

Minutes for May 29, 2007

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066892 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **May 29, 2007** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Bob Lothspeich and Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.).

066893 1. The 2002 bond arbitrage contract, hospital groundbreaking and ADO contract discussed: No action taken.

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

Present: Jana Davidson and Barbara Corradini.

Commissioner Largent was temporarily excused from the meeting to attend the Whitman Hospital groundbreaking ceremony.

D066893A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

066894 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **203321-203338, 203512-203637, 203640, 203713-203777** for **\$693,384.82** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	40,812.48	7,315.82	49,730.13	173.67	27,990.05
102	Building & Development	1,297.20		95.00		390.90
103	Countywide Planning	2,417.60		15.00		213.52
104	Developmental Services			35,966.41		
110	County Roads	13,837.00	2,145.20	28,151.14		5,843.70
111	CETC Building			433.05		125.00
117	Boating Safety					871.67
118	Inmate Welfare			264.94	26.74	299.64
123	Paths & Trails 12.310.000			326.76		
123	Paths & Trails 123.310.001			525.12		
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00		180.37		8,010.24
137	Web Site Development			58.24		
144	Emergency Communications					270.00
300	Capital Projects Asset Acquisition					4,975.01
400	Solid Waste	3,898.00		125,070.29	2,591.30	3,553.42
410	Solid Waste Reserve					1,446.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,599.20	450.00	91,971.01	445.26	888.48
510	Photocopier Revolving			2,122.39		
513	Communications Revolving			1,952.75		
655	Hospital Districts	400.00				

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660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			47,664.56		8,482.82
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding			8,004.61		
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000			156,673.13		

066895 4. May 14, 2007 minutes approved.

066896-066908 5. Personnel board orders approved.

066909 6. The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development requested county action on the 2007-2009 ADO contract. This item tabled for further discussion.

066910 7. Notice of annexation to the City of Pullman was received and reviewed.

8. The Department of Natural Resources wrote the commissioners concerning two proposals that will be heard by the Washington State Board on Geographic Names. The proposals involve changing Squaw Canyon to either:

066911 Awtskin Canyon or

066912 Jack Pine Canyon.

The commissioners later conferred with the Public Works Director who had no objection to either name.

066913 9. The Washington State Department of Transportation notified the commissioners that the proposed multi-jurisdictional permitting of oversize/overweight vehicles has been shelved for now.

066914 10. The commissioners signed a proclamation for Moscow City Police Officer Lee Newbill, killed in the line of duty on May 19, 2007, as a "Hero of Freedom." The proclamation was presented to the Mayor of Moscow at Officer Newbill's service.

066915 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Whitman County Code.

Present: Joe Smillie and Barbara Corradini.

066916 The Chairman convened the hearing for revisions to Whitman County Code Title 2, 3, 5 and 6.

The Clerk of the Board reviewed all proposed changes, mostly housekeeping in nature.

10:50 a.m. - Representative David Buri and Commissioner Largent.

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No comments were received from those in attendance, therefore the hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt the changes as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 066916

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of Commissioners met in their Chambers on this 29th day of May 2007; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted this day to consider amendments to the Whitman County Code, Title 2, 3, 5 and 6 as attached:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the Whitman County Board of Commissioners duly approves the attached amendments to the Whitman County Code, Title 2 as described herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 29TH DAY OF MAY 2007.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Denis Tracy
Whitman County Prosecutor

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

NOTE: Due to the length of this code revision, it will not appear in full context but is available in the County Commissioners' office.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Cindi Lepper and Representative David Buri.

Solid Waste Division:

Cindi Lepper reported on the following recycling issues:

D066916A 1. The final count for Tire Amnesty Day brought in 42.3 tons of tires.

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D066916B 2. Ms. Lepper assisted again this year in the WSU Move Out and Pitch In program from May 23-26. Collection points were set up throughout campus for students moving out. Instead of throwing away usable items, the students put the items in the bins. Different non-profit groups in the area adopt and man the bins. By doing so, 31 tons of material was diverted from the Landfill and given back to the communities for resale.

D066916C 3. On May 12 Ms. Lepper attended the Pullman Community Garden event and set up an information booth for gardening and composting with the assistance of Master Gardener Candy Fisher.

D066916D 4. In the last week Rosalia, Colfax and Colton schools have joined with Pullman in the School Recycling grant program recycling paper, plastic bottles and cardboard.

D066916E 5. Conversations have begun with the Health Department regarding a countywide junk car collection and some funding is available.

D066916F 6. Ms. Lepper indicated \$4 million is earmarked for air quality grant funding programs. It is in the offset cycle with the CPG funding. She is working with her grant officer and 2 gentlemen from the Rural Community Assistance program to apply for approximately \$100,000 to purchase a very large chipper the County Road Department will house and maintain for availability to all Whitman County cities/towns. It is hoped that the cities/towns that chip will take the next step by composting. This grant application constitutes a pilot project for Whitman County and Ms. Lepper is currently working out the details.

Maintenance Division:

D066916G 7. Phil Meyer said Washington State Department of Transportation has agreed to assist the county with the cost of dust control on Old Moscow Road due to the SR 270 road construction. This is not a normal practice, but the state is paying for it. Commissioner Finch expressed his concern in setting this type of precedence. Mr. Meyer said he has made it clear to every resident on this road why this is being done. Mark Storey interjected this is a one-time only application based on a safety prospective.

D066916H 8. Mr. Meyer said much asphalt is going down, crews are still crack sealing, will begin spot sealing next week and preparing for chip sealing in July.

Administration Division:

066917 9. A quote for a new 5-bay storage building at the Colfax Shop was awarded through the small works roster process to Mike's Pole Barns, LLC of Clarkston for a total bid amount of \$41,500 without tax.

Finance Division:

D066917A 10. The 2006 county road report has been submitted to the Secretary of Transportation as required.

D066917B 11. Director Jay Weber and Deputy Director Walt Olson of the County Road Administration Board audited Whitman County last week. They were pleased with all financial reporting and the many county projects they toured.

Engineering Division:

D066917C 12. Discussion concerning the speed limit on the O'Donnell Road took place. The Director reminded the commissioners the speed limit on all county roads is set at the state statute limit of 50 MPH unless otherwise designated. Mr. Storey indicated nothing has changed on the O'Donnell Road since the county performed the 2005 study.

1:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D066917D Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **May 29, 2007** 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 **June 4, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **29th** day of **May 29, 2007**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners