bridge has shifted and needs to be posted at 35 miles per hour for one truck at a time on the bridge, signed and enforce it until we can do the repair work. We suggest that a 35 mph zone be created only for trucks about 500 feet on either side of the bridge. We can still keep the bridge at full legal loads but no overloads. Commissioner Largent moved and Commissioner Partch seconded the motion and it carried to set the speed limit at 35 MPH for trucks on a portion of the Pullman-Wawawai Road to be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of Establishing)
Speed Limits for a Portion of) RESOLUTION NO. 072820
An Improved County Road,)
Wawawai Pullman Road #9010,) ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS
Whitman County, Washington)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415 and R.C.W. 46.61.450;

WHEREAS, the BOARD has received a request from the County Engineer to consider changing the posted speed limit for truck traffic on a portion of the Wawawai Pullman Road, around the location of the Hatley Bridge at

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milepost 5.19, and has assessed the character and use of the road and bridge with respect to the existing posted speed limit; and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the Hatley Bridge, in order to safely carry loads, must be posted at a reduced speed limit for heavy traffic, consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for trucks going over the Hatley Bridge at milepost 5.19 on the Wawawai Pullman Road #9010 shall be set at 35 MPH, including a zone extending both directions from the ends of the bridge 500 feet. It shall be further resolved that the maximum speed limit for the remainder of the road shall remain unchanged. The change shall be implemented on March 12, 2012. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed at the bridge, including appropriate transition zones.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

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072821 15. Commissioner Largent **moved** and Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it carried that the contracts between Whitman County and Harry Johnson Plumbing and Excavation, Inc. for reclamation at Weber Quarry be signed as presented.

072822 16. The Whitman County Spring Clean-Up flyer was received. It will be April 16-28th with a reduced tipping fee of \$35 per ton.

072823 17. An invitation was received from Lincoln Middle School to attend the ceremony celebrating the first Washington Green School in Whitman County on March 29, 2012.

D072823A 18. Mark Storey gave an update on Solid Waste transfer of long haul contracts. He is working with Denis Tracy and will soon have a long haul contract with Allied Waste ready in late March. That contract will save Whitman County \$15-20 a ton on the long haul services. This is a

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10-year contract with no surcharges. Waste Management will be notified of the change in providers for this service commencing July 1, 2012.

D072823B 19. Mark Storey talked about the lawsuit Stevens County is participating in about primitive roads and primitive road winter maintenance. There is probably going to be an appeal to the State Supreme Court on the local judge's decision on how much winter maintenance is appropriate for a primitive road. Mr. Storey said he has also gotten the Washington State Association of County Engineers involved. Brian Weiss, attorney, is actually preparing an "Amicus Brief" and the WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, (WAPA) may be filing an "Amicus Brief" on this issue as well. The local court has denied protection afforded by the legislature and the RCW's on local primitive roads. This is very contrary to the way the whole county road system is set up. Whitman County is getting a little bit involved as well. Mr. Storey has asked whether or not Whitman County should file an "Amicus Brief" also. If they do go that route he will seek permission from the Board in the next week or two.

D072823C 20. Roads were opened to heavy hauling this morning with a few exceptions those being: Malden-Pine City Road, Warner Road, Thorn Creek Road, and Ralph Henning Road remain closed to heavy hauling.

D072823D 21. Phil Meyer stated he received a call from John Kromm with PNW. He said when Spokane County closes their roads there are no permits and people can't haul until the county opens the roads. He had a great compliment for Whitman County on our willingness to work with the farmers and grain companies allowing them to haul a load or two in the morning during our posting. Mark Storey stated Whitman County is unique in the permitting system. Part of their goal is not to shut down commerce completely; the roads will take a small amount of heavy loads if we permit it and monitor it. The community moving the grain products is superb because they work with us and abide with what we are doing as long as we let them haul a little.

11:25 a.m. Recess.

D072823E THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 12, 2012** 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/Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hatley.

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072824 22. Items discussed included Solid Waste Loan to Current Expense, Information Technology building air-conditioner, Mike Poulson's visit, .09 funds, state reimbursement for the elections building, leave accrual carry-over extension and citizen recognition. No action taken.

9:15 a.m. - Executive Session.

Present: Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt.

072825 23. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 10:00 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) a matter relating to negotiations.

10:00 a.m. Return to Open Session/Board Business Continued.

Present: Joan Willson, Karen Johnson, Gary Ackerman, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley.

071826 24. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **261879-261993** for **\$149,324.23** approved.

072827 25. Veteran's relief request approved.

072828-072835 26. Personnel change orders approved.

10:10 a.m. - Jenise James, Michele Beckmann, Susan Nelson.

072836 27. Michele Beckmann explained Ms. James found a \$100 bill outside the Courthouse and brought it to Human Resources. An email was sent to all employees about the found money. Later, a call was transferred from the Treasurer's Office to Human Resources from a woman that had earlier in the day visited the Treasurer's Office that was inquiring about her loss of a \$100 bill. As it turned out, Ms. James knew the individual that lost the money.

Commissioner Partch said in this day and age we take for granted old time values and he wanted to recognize Ms. James for her honesty and integrity. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a certificate recognizing Ms. James as an outstanding Whitman County citizen.

072837 28. Upon registered voter and commissioner district verification by the Auditor, Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Adam Scott Carter to the Citizens Commission on Salaries for Election Officials representing Commissioner District 3. Mr. Carter's term will expire 12/31/15. A letter of

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appreciation was forwarded to Susan Weed who vacated this position thanking her for her service on the Commission.

072838 **29.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to regretfully accept Cheryl Ann Brock's resignation from the Planning Commission.

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

- 072839** WA State Dept. of Health Group B Workbooks-\$4,000
- 072840** WA State Dept. of Health Capitalization-Drinking Water-\$750
- 072841** WA State Dept. of Health Maternal and Child Health-\$30,472
- 072842** WA State Dept. of Health Capitalization-Drinking Water-\$750
- 072843** WA State Dept. of Health Capitalization-Drinking Water-\$2,000
- 072844** Office of Immunization and Child Profile-Immunization-\$4,705
- 072845** Office of Immunization and Child Profile-Immunization-\$10,401
- 072846** Office of Immunization and Child Profile-Immunization-\$2,829
- 072847** WA State Dept. of Health-Emergency Preparedness-\$19,941
- 072848** WA State Dept. of Health-Youth Tobacco Prevention-\$2,148
- 072849** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$111,563
- 072850** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$148,750
- 072851** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$37,188
- 072852** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$4,241
- 072853** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$4,671
- 072854** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$1,183
- 072855** WA State Dept. of Health/Human Services-WIC-\$25,913

072856 **31.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to extend Fran Martin's accrual leave carry-over of 81 hours to April 2, 2012.

072857 **32.** An executed copy of the WSU memorandum of agreement for 2012 received.

10:30 a.m. - Mike Poulson, Agriculture & Resource Policy Coordinator for Representative Cathy McMorris-Rodgers.

Present: Mark Storey, John Sherman, Tony Bean, Joan Willson, Karen Johnson, Gary Ackerman, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley.

D072857A **33.** Mr. Poulson said he tries to visit each county in the district semi-annually to update them on important federal issues and this year deals mainly with fiscal management.

10:50 a.m. - Bob Lothspeich and Bob Reynolds.

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Others areas of concern or request for assistance involved the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport realignment project and matching funds, the federal bridge program and bridge approach funding, rails, streamlined sales tax, CRP erosion, Workforce Development and the treatment of veterans. Mark Storey offered his assistance in any way possible.

072858 Not used.

11:20 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley (9:00 a.m.). Commissioner Largent was unavailable.

072859 34. Funding for the Information Technology building air conditioner discussed. No action taken.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.

Present: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH). Commissioner O'Neill was unavailable.

072860 Mr. Berney briefed the commissioners on the GCBH Board meeting held February 2nd and March 1, 2012.

D072860A 35. Executive Session(s) held February 2nd to discuss GCBH contracts with Dr. Brown, a psychiatrist, to be the Regional Support Network's Medical Director. One of the duties of the Medical Director is to hear appeals of inpatient authorization requests that have been denied. The contract with Dr. Brown contains a 30 day no-fault termination clause. GCBH staff informed the Board that they wished to notify Dr. Brown that GCBH was exercising its 30 day option to terminate the contract. According to GCBH staff, Dr. Brown's interactions with a number of hospitals and Designated Mental Health Professionals were unnecessarily adversarial. Dr. Lippman, the previous GCBH Medical Director, is willing to resume that role. At the March 1st Board meeting information was being gathered for GCBH Coordinator's evaluation.

D072860B 36. The GCBH Chair was authorized to sign contract amendments for Medicaid (PHIP) and State-Only contracts with the State of Washington. These amendments were mostly housekeeping in nature. Whitman County voted in favor and the vote was unanimous.

D072860C 37. With the discontinuation of Dr. Brown's contract GCBH needs to arrange for a psychiatrist to provide Medical Director Services including second level appeals via a professional services agreement (PSA). A PSA with Dr. Lippman, who was the GCBH Medical Director prior to

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Dr. Brown, was presented to the Board. This PSA should actually cost less than the previous agreement with Dr. Brown. Whitman County voted in favor and the vote was unanimous.

D072860D 38. Proposed legislation requiring there be only 6 RSNs statewide has "died" in the Senate Committee. There is some talk by DSHS personnel to try and bring the legislation back as part of the budget since there were savings anticipated with the reduction in the number of RSNs.

D072860E 39. As with many others, GCBH is waiting to see what kind of supplemental budget is passed by the legislature. The current Governor's and House budgets reflect a 10% cut to Medicaid funding and an 11% cut to State-Only funding. The Senate Ways and Means budget has a 3% cut to Medicaid Funding and approximately a 1.1% cut to State-Only dollars.

D072860F 40. Since the last Board meeting the State Auditor's Office conducted its exit conference with GCBH and submitted its final report. Once again there were no findings or management letter.

D072860G 41. Mr. Berney said it may be necessary for Commissioner Largent to attend in person or by phone the April 5th Board meeting.

2:00 p.m. - 2012 Grader Bids.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Jeff Stehr and 3 bidders.

072861 42. The following grader bids were received.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Central Machinery Sales, Inc., Pasco, WA	No Bid
Rowand Machinery Co., Spokane, WA	\$275,000 - \$44,500 = \$230,500
Western States Equipment Co., Lewiston, ID	\$259,000 - \$40,000 = \$219,000

The commissioners will make an award March 19th.

2:10 p.m. - Adjournment.

D072861A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **March 5 and 12, 2012** 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 **March 19, 2011**. The foregoing action made this **12th** day of **March 2012**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners