

Minutes for April 20 2009

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069439 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, April 20, 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.)

069440 1. Items discussed included performance evaluations, BOCC meeting schedule, Apple Cup, WSAC summer conference, Planning Commission schedule, representative letters and WSU/Health Department space. No action taken.

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

Present: Maria Thomas and Joe Smillie.

Commissioner Partch was temporarily away from the meeting.

D069440A 2. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda with the deletion of item #1E2. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

069441 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **227350-227362** and **227447-227549** for **\$496,958.98** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	5,012.80	50,070.58	35,817.93
102	Building & Development		1,659.60	6.03
103	Countywide Planning		3004.80	15.08
110	County Roads	1,757.40	14,383.40	31,598.07
114	Bulk Purchasing			286.25
123	Paths & Trails-BCPT-123.310.001			56.74
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		400.00	16.50
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses		350.00	
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant		150.00	
137	Web Site Development			51.51
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060			562.82
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001		250.00	1,421.19
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001			1,954.03

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400	Solid Waste		1,250.00	117,913.01
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	350.00	4,662.40	218,475.20
513	Communications Revolving			1,379.83
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			194.36
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001			3,909.75

069442 4. April 13, 2009 minutes approved.

069443-069449 5. Personnel board orders approved.

069450 6. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorizing the publishing of a notice of hearing for budget amendment #1.

069451 7. Maria Thomas presented a Photocopy Revolving fund request for a new copier at the Pullman Public Health office. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the purchase of a C253 copier off the state contract for \$5,417.40 plus tax.

069452 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2008 CDBG-PS close out report.

069453 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2009-2011 Transitional Housing, Operating and Rent program (THOR) as presented.

069454 10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2010-2011 Shelter and Prevention grant application as presented.

D069454A 11. Commissioner Partch stated County Lobbyist Jim Potts phoned him at 10 a.m. today regarding SB 5045 with an attached amendment by Representative Troy Kelley. The bill was voted on this morning passing 47-0. The amendment provides for demonstrative projects (6 counties including Whitman County) up to \$200,000 per year for 25 years and also extends the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) process for one additional year (2010). Commissioner Partch will be contacting Representative Kelley to talk to him about the details of the legislation. Chairman Largent pointed out this funding will not help Whitman County's Current Expense fund, but it will help with the county's Public Facilities (.09) fund. The commissioners were most appreciative of the assistance provided by our 9th Legislative District legislators. The next step is to craft a letter encouraging the Governor's passage of the bill and thanking her for recognizing Whitman County.

069455 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a proclamation proclaiming May Older Americans Month.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Whitman County is a community with a growing population of older citizens age 55 and over who make their home here; and,

WHEREAS, older adults throughout the nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and,

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of society and enhance our communities and personal lives; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults; and,

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation's history; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work collaboratively to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and,

WHEREAS, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and,

WHEREAS, communities can improve older citizens' overall quality of life by helping them:

Make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury;

- Obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options in their communities;

- Have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, WA does hereby proclaim

May 2009 to be Older Americans Month

We urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

Dated this 20th day of April 2009.

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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

10:30 a.m. - Janet Schmidt.

069456 13. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to proclaim April 19-25, 2009 as: The Week of the Young Child.



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Whitman County, schools and other organizations are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 19-25, 2009; and,

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Whereas, organizations in Whitman County 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, 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; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2009 as:

The Week of the Young Child

in Whitman County and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Whitman County.

Dated this 20th day of April 2009.

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069457 14. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the grant application data form for the Health Department's Hepatitis C Proviso program in the amount of \$8,500.

069458 15. A letter of appreciation for Whitman County's continued Extension Service support was received from Linda Kirk Fox, Associate Dean of WSU Extension.

069459 16. Notice of planned final action on condemnation of certain property within Colfax City limits was received.

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069460 17. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Alan Thomson and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

069460A 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for crushing at Pullman North Stockpile Site.

069460B 2. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for the Four Mile No. 5 Bridge.

Maintenance Division:

069461 3. An award was made to Maxwell Products, Inc. through the small works roster process for crack seal material in the amount of \$.389/lb without tax.

D069461A 4. Phil Meyer reported that the road crews are grading dirt roads and hauling rock.

Planning Division:

D069461B 5. Alan Thomson indicated all proposed revisions for wind towers have been made and will be presented to the Planning Commission April 29th. If the Commission agrees with all changes, a public hearing will be scheduled. Mr. Thomson also suggested having a workshop with the County Commissioners before they set their own hearing for wind towers and the commissioners concurred.

D069461C 6. Revisions to the portions of the County Code related to Planning issues will be process through the Planning Commission rather than the County Commissioners as was previously planned.

069462 7. As Classification Committee Vice-Chair, Mr. Storey presented a longevity component for the Classification System as previously requested by the Board. Understanding the present budget limitations, the Committee is aware this issue cannot be a priority or even a current consideration. When the Board is in a position to consider the proposal, the Committee would like to invite a commissioner to attend one of their meetings to ask questions or provide feedback.

11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Finance.

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Present: Adam Roberts, Bev Divine, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Brian Beason, Denis Tracy, Erin Hopkins, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Joe Reynolds, Kelli Campbell, Ken Hathaway, Maria Thomas, Mark Storey, Marlynn Markley, Michael Baker, Peggy Wright, Pete Martin, Sheri Hatley, Steve VanVleet, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie.

069463 1. The 2009 March financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

March 2009 Cash Balance - \$1,983,295

March 2008 Cash Balance - \$1,941,018

March 2009 Revenue - \$1,490,816 - 12.39% of budget.

March 2008 Revenue - \$1,726,457 - 13.98% of budget.

March 2009 Expenditures \$2,904,383 - 24.20% of budget.

March 2008 Expenditures \$2,756,430 - 22.17% of budget.

D069463A 2. SB 5045 and Commissioners' regular meeting scheduled also discussed.

069464 3. The 2009 Commissioners' Choice Award was presented to Ken Hathaway and a second award presented to the entire WSU Whitman County Extension Department.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Tim Myers (1:30 p.m.) and Bob Reynolds, Bob Lothspeich and Mark Storey (2:00 p.m.).

069465 14. Items discussed included Parks and Developmental Services updates and the CETC building. No action taken.

2:40 p.m. - Adjournment.

D069465A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **April 20** and **21, 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 **April 27, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **21st** day of **April 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