

Minutes for March 29, 2010

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070513 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, March 29, 2010** 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

070514 1. Items discussed included county property transfer to Palouse, DNR request, CIP funds, evaluation form, PRCC letter, Stevens County taxpayer's mailer, Whitman County tax statement mailing schedule and Bonnie Lake residents' meetings. No action taken.

9:20 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bob Reynolds and Joe Smillie.

D070514A 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

070515 3. Veterans' assistance fund requisition.

070516 4. March 15, 2010 minutes approved.

070517-070522 5. Personnel board orders approved.

070523 6. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to proclaim April 2010 as National County Government month.

P R O C L A M A T I O N
APRIL 2010 - NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
"HEALTHY COUNTIES"

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and,

WHEREAS, county governments are integral to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and,

WHEREAS, as employers, counties provide health insurance benefits to nearly three million county employees and their retirees nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties and Whitman County are working together to **Restore the Partnership** among all levels of government to better serve American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Whitman County Commissioners do hereby proclaim:

April 2010 as "National County Government Month"

Dated this 29th day of March 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

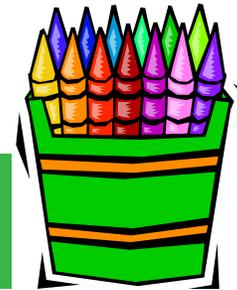
Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

070524 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to proclaim April 11-17, 2010 as the Week of the Young Child.

Week of the Young Child

April 11-17, 2010



WHEREAS, early childhood education is vital to our community. Children need a strong early learning foundation to succeed in school, and go on to succeed in life.

WHEREAS, Whitman County and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children,] are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, [dates]; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Whitman County; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Whitman County deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Board of Commissioners, that April 11-17, 2010 is hereby proclaimed as

The Week of the Young Child and we encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Whitman County.

Dated this 29th day of March 2010.

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

070525 8. Commissioner O'Neill moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and it carried to sign a resolution authorizing the Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board to dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bidding on Public Works projects of less than forty thousand dollars.

RESOLUTION NO. 070525

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DISPENSING WITH ADVERTISEMENT AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR SMALL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS BY THE MARTIN HALL JUVENILE FACILITY BOARD (CREATED PURSUANT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AGREEMENT (MARTIN HALL)); AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

WHEREAS, Whitman County, Washington (the "County") is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington;

WHEREAS, the County is required by Chapter 13.16 RCW to acquire, construct and maintain juvenile detention facilities for dependent, wayward and delinquent children;

WHEREAS, under Section 802(9) of Chapter 16, Laws of 1995, 2nd sp. sess., the Washington State Treasurer is authorized to enter into a financing contract for \$4,000,000 plus issuance expenses and required reserves to assist a consortium of counties in the lease/purchase of leasehold improvements to Martin Hall on the Eastern State Hospital campus, and the renovation of said facility for use as a juvenile rehabilitation center;

WHEREAS, Chapter 309, Laws of 1995, authorizes cities and counties, or any combination thereof, to participate in agreements, pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW, to jointly expend funds for criminal justice purposes of mutual benefit, which include, but are not limited to, the construction, improvement and expansion of jails, court facilities and juvenile justice facilities;

WHEREAS, the County and eight other counties entered into an Amended and Restated Interlocal Juvenile Detention Facility Agreement (Martin Hall) ("the Amended and Restated Agreement") executed by each County on the following dates:

- Douglas County - August 26, 1996
- Stevens County - August 20, 1996
- Pend Oreille County - July 22, 1996
- Spokane County - August 13, 1996

Adams County - July 22, 1996
Asotin County - August 19, 1996
Lincoln County - July 15, 1996
Whitman County - July 15, 1996
Ferry County - July 15, 1996

under the authority granted by Chapter 39.34 RCW, Chapter 309, Laws of 1995, and Chapter 10, Laws of 1995, 2nd sp. sess., to provide for the joint operation and maintenance of Martin Hall for use as a "juvenile rehabilitation center" as amended from time to time;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.32.250 makes provisions to dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bidding on Public Works projects of less than forty thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial and efficient for the County as a Member of the consortium to authorize the Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board to, in the course of its operation and maintenance of Martin Hall under the Amended and Restated Agreement, dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bidding on Public Works projects of less than forty thousand dollars.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board, acting under the Amended and Restated Agreement, in the course of operating and maintaining Martin Hall, to dispense with advertisement and formal sealed bidding for Public Works projects of less than forty thousand dollars, so long as the following terms and conditions are met:

- a. The contract price, including sales taxes, is less than \$40,000.00;
- b. Contracts shall not be segregated or invoiced separately in order to fall within the bidding exception provided by this section;
- c. The contract is within Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board's current budget;
- d. The contract price, including sales taxes, is believed to be the lowest price reasonably available; and
- e. The Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board approves and authorizes the contract.

Section 2 All other resolutions of the Board that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, WA, at a regular meeting thereof held on March 29, 2010.

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

ATTEST:

Commissioner

Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

Commissioner

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at the regular meeting of said Board held on March 29, 2010, of which meeting all commissioners had due and lawful notice and at which a majority thereof were present; and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original resolution on file and of record in my office; that said resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Board on March 29, 2010.

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

070526 9. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reluctantly write off an uncollectible account in the amount of \$2,349.20.

RESOLUTION NO. 070526

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on March 29, 2010 in regular session; and

WHEREAS, Larry Farr owes Whitman County \$2,349.20 in Labor and Industries time loss checks; and

WHEREAS, Larry Farr left the employment of Whitman County on October 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Whitman County has requested payment from Larry Farr but received no payment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of taking legal action for the money owed by Larry Farr would be greater than \$2,349.20; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the listed amount be declared not collectable and removed from the financial records of Whitman County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 29th day of March, 2010.

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

070527 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Chris Nelson to the Capital Improvement Project Committee. Ms. Nelson will be filling the vacancy created by retiring employee, Donna Poland. Letters were sent to both employees.

070528 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a grant application data form for the

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Sheriff's Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing grant in the amount of \$18,000.

070529 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a grant application data form for the Health Department ARRA Reaching Children and Adults grant.

070530 13. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to provide official direction to the Treasurer regarding the purchase of the Pullman Public Health building from Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation.

070531 14. A letter was received from the City of Palouse expressing their interest in acquiring a parcel of land from the county. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Treasurer to proceed with the transfer of tax title property parcel #8-0800-00-00-00-0229 to the City of Palouse for the cost of \$150.00 plus recording fees.

070532 15. A letter was received from the Department of Commerce increasing Whitman County's 2010 CDBG-PS grant from \$125,968 to \$188,952 and extending the grant period through 06/30/11. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2010 CDBG-PS grant (06/30/11).

070533 16. As a result of the Department of Commerce's above action the CDBG-PS subrecipient agreement must be revised between Whitman County and Community Action Center. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the revised 2010 Subrecipient agreement with Community Action Center (06/30/11).

070534 17. Notice of a liquor license application for Red Barn Farms was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request.

070535 18. The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management wrote the commissioners inviting the county to be a cooperating agency and participating in the development of a resource management plan encompassing 445,000 acres of public lands of which 9,236 acres are located in Whitman County. The commissioners chose to opt out as a participating agency.

070536 19. On behalf of the Board, Commissioner O'Neill responded to Zoe Cooley's concerns regarding Palouse River Counseling Center and Greater Columbia Behavioral Health.

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070537 20. A letter was received from the Chair of the EAT Committee supporting the Board's endeavor to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of using the cash accounting system vs. the accrual accounting system.

070538 21. An executed copy of Washington Military Department contract #E10-207 related to emergency management was received (07/31/11).

070539 22. An executed copy of a Juvenile Department professional services agreement with the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration was received (06/30/11).

070540 23. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Corrections Facility Roof Bids.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Mark Storey, John Shogan and Joe Smillie.

D070540A The following bids were received for the correction facility roof.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
All Surface Roofing and Waterproofing, Spokane, WA	\$140,719.00 w/o tax
Cobra Roofing, Spokane, WA	\$ 99,765.00 w/o tax

Mr. Reynolds will make a recommendation for award at 2 p.m.

10:45 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Alan Thomson and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Engineering Division:

070541 1. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the public notice of day labor for 2009. 2009 Day Labor completed

Planning Division:

070542 2. The official transmittal for the Rural Housing Code amendment was received from the Planner.

070543 3. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a hearing date and publish the notice of hearing for the code amendment to the Rural Housing Code (Chapter 19.10 on April 19th at 10:45 a.m.).

070544 4. Commissioner Largent moved Commissioner O'Neill seconded the motion and it carried that the resolution to establish a crushing project designated as Pullman South be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 070544
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Pullman South Stockpile, C.R.C.P. No. 153, Project No. XFC1001.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

This contract provides for the stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted E.R. & R. fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering	\$ 1,000.00
Inspection	\$ 4,000.00
Crushing & Stockpiling	\$235,000.00
TOTAL ER&R FUND	\$240,000.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the crushing and stockpiling is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: April 15, 2010
ESTIMATED date of completing work: December 1, 2010

DATED this 29th day of March, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Greg Partch, Chairman

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC

Michael Largent, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board

070745 5. Commissioner O'Neill moved Commissioner Largent seconded the motion and it carried that the resolution to establish a crushing projected designated as Gordon Quarry be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 070745
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Gordon Quarry, C.R.C.P. No. 154, Project No. XFC1002.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

This contract provides for the stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted E.R. & R. fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

Table with 2 columns: PURPOSE and AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION. Rows include Engineering (\$1,000.00), Inspection (\$4,000.00), Crushing & Stockpiling (\$250,000.00), and TOTAL ER&R FUND (\$255,000.00).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the crushing and stockpiling is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: April 15, 2010
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DATED this 29th day of March, 2010.

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

070546 6. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contract between Frank Gurney, Inc. and Whitman County for guardrail on the Wawawai Pullman Road be signed as presented.

D070546A 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the interlocal agreement between Whitman County and the City of Palouse for use of the chipper be signed as presented when it is received.

Maintenance Division:

D070546B 8. General maintenance work taking place in each district.

Solid Waste Division:

D070546C 9. Mr. Storey indicated the department is looking into the cost of recycling verses landfilling tires. He would like to continue hosting the Tire Amnesty program however the CPG grant isn't going as far as it did previously.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Bonnie Lake Acquisition Proposal.

Present: Kevin Robinette and Brian Trickel of WDFW, Mark Storey, Jeslyn Lemke, Whitman County Gazette and 30 Bonnie Lake area residents.

070547 Chairman Partch reconvened the meeting to hear from the residents of the Bonnie Lake area regarding WDFW's proposal. He explained the commissioners were approached by WDFW concerning their initial proposal for a long-term plan in the Bonnie Lake area.

As Commissioner Largent understood the proposal, it is a willing buyer/seller situation and the county itself doesn't have any jurisdiction over the proposal. He gets the sense that most of the landowners don't want to sell and that would be the end of it.

Chairman Partch said the commissioners' opened their chambers to the residents as a forum to speak to them about their concerns. As Commissioner Largent pointed out, the county has no jurisdiction in this matter. Commissioner Largent added, nor are there any efforts towards imminent domain.

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Louise Belsby said she is a Whitman and Spokane County farmer and a member of the United Bonnie Lake, Chapman Lake and Rock Lake landowners group. On behalf of the group, they are opposed to the proposal. Most families in the area have owned the land for 100 years or more. They work hard to conserve the land and keep it pristine with a great appreciation for the wildlife.

One concern is the effects on the county, i.e. expense and upkeep on roads (bad curves, drop-offs and guardrail). Ms. Belsby shared pictures of the area. The residents have experienced difficulty in getting the roads cared for now; with more traffic, more improvements and maintenance would be needed.

Commissioner Largent said it was his understanding the project is not moving forward because the landowners are not willing to sell. Ms. Belsby said that is true, but the landowners still want the county to be involved in the event the proposal is brought up again like it has in the past.

A second concern is for Fire/EMT services. Steve Van Dyke, local landowner and Fire District #7 volunteer said Fire District #7 covers a good share of the proposed area. District #7 is first response for Spokane County Fire District #3 and the St. John area. Fires occurring in these areas will consume the District's budget. As more people come into the area, the fire danger increases. The ambulance has problems getting to people during different times of the year. Right now, the use of Rock Lake and Bonnie Lake are self-limiting by means of parking, availability and boat launching and that is a good thing.

Ms. Belsby noted the parking issue at Bonnie Lake can be corrected with better signage. With respect to the proposal, she truly believed the land is better off in private ownership. She shared pictures of BLM owned Fish Trap Lake taken 2 weeks ago noting its unkempt condition and pointing out that an officer live on-site.

John Siegel said he owns property down to Hole in the Ground Road and he is opposed to the project and in no way wants to sell his property. The fishermen are not causing the problems, it is the kayakers and other people poking around that prevent the farmers from moving their equipment.

In response to the question of why the landowners weren't contacted before the county commissioners, Mr. Robinette said the project at this point is very conceptual. They could visit with all the landowners, but as is the case with any acquisition project, when it is a concept the department doesn't have money yet to do anything. The idea was to put a tentative proposal together first, determine if they had any possibility of funding and at the same time, Brian Trickel began speaking with landowners.

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Mark Storey talked about the condition of Hole in the Ground Road. He was unable to answer whether or not safety improvements on this road should or could be done without a study. He used the Sand Road with a traffic count of 400 cars per day compared to Hole in the Ground Road with a traffic count of 30 cars per day. He talked about the fact both roads have similar geometry, the annual grading cost for each road and possible improvements. In summary, if the proposal was approved, Mr. Storey didn't envision an influx of traffic on Hole in the Ground Road nor did he think it would warrant many safety changes.

Larry Johnson agreed with Commissioner Largent's comment. He wondered why the residents were even meeting with the commissioners. If there is a park, the Road Department will be involved. When reviewing WDFW's initial application, everything is pretty and clear with no affect to anyone except animals, canoers, kayakers and birds. He suggested leaving the area as is. If landowners don't sell their land, it isn't a problem. Not living in the area, he wondered if the commissioners really understood what the landowners are going through. Many of the comments and thoughts are being thrown out for future projects that may arise. He didn't think Spokane or Whitman County had the money to improve the roads. The ramifications are much larger than they appear. The amount of acreage involved in the proposal is mind-boggling and this application builds on a previous concept. However, he might consider doing a little bit of pathways if everyone else was in agreement. He cautioned the commissioners on future projects and ramifications.

Julie Pittmann said she has farmed in Whitman and Spokane County for many years. WDFW has been talking to the Whitman and Spokane County Commissioners and the Park Board for their recommendation on the proposal.

Commissioner Largent clarified WDFW asked Whitman County if we they would be opposed to a park. If there were willing sellers and buyers, it could be positive. As a farmer himself, he likes his family history and land. The county commissioners were never recommending the property owners sell their ground. It is still completely and absolutely within the property owners' control what happens to their ground and he would always support landowner rights over state rights whenever possible. He personally did not want to tell the landowners they could or could not receive an offer on their property.

Julie Pittmann continued, based on the language in the proposal concerning "community and regional support or opposition for this project including local legislative authority, county, with jurisdiction over the project area" she believed that's why the issue went before the county commissioners earlier because the Park Board had made the recommendation to the commissioners in February to approve the proposal. Commissioner Largent interjected it was conditional based on willing buyers and sellers

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if the commissioners would in fact oppose the proposal. There are no willing buyers and sellers.

Ms. Pittmann added the landowners were opposed to the commissioners providing a general recommendation to WDFW because it would not be just for this proposal. On behalf of the landowners she asked the commissioners to reconsider recommending this proposal to WDFW because of their concerns and unwillingness to sell.

Chairman Partch said the general recommendation that came from the Park Board was secondary to the WDFW proposal. Because their recommendation was not well-defined, the commissioners asked the Park Board to make it very clear to WDFW that the recommendation was strictly from the Park Board, an advisory board, and not the county commissioners, which they did do. The county commissioners have not made a formal statement either supporting or not supporting the project.

Ms. Pittmann said when the county commissioners review the proposal prior to recommending whether it goes forward that they serious look at it from the aspect of fire, EMT's, law enforcement, roads, Weed Board and budget restraints. The commissioners have until May 3, 2010 at which time the proposal is scheduled to go to the ROC for grant funding.

However, Commissioner Largent said if there are no willing sellers, there is no project. He was pleased that the final decision lies with the landowners. Ms. Pittmann noted WDFW can still submit the proposal to the ROC for funding with the county commissioners' recommendation for or against and without willing sellers. She suggested the grant funds be used for projects with an opportunity for passage.

Louise Belsby thanked the commissioner and asked them to be prudent in what they recommend. The group is against the proposal for two reasons: 1) it is their land and they don't want to sell and 2) money for maintenance is usually not included in a land purchase. The landowners agree the money could be better spent in other areas.

Commissioner O'Neill said he grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and his firm belief is that this is private land and the landowners have the right to do with their land what they want. No one should have the right to take their land away from them. He agreed with his fellow commissioners, if no one sells, there is no project and WDFW can't maintain the land they already have.

Commissioner Largent said coming from a farm and volunteer fire background the fact this is in the landowners control is comforting. As a citizen, he felt the state should maintain the land they have rather than purchase more. However, the county commissioners cannot prevent anyone from making

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an offer to a landowner. He applauded the landowners for taking care of the pristine, precious resource the Bonnie Lake area is today.

Chairman Partch said the WDFW brought the commissioners a very, very basic proposal. In fairness to the WDFW, there was no mention of imminent domain. The representatives were going to visit with the landowners and the project would not move forward unless they could acquire the land and they also talked about many of the same issues brought up today.

The owner of Chapman Lake Resort said if this proposal was to proceed it would have a negative effect on her business.

Kevin Robinette of WDFW said he would report back to his superiors what he heard and saw today.

1:45 p.m. - Recess.

1:50 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) Conference Call.

070548 1. GCBH discussion regarding Board Bylaws revision:

This topic began when a conflict was identified between the new interlocal agreement and the bylaws regarding the makeup of the GCBH Executive Committee (EC) and quorum requirements (discussed in a previous briefing). Since new wording was needed to clarify these items it was decided to review and clean up any other issues within the bylaws. A draft was sent out to all the Member Counties asking for any additional feedback. The positions on the EC and quorum supported by Whitman County were the ones incorporated into the initial bylaws draft. Additional feedback so far has been cosmetic in nature. A final draft will be sent out shortly and the hope is to have the Board vote on the revised bylaws at its April meeting. When taken, this vote will need to be cast by a Commissioner Largent. Mr. Berney recommended Whitman County vote in favor of adopting the revised GCBH bylaws.

D070548A 2. Billing for ITA Judicial Costs update:

The GCBH Board will be briefed on the status of this issue.

D070548B 3. Data Quality and Consistency:

Over the next several months GCBH, Member Counties, and Providers will be focusing a great deal of time and attention making sure our service data is making it all the way to the State and that it is as consistent as possible. This information is used to set payment rates per eligible within the mental health system. The new rates will require that the mental health delivery system be as efficient as possible to prevent major cuts to consumer services.

D070548C 4. Medical Director Candidate:

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The long time GCBH Medical Director, Glen Lippman, MD decided to retire for health reasons. At the March Board meeting staff reported that a Dr. Brown was being considered as a possible replacement. A number of other Regional Support Networks contract with Dr. Brown for this kind of work. Dr. Brown expressed interest in being able to fly his own plane to the Tri-Cities when necessary and be reimbursed for that. GCBH really does need to have a Medical Director. Mr. Berney thought it would be important to understand what, if any, options are available for this service and how they compare financially. More information is needed before a recommendation could be made.

D070548D 5. Coordination plan with Children's Administration:
Regional Support Networks are required to have written plans about how they will coordinate with a number of other human service systems in the State of Washington. This is mostly a house keeping document. Mr. Berney recommended voting in favor to authorize the GCBH Chair to sign this plan.

070549 6. Mr. Berney requested the designation of Jim Trivelpiece as a Designated Mental Health Professional for Whitman County. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution designating Jim Trivelpiece as a Designated Mental Health Professional for Whitman County.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING) RESOLUTION NO. 070549
DESIGNATED MENTAL HEALTH)
PROFESSIONALS UNDER RCW)
71.05 AND RCW 71.34)

WHEREAS, Whitman County has responsibility for implementation of RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 (Mental Illness) which mandates that a coordinated system of evaluation and treatment services be provided to involuntary patients and persons voluntarily seeking treatment for mental disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint Jim Trivelpiece as Designated Mental Health Professional, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that Jim Trivelpiece be appointed as a Designated Mental Health Professional for Whitman County.

Done this 29th day of March 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

2:00 p.m. - Correction Facility Roof Bid.

Present: Bob Reynolds.

D070549A Due to a significant disparity in pricing Mr. Reynolds is requesting Cobra Roofing provide a schedule of value to ensure they have enough material for the project in addition to review of the project expectations. Therefore, he recommended postponing award of the bid to April 5th at 10 a.m.

2:05 p.m. - Recess.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Joe Reynolds and Kelli Campbell.

070550 24. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:30 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

3:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

3:45 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Chris Nelson.

D070550A 25. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 5:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(f).

5:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.

D070550B Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **March 29, 2010** 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 **April 5, 2010**. The foregoing action made this **29th** day of **March 2010**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER

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ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

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