

Minutes for May 2, 2011

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071864 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, May 2, 2011** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich, Maribeth Becker and Joe Smillie.

071865 1. Items discussed included a financial update, Judge Frazier's letter, legal advertising logo, wind energy, Port of Whitman and CGI. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Kelli Campbell and Joe Smillie.

071865A 2. As a result of the Navy Seals actions on May 1, 2011 in Pakistan, Chairman's Partch read the following statement:

"Today we move forward almost then years after the "foulest crime in history known to any land or age" justice has been done. On September 12th, 2001 the Whitman County Commissioners hung a sign above the main entrance door to the courthouse to remind us as we went about our daily work what took place that frightful day. It says, "Let freedom ring and justice prevail in every corner of the earth". It reminds us daily of those who gave their lives that day as well as the heroes born that day "that gave the last full measure of their lives that this country might live". It reminds us what "The United" in the "United" States means and we stand taller today because of their sacrifices. Today, we have shaken off the dust of that day in September, of what happened that day in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia and again are reminded of the Marine's hymn lyric that says "from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli we will fight our country's battles on air, land and sea". We have prosecuted that crime against our citizens and the individual responsible has been brought to justice. Those who would be against us in the future are also served notice of the price they will pay should they attack our land or way of life.

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Let us today remember those whose lives were lost, the heroes born that day and those who have rebuilt America's shining light of freedom that we might share that light that others around the world may have what we have, "one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all". The lyrics of "God Bless the USA" as we sing at our county fair every year sum it up, "there ain't no doubt we love this land, "God bless the USA". Now "let's roll and "get er done".

Commissioner O'Neill said history has been made and he hopefully this will put some closure for the families of those killed on 9/11 and their struggles for the last 10 years. This is also a reminder that we will have to keep up our vigilance up for any more action in the future. He thought this was huge for what this country stands for.

Commissioner Largent said the Navy Seals action makes his comment.

D071685B 3. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

0716866 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **254981-255008, 255095-255098, 255099, 255112-255158** for **\$463,672.73** approved.

071867 5. April 18, 2011 minutes approved.

071868-0718670 6. Personnel change orders approved.

071871-071873 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the Courthouse, Road and Solid Waste agreements for 01/01/10-12/31/11.

10:15 a.m. - Steve Krigbaum and Robin Cocking.

071874 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve increasing the non-representative employee's medical cap from \$670 to \$695/month.

071875 9. Mr. Krigbaum explained there are four property owners involved in the Tekoa tower project and this particular easement was not previously available. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Tekoa tower access and utility easement with Holland B. Ford for the estate of William R. Kale.

071876 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a Washington State Liquor Control Board license for the June 18th Lacrosse Community Pride event.

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071877 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a grant application data form for the Edward Byrne Memorial Formula fund for \$4,174 from 01/01/11-06/30/11.

071878 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to discontinue the use of Whitman County's logo at the top of the legal section in the Whitman County Gazette/Moscow-Pullman Daily News as of May 2, 2011.

071879 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

Commissioner Largent excused himself from the remainder of today's meetings to work on audit schedules.

10:35 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer and Dan Gladwill.

ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Division:

071880 14. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the ad for "No Spray" areas.

Solid Waste Division:

D071880A 15. The Colfax Chamber 2011 Solid Waste and Recycling Shred Day will be held May 23rd at Rosauers in Colfax.

Maintenance Division:

D071880B 16. Crews continue to crack seal; Mr. Meyer is working with the small towns on road projects to be performed by county forces.

Planning Division:

D071880C 17. The Palouse Wind SEPA appeal will be heard May 9th at 9 a.m. and the hearing will be held at 6 p.m.

Building Division:

071881 18. Mr. Gladwill presented and reviewed the 1st quarter building division report.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Workshop at Port of Whitman.

Present: John Love, Dan Boone, Don Cox, Joe Poire, Duane Wollmuth, Dick Watters and Gary Petrovich.

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071882 19. Items discussed included Gary Petrovich's report, fiber optics project, wind tour and ADO report. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

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D071882A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, May 9, 2011** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill (9:25) and Michael Largent Commissioners and Elinor Huber, Recording Clerk attended.

9:00 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Elinor Huber

071883 20. Items discussed included a financial update, redistricting meeting and draft proposal from WSU, Uniontown Community Development Association, and National Association of Counties. No action taken.

9:25 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Jeslyn Lemke.

071884 21. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **255172-255174** and **255216-255397** for **\$321,444.62** approved.

071885 22. Personnel change order approved.

071886 23. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2011-2013 Secretary of State Local Records grant application for the Commissioner' office.

071887 24. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign DSHS contract amendment #0963-68002-03) for Developmental Services (06/30/11).

071888 25. An executed copy of DSHS contract amendment #0963-68002-02 was received for Developmental Services (06/30/11).

071889 26. An executed copy of the Administrative Office of the Courts contract #IAA10150(1) was received for Juvenile Services (06/30/11).

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

2:40 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

071890 27. Commissioner Largent **moved** and Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it carried to authorize the Chairman to sign the Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program 2011-2012 Renewal Application.

2:45 p.m. - Recess.

D071890A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, May 16, 2011** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill Commissioners and Elinor Huber, Recording Clerk attended. Michael Largent was unavailable for the meeting.

9:00 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Gary Petrovich, Elinor Huber, Sarah Mason, (9:00 a.m.), Joe Smillie, (9:10 a.m.) and Bob Reynolds (9:10 a.m.).

071891 28. Items discussed included financial update, Hazard Mitigation Plan, McKinstry update, Fair Facilities/Management. No action taken.

9:20 a.m. Recess.

9:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Sarah Mason.

071892 29. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 255449 and 255618 for **\$638,230.51** approved.

071893-071896 30. Personnel change orders approved.

D071896A 31. Commissioner O'Neill brought up the redistricting that was discussed a couple of weeks ago. Commissioner Partch is waiting for a reply and working with John Sherman with the possibility of cost sharing. No action taken.

9:51 a.m. - Recess.

D071896B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, May 17, 2011** at **2:00 p.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Elinor Huber, Recording Clerk attended.

2:00 p.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin and Michael Baker.

D071896C 1. Fran Martin reported there was a case of Pertussis in the county. All family members were treated and they have not seen any secondary cases.

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D071896D 2. The department has been busy following up on dogs and cats biting people. Michael Baker stated Phil Hagihara is tracking the animal bites, the location, etc., on a spread sheet.

D071896E 3. Mr. Hagihara is also tracking the food program on a spread sheet and is able to determine which violations are the most common in all the restaurants. The FDA Standardization Department wanted to see more active surveillance.

D071886F 4. Killian Condon is also tracking the septic program on a spread sheet with the location and size, etc., making sure there are no outstanding permits. That also allows the department to follow up with solid waste complaints by pulling them up electronically at any time.

D071896G 5. Commissioner O'Neill said both staffers did a fabulous job at a couple of events in Colton and everything went off like clockwork.

D071896H 6. Fran Martin stated the Department of Agricultural has just activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to Phase I for two incidents. The first one is a food contamination linked to Washington and the second one is a confirmed case of equine herpes virus within the State.

D071896I 7. Fran Martin reported the 2011 Department of Health Standards gave Whitman County 60% on the final report and will be back in three years.

D071896J 8. Fran Martin discussed the Certified Nurses Aid class that usually includes 8-10 students every quarter.

D071896K 9. Fran Martin stated the reorganization of the Health Department and opening the office at 9:00 a.m. has made everything move smoothly.

D071896L 10. The next Board of Health meeting is June 21st.

2:20 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Fran Martin, Michael Baker

D071896M 32. Fran Martin stated that Killian Condon and Phil Hagihara are getting incorporated into emergency management issues and are both active in working with multi-casualty plans.

D071896N 33. Fran Martin noted on her reports from New World there is an ambulance fund and she wants to find out if she has some extra money coming to her department.

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D071896O 34. Fran Martin noted Emergency Management is in the process of switching over to narrow band with a minimum of problems.

D071896P 35. The first Hazard Mitigation meeting was held. There were 29 partners previously and their goal is to get all of them back along with some new partners. Commissioner Partch stated he was at that meeting and there is someone from Washington FEMA who can possibly help with grants.

D071896Q 36. Fran Martin mentioned the possibility of a wild fire with all the CRP crop land so close to the communities and what kinds of things can be done for preparedness or prevention of wild fires.

Commissioner Partch said they mentioned Lacrosse specifically because it is surrounded by crop land and the town has no way to pay for extending their water lines.

Fran Martin has been working on flooded areas and working with Gary Jenkins from Pullman to come up with one comprehensive plan that covers everyone in Whitman County.

Commissioner Partch stated everyone except the university was in the plan and he volunteered to contact them with a letter to join this year.

D071896R 37. Fran Martin stated that she has 30,000 sand bags at the Fairgrounds that have to be moved to a suitable place. It was suggested that she move them to the basement of the Harrison building.

D071896S 38. Commissioner O'Neil wanted it on record that he appreciated all the extra work and effort Steve Krigbaum put into the narrow band transition.

D071896T 39. Fran Martin said other entities want to borrow the Arco that can get you to the top of hills in mud and snow. She wants to share it with other entities but wants it returned in the same condition it was loaned. Commissioner O'Neil suggested she charge for the Arco just like Public Works does with ER&R equipment. Fran agreed to talk to Phil Meyer about the correct rent to charge.

2:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D071896U Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **May 2, 9, 16 and 17, 2011** 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 **May 23, 2011**. The foregoing action made this **17th** day of **May 2011**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners