

Minutes for June 4, 2007

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066918 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 4, 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: Kelli Campbell (9:00 a.m.) and Joe Smillie (9:20 a.m.).

066919 1. Items discussed included a personnel salary issue, 457 Benefit Plan option, salary survey calculation and a call from Barney Waldrop in support of Mark Bordsen's letter to the editor. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Josh Powers, Bob Gronholz, Joe Poire, Tammy Lewis, Janet Schmick and Bob Lothspeich.

D066919A 2. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

066920 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **203815-203928** for **\$386,345.81** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	131,930.10
102	Building & Development	96.59
103	Countywide Planning	162.97
104	Developmental Services	3,699.20
110	County Roads	11,854.59
112	Public Facilities Improvement	818.52
117	Boating Safety	22.51
118	Inmate Welfare	166.91
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	115.60
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001	6,749.98
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	4,871.57
300	Capital Projects CIP-300.010.005	1,516.75
400	Solid Waste	4,263.07
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	92,959.13

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513	Communications Revolving	2,193.58
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	59,213.31
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	50,123.24
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001	15,588.19

066921 4. May 29, 2007 minutes approved.

066922-066925 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Marlynn Markley.

D066925A 6. Bob Lothspeich said the county acquired a bond in 2002. Federal law says if the county has unused tax-exempt bond proceeds 3 years after the date of receiving those proceeds and more interest is being earned than what is being paid on the bond, the county is placed in an arbitrage situation. The IRS then requires the county to pay the difference to them so the county is not making money on tax-exempt proceeds. The county acquired the bond in 2002. Through the Treasurer's Association Mr. Lothspeich learned of a company called AMTEK that has since provided a \$1,000 proposal to the county to perform the necessary calculations and provide the required information to the IRS. The county in turn would be required to submit the dollar amount as computed by AMTEK to the IRS. Mr. Lothspeich requested authorization to contract with AMTEK to perform these calculations. He also suggested the county do something with the remaining dollar amount of (\$500,000+/-). Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to contract with AMTEK to perform do the necessary calculations to stay within the law. Mr. Lothspeich will provide the contract at the next Commissioner meeting.

10:10 a.m. - Joe Smillie.

066926 7. Chairman Partch explained through the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED), the county contracts every 2 years with an entity to administer the Associate Development Organization (ADO) contract. One of the reasons for the change is due to Palouse Economic Development Council (PEDC) losing their director.

New legislation regarding enterprise zones is now available and the Port is anticipating participation. The ADO contract and the new legislation need to be coupled because of the extra accountability required. The county is proposing to contract with the Port for the ADO contract and the Port would then contract with PEDC to retain Tammy Lewis' services (current ADO Coordinator) and expand her hours to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. It is the county's intent to remain a member of PEDC for Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) related issues once a new director is on board. Chairman Partch stressed that Ms. Lewis has done a fantastic job for Whitman County.

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Joe Poire' indicated the Port's excitement in moving forward and working as diligently as possible with PEDC.

Tammy Lewis said she has enjoyed working with PEDC and is glad they will continue to be in the mix because they have come a long way in the past 1-1/2 years connecting with the communities, getting them to work together and thinking more on a countywide basis. She also has worked closely with Debbie Sneed at the Port, therefore that won't be a big change.

Janet Schmidt, WSU Extension is involved by supplying the office space to the ADO Coordinator. Ms. Schmidt said it has been a very positive working relationship with Tammy and the PEDC. She echoed Chairman Partch's comments that she has done a tremendous job in building a very strong foundation with the communities. Ms. Schmidt requested Ms. Lewis continue working in the Extension Office because it has been a very valuable partnership that Extension would like to see continue.

Commissioner Largent said during his first 5 months in office he would have been lost had he not had Tammy Lewis's assistance. Being effective in the communities has been made much easier by Tammy and he very much appreciated her work and looked forward to working with her in the future.

Commissioner Finch agreed with everyone's comments today and indicated at the last PEDC meeting, that Whitman County is very committed to their continued involvement with the small communities and creating business. He appreciated the good working relationship with the Port that is actually the industrial development arm of the county.

Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the 2007-2009 biennium ADO contract to the Port of Whitman. The Chairman signed an intention letter with CTED. Mr. Poire' stated the Port will write a letter to PEDC regarding a work plan.

066927 8. Josh Powers presented an asset acquisition request replacing Commissioner Largent's computer with a laptop. Commissioner Finch said for whatever reason (lost, stolen, etc.) Commissioner Largent will be personally responsible for replacing this laptop. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request.

D066927A 9. Mr. Powers submitted a second request for 2 heavy-duty laptops for the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Partch noted Dan Hally, grant writer from Asotin County is currently reapplying for a grant that covers this type of equipment. Therefore, he preferred not to make any decision until after checking with Mr. Hally and Patti VonBargen of Whitcom. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to table this request to allow time to check into the possibility of purchasing these laptops through a grant. Commissioner Partch agreed to make the initial contacts with Mr. Hally and Ms. VonBargen.

066928 10. Pursuant to County Code regarding delegation of purchase orders, claims and payroll responsibilities, an authorization form was received from the Prosecutor's office, signed by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor's office. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

066929 11. The 2006 annual report for the Washington Counties Risk Pool was received and reviewed.

066930 12. An article that appeared in the February 2006 edition of the *Farm Collector* magazine including the annual Whitman County plowing bee held at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds was shared.

066931 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell, Cindi Lepper and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Solid Waste Division:

D066931A 1. A video slide show of a presentation conducted in Vancouver, Washington by the Washington State Recycling Association was shown whereby Cindi Lepper was awarded the designation as "Recycler of the Year".

066932 2. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to close Scott Road for the overlay project be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 066932

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of closing a certain county road/bridge pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following road/bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic: County Road No. 6005, the Scott Road from milepost 0.43+/- to milepost 1.99 +/-, beginning June 18, 2007 through June 22, 2007 or until completion of the HMA Overlay project.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

066933 3. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of road closure for Scott Road.

066934 4. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the revised Solid Waste contract (with Waste Management) be signed as presented.

Maintenance Division:

D066934A 5. Spot sealing is taking place throughout the county and will continue for the next 3 weeks.

D066934B 6. Dust control was applied on Old Moscow Road last Thursday and paid for by the state on 2 miles of road. This was a combined effort between Public Works and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for safety purposes and the significantly increased traffic due to the SR 270 construction project.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

Commissioner Largent excused himself from the remainder of today's meeting to travel to Tumwater for Board of Equalization training.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

066935 1. Outcomes from the May 3, 2007 Board meeting.

- Mental Health Division (MHD) Director canceled his visit
- Letter of commendation from the State Auditor's Office (10 years)
- Review of possible changes to the GCBH funding formula/budget preparation
- Discussion on the ability to manage hospital stays (increased risks)

D066935A 2. The Mental Health Division is requiring a number of changes on how data is reported to them as of July 1st. There is only one non-required change being proposed to the GCBH DD and that involves reporting reauthorizations. Having no objections, the Commissioners authorized Mike Berney to support approval of the new GCBH Data Dictionary.

D066935B 3. There are 2 GCBH policies stated for discussion/adoption at the June 7th Board meeting, Non-Discrimination and Consumer Grievance. Having no objections, the Commissioners authorized Mike Berney to support approval of these policies.

D066935C 4. There may need to be a special Board meeting near the end of June to vote on the funding formula and the new biennial GCBH budget. There is very little information coming from the Mental Health Division on how they are translating legislative intent into actual dollars for each Regional Support Network.

- **Funding Formula:** The proposed change with the greatest potential impact would be for counties to be responsible for managing their inpatient costs within their own allocation. This will increase the risk to non-Medicaid outpatient services in all counties but it better aligns fiscal incentives. Continuing the concept of a "hold harmless" level of funding may become an issue.
- **GCBH Budget for '07-'09:** Mr. Berney recommended a second briefing in June or to support current funding formula recommendations and/or an initial '07-'09 GCBH budget if necessary. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the recommendation.

D066935D 5. Contracts dealing primarily with housekeeping measures, i.e. bridge period, new requirements, etc. are slated for action at the June 7th GCBH Board meeting as follows:

- a. DSHS/GCBH PIHP amendment
- b. DSHS/GCBH State amendment
- c. GCBH/Member Government or Provider PIHP amendment
- d. GCBH/Member Government or Provider State amendment
- e. GCBH/DDD Crisis Stabilization contract
- f. GCBH/CWCMH MICA contract
- g. GCBH/CWCMH Residential contract
- h. DSHS/GCBH PATH amendment
- i. GCBH/CWCMH PATH amendment
- j. GCBH/Benton Franklin Dispute Resolution Center Ombuds amendment
- k. GCBH/Lourdes Counseling Jail amendment

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the GCBH Board Chair to sign each of the contracts.

D066935E 6. GCBH supplemental budget request: There are a number of line item transfers that have no overall impact to the total budget. Several areas require increased budget authority to cover additional revenue received (approximately \$7.3 million primarily Medicaid and Inpatient Savings). Approximately \$1.7 million is for special project changes. Most of this relates to inpatient hospital billings and the fact GCBH spent more State-only dollars in this area than anticipated when the budget was created. Revenue has been received to cover these changes. The last item involves amending the capital by \$20,000 for upgrades to the front office workspaces to increase confidentiality. The Funding and

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Fiscal Operations Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of this supplemental budget request.

2:10 p.m. - Adjournment.

D066935F Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **June 4, 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 11, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **4th** day of **June 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners