

Minutes for April 28, 2008

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068112 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, April 28, 2008** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board and Linda Davis, Recording Clerk attended.

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

Present: Adam Roberts, Bev Divine, and Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.).

068113 1. Items discussed included budget policy and procedures, LIFT grant update and Washington State Department of Transportation agricultural permitting confusion to the public. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Tricia Grantham, Josh Powers, Maria Thomas, Paul Spencer and Joe Smillie.

D068113A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

068114 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **214683-214695, 214720, and 214868-215046** for **\$419,484.95** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	6,512.80	137.87	45,030.20	74,143.13
102	Building & Development			1,579.60	233.99
103	Countywide Planning			2,552.40	330.45
104	Developmental Services				36,784.67
110	County Roads	550.00		14,155.00	2,689.23
111	CETC Building				716.16
114	Bulk Purchasing				1,498.46
118	Inmate Welfare				89.04
123	Paths & Trails-123.310.000				163.03
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City			400.00	497.81
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses			350.00	
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant			150.00	66.51
136	Electronic Monitoring				
137	Web Site Development				58.14
143	Trial Court Improve.-143.030.000				420.90
144	Emerg. Communications-144.260.001			250.00	611.37
300	Cap. Proj. Asset Acq.-300.010.001				6,843.06
300	Cap. Proj. Computer-300.010.003				11,068.29

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400	Solid Waste			2,098.64	13,379.48
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	350.00		4,634.00	118,090.81
510	Photocopier Revolving				1,204.58
513	Communications Revolving				6,104.66
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000				55,713.84
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001				10,026.83

068115 4. April 21, 2008 minutes approved.

068116-068121 5. Personnel board orders approved.

068122 5. Josh Powers requested the purchase of two servers for the New World financial system in the total amount of \$11,052.04 including tax. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the expenditure for two new servers for the New World system.

068123 6. Mr. Powers also presented an agreement with Qwest for a change of responsibility for telephone service at the Community Education and Training Center (CETC). Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the request to Qwest Corporation.

068124 7. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the board order cancelling the May 19th Whitman County Commissioners' meeting.

068125 8. Commissioner Partch said that Tricia Grantham was a volunteer representing Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington. She is also on the Planning and Management Council and Whitman County's representative. Commissioner Partch **moved** and Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion to approve the proclamation declaring May 2008 as Older American month. Tricia Grantham appreciated the commissioners' support.



Older Americans Month 2008

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older adults in Whitman County and throughout the U.S. are a growing population with evolving needs; and,

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WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and,

WHEREAS, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and,

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

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work together and prepare for changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and,

WHEREAS, overall quality of life can be greatly enhanced when supportive communities help their older citizens obtain:

- Evidence-based approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease, disability, and injury.
- The tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options.
- More options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible

NOW, THEREFORE, the Whitman County Commissioners do hereby proclaim **May 2008** to be **Older Americans Month** and urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults. We urge all citizens/communities to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Whitman County provides to its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

Dated this 28th day of April 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board

068126 9. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign contract extension #1 to the interlocal agreement for funding for HLS regional homeland security in Whitman County (09/30/08).

10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve 2008 Indirect Federal Grant Application Data form for:

068127 FY06 Washington State Military Department Homeland Security-\$59,284.23.

068128 FY07 LETPP Washington State Military Department-\$17,406.00.

068129 11. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the resolution adopting Chapter 246-272A WAC entitled On-Site Sewage Systems.

RESOLUTION NO. 068129

Before the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington.

In the matter of adopting Chapter 246-272A WAC.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on this day to consider the proposed adoption of Chapter 246-272A WAC.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of Health has reviewed the proposed WAC and finds that its adoption is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, ORDERED AND RESOLVED that Chapter 246-272A WAC entitled On-Site Sewage Systems be adopted as attached.

ADOPTED this 28th day of April and effective at midnight May 1, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

Due to the length of the attachment for resolution 068129, it will not appear in full in the minutes, but is available for review in the Environmental Health and Commissioners' offices.

068130 **12.** A letter of resignation from the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board effective June 30, 2008 was received from Edward L. Schultz. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter of appreciation to Mr. Schultz.

068131 **13.** A request for a liquor license for The Fresh Idea Farm (Save our Shire) was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB). Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the first two questions and the request for a license.

068132 **14.** A letter was received from James Schierman concerning plans for the Shire Open-Air Experience and Eco-Show. A response was forwarded to Mr. Schierman requesting he complete an environmental checklist for this event in accordance with Whitman County Outdoor Amusements and Assemblies Code 3.08.

068133 **15.** A request for a liquor license for Guardian Angel-St. Boniface School (Red Barn Farms) was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB). Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request for a license.

068134 **16.** A copy of an email sent to the assessor was received from Chris Isom complimenting the Assessor's staff member, Brenda Arthur for her politeness and helpfulness.

068135 **17.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:55 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Paul Spencer, Maria Thomas, Joe Smillie, Joan Folwell and Ray Folwell.

ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Division:

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068136 1. Chairman Largent presented a certificate of Good Practice to the Public Works director/County Engineer for 2007 from the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

Maintenance Division:

068137 2. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the ad for No Spray for noxious weeds in the Whitman County Gazette.

Engineering Division:

068138 3. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and Harry Johnson Plumbing and Excavation, Inc. for the Harlan Bridge Project be signed as presented.

068139 4. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and Shawnee Rock for crushing at Lacrosse South quarry be signed as presented.

068140 5. The Director presented the Whitman County Public Works Department 2007 Annual Report.

11:15 a.m. - Chris Looney and Shannon Donovan, University of Idaho Graduate Students.

Present: Joan Folwell, Ray Folwell, Maria Thomas, Joe Smillie, Tim Myer, and Denny Cartwright.

068141 Linking Social and Biophysical Conservation Perspectives in an Endangered Ecosystem Using the Palouse as a Model.

This same information was presented to the Latah County Commissioners; Latah County is already engaged in a project derived from this study. The study integrates biological data with social data from interviews in both Whitman and Latah Counties to address the following questions:

1. Where is the native biodiversity concentrated in the Palouse?
2. Where are the socially important places in the Palouse?
3. Why are some locations socially important?
4. What overlap exists between biodiversity and socially important areas?

They found prominent geographic features, such as the buttes that Whitman County rural housing regulations have set aside from development, support species-rich communities and are important stakeholders to the general public for multiple reasons. There are also tiny, species-rich remnants that are privately held which are respected and enjoyed by their landowners.

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Considering that there is less than one percent of the original Palouse Prairie remaining, this information is intended to form a basis or tool for government agencies, to create conservation strategies that consider the breath of stakeholder perceptions and their connection with the Palouse landscape. For example, the county could formulate a new tax category with lower taxation rates that would provide incentive to maintain these original remnants or create a process that would assist placing these acreages in conservation easements. The US Fish and Wildlife Department, Washington State Fish and Wildlife Department and the local conservation districts already are implementing cooperative programs focusing on the Palouse.

The County Park Director and Park Board have been invited to hear this presentation in your chambers. The County Planning Commission will hear it in the evening on Wednesday, April 30. I hope that you find this information beneficial to your future deliberations.

12:20 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - One 2006 or Newer Tract Type Tractor/Dozer.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and 3 bidders.

068142 The following bids were received for one 2006 or newer tract type Tractor/Dozer.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Western States, Boise, Idaho	\$182,410.00 w/trade-in
Rowand Machinery Company, Spokane, WA	\$210,000.00 w/trade-in

The commissioners will make an award on May 5th.

2:15 p.m. - Recess.

D068142A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners, Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board and Linda Davis, Recording Clerk attended.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey, Sharron Cunningham, Joe Reynolds and Bob Lothspeich.

D068142B 19. The item discussed was Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT)/Revenue Development Area (RDA). No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D068142C Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **April 28** and **May 1, 2008** 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 **May 5, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **1st** day of **May 2008**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER
ss/ G.R. FINCH, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners