

## Minutes for June 6, 2011

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**071935 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, June 6, 2011** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner O'Neill was unavailable for most of today's meeting.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich and Maribeth Becker.

**071936 1.** Financial items discussed. No action taken.

**9:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/New and Old Business.**

Present: Joe Smillie.

**D071936A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**071937 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **255875-255964** for **\$105,928.87** approved.

**071938 4.** May 31, 2011 minutes approved.

**071939-071941 5.** Personnel change orders approved.

**071942 6.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution formalizing the attendance by telephonic means meeting process.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 071942 BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary, appropriate and in the best interest of Whitman County to formalize the following process.

#### **Attendance by Telephonic Means.**

- (1) A member of the Whitman County Commission may attend and participate in all or part of a county commissioner regular,

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special or emergency meeting by speakerphone or other form of telephonic communication by which the member can hear what is said at the meeting and be heard by other persons attending the meeting. Participation includes voting on any matter before the commission.

- (2) A member who is physically present must preside over the meeting.
- (3) A member who plans to attend a meeting by telephonic means is requested to notify the Clerk of the Board as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above Attendance by Telephonic Means process by a commission member is hereby formalized and adopted.

Dated this 6th day of June 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**071943** 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to designate the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA) as Whitman County's 2011-13 Associate Development Organization (ADO) (06/30/11).

**071944** 8. As previously approved, a letter was forwarded to all mayors, commissioners, elected officials and interested parties regarding participation in Whitman County's hazard mitigation plan.

**071945** 9. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m. - Fran Martin, Emergency Management/Communications.**

Present: Steve Krigbaum, Steve Hansen, Chris Tennant, Scott Cruz, Mark Janowski, Bill Hickman and Jeslyn Lemke.

**071946** 10. Steve Krigbaum reviewed Whitman County's Emergency Communications planned microwave system and how they are using the 1/10 of 1% emergency communications sales tax. He spoke about:

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- accomplishments to-date
- equipment needed for various tower sites
- lack of coverage areas
- construction completed and underway
- current/proposed contracts/leases with private and governmental entities
- initial implementation of a simulcast system
- 911 back-up system at Lewiston Police Department, related equipment problems and funding concerns
- negotiations needed between Whitman County, Whitcom and Lewiston Police Department
- old paging system computer and software owned by Whitcom needs replaced
- Applying for grants but will need matching funds if grants are awarded

Commissioner Largent asked if staff was requesting the Board consider any policy issues for the advancement of items presented today.

Ms. Martin said the original long-term plan was as these sites come up for repair/upgrade all equipment would become owned by Whitman County in order to use the 1/10 of 1% sales tax funding. A policy was never drafted for that purpose.

An inherent problem they have encountered is that some equipment is being purchased with grant funds by various districts and the equipment must be carried on their inventory for a number of years. Therefore, when looking at policy clarification of how the county accepts responsibility for maintaining this equipment without having clear ownership of the equipment.

Commissioner Partch stated this has been an on-going issue and there have been discussions about this with the prosecutor. Staff is working on this and these issues will eventually grow out of the Emergency Communications Committee.

Commissioner Largent stressed the need for clarification from the prosecutor on the legality of spending 1/10 of 1% emergency communications sales tax funds on equipment owned by other entities before the Board is asked to make any policy decisions. Ms. Martin will follow up on this request.

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

Present: Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

**Engineering Division:**

**071947** 11. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to establish the Hatley Bridge project be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 071947**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington**

In the matter of initiating a county road bridge project designated as C.R.B.P. No. 9010-05.19(9), Project No. XFB1103.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Hatley Bridge, County Bridge No. 9010-05.19 be improved as follows:

This contract provides for the repair of the Hatley Bridge by re-aligning the existing superstructure and constructing a lateral restraint into the substructure.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION</b>
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$114,080.00
Contract	<u>\$566,770.00</u>
TOTAL	\$680,850.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 4.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2012  
ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2012

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2011.

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**071948** 12. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to establish the O'Donnell Road Realignment project be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 071948  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the matter of initiating a county road project designated as C.R.P. No. 5570-2, Project No. XFR1103.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the O'Donnell Road, County Road No. 5570, from milepost 0.00 to milepost 0.20 be improved as follows:

Intersection realignment including grading, draining, widening and surfacing.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION</b>
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$10,000.00
Contract	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$55,000.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 21.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by county forces in accordance with RCW 36.77.065 and WAC 136-18.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2012  
ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2012

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2011.

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ATTEST:

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**071949** 13. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to establish the Rural Roads Safety program be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 071949  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the matter of initiating county road projects designated as follows for the Rural Roads Safety Program 2010: C.R.P. No. 3000-15 Project No. XFR1100, C.R.P. No. 9010-10 Project No. XFR1104, C.R.P. No. 5600-5 Project No. XFR1101, C.R.P. No. 9000-13 Project No. XFR1105 and C.R.P. No. 0025-2 Et Al Project No. XFR1102.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Rural Roads Safety Program 2010 roads be improved as follows:

Pine City-Malden Road, County Road No. 3000, from milepost 0.00 to milepost 1.75, intermittently install guardrail.

Wawawai-Pullman Road, County Road No. 9010, from milepost 5.60 to milepost 7.34, intermittently install guardrail.

Pullman Airport Road, County Road No. 5600, at milepost 3.92, add turning lane.

Wawawai Road, County Road No. 9000, at mileposts 8.12 and 30.61, install signage.

Rosalia Road, County Road No. 0025 Et Al, remove large trees.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

**PURPOSE**

**AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION**

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Preliminary Engineering	\$ 37,500.00
Contract & Construction Engineering	<u>\$716,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$754,000.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 19.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2012

ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2012

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2011.

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**071950** 14. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to close a portion of Wawawai Road for repair of railroad crossings be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 071950**

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. 9000, the Wawawai Road from the Wawawai-Pullman Road, milepost 8.12, to Steptoe Canyon Road, milepost 30.613, from June 13, 2011 through June 16, 2011.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2011.

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**071951 15.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of road closure for Wawawai Road.

**11:10 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Joe Reynolds and Commissioner O'Neill (telephonic).

**071952 16.** Reclassification/out of class pay for an Assessor's employee discussed. No action taken.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued.**

Present: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

**071953 17.** Report from the GCBH Board meeting held June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**D071953A 18.** Report from the Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee. Due to the late Legislative Special Session, retroactive/other changes to the payments from the State to GCBH and other program changes from the State, the Funding Committee recommended the GCBH Board not take up the 2011-2013 biennial budget at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Rather, hold a special GCBH Board meeting at the end of June to adopt the GCBH budget for the next biennium. The Board concurred with this recommendation and Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. was chosen for the special meeting.

The GCBH Funding Committee has special meetings scheduled for the remainder of June in order to have a budget recommendation to the Board in time for the GCBH special meeting. Issues related to the 2011-2013 biennial budget include:

- Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT): The State shifted 72% of the funding for this program from State dollars to Medicaid and made this change retroactive to a portion of the current biennium. As part of this change the State decreased the funding to the GCBH PACT Program by almost \$300,000 per year for the next biennium. Benton and Franklin Counties have agreed to fund the retroactive piece of this change by using their

inpatient savings. How to maintain this program for the next biennium has not been finalized. Mr. Berney thought the most likely solution will be to have all PACT and other special contract funding flow through the funding formula. Benton and Franklin Counties would make up the shortfall, if any, for the PACT team since their residents are the sole beneficiaries of the program (Note: Under the current GCBH funding policy PACT dollars are removed from the total funding coming to GCBH before the funding formula is utilized).

- Mentally Ill Chemically Abusing (MICA) and Residential Programs in Yakima County: These are the other contracted services mentioned in the previous paragraph. Like PACT, under the current GCBH funding policy dollars for these programs are removed from the total funding coming to GCBH before the funding formula is utilized. Benton and Franklin Counties are suggesting these programs should be funded the same way the Funding Committee may recommend PACT be funded. Yakima County sees these programs as slightly different from PACT but is considering this approach.
- Allocation of Medicaid Funding: There is now more precise data available for allocating to the Counties Medicaid funding that comes to GCBH. Several counties are disadvantaged, relative to the old allocation data, by the use of this new data (Yakima the most and Whitman slightly). Mr. Berney believed the Funding Committee's recommendation will be to use the more precise data in order to accomplish this allocation.
- Adjustments of funding withholds for inpatient services: This does not appear to be very contentious at this time. A number of counties including Whitman will be increasing their inpatient withholds for the next fiscal year.
- Distribution of Inpatient Penalty Dollars in the future. Though not directly related to the budget, the question continues to be raised regarding the appropriateness of Benton and Franklin Counties sharing in inpatient penalty dollars since GCBH placed over a million dollars of additional funding for a PACT Team in those counties.
- Contracting Issue: While not directly related to the budget this has funding implications and how much money may be available for services in parts of the Regional Support Network. The State has always required Regional Support Networks contract only with licensed (by the State) mental health agencies. Until recently they have not indicated that they would enforce this provision for non-service providing entities. In GCBH's case

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this issue applies most specifically to Yakima County which holds the contract with GCBH and then subcontracts all service provision to licensed mental health agencies. A special work group continues working with the GCBH Regional Office to implement direct contracting. A draft policy on this issue is still being developed.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize Commissioner Largent to vote in favor the recommended 2011-13 GCBH biennial budget.

**D071953B 19.** Update on bringing the service authorization function in-house at GCBH. The design process has been continuing at the GCBH Regional Office. This was not discussed at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting but implementation continues to be on schedule. A tentative time frame for full implementation is October 1, 2011. Anticipated savings over the current system is \$300,000 per year.

**D071953C 20.** Authorization for the GCBH Board Chair to sign the PHIP and State-Only amendments to the current contracts. The State recently sent contract amendments that had an implementation date of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The amendments reflect some changes in terminology and rates that have already been implemented. The GCBH Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the contract amendments.

**2:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**D071953D THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, June 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Gary Petrovich, Maribeth Becker, Sarah Mason and Joe Smillie (9:20 a.m.).

**071954 21.** Items discussed included financial update, New World budget module, tax distribution, New World processes streamlining, year-end financial workgroup and WCIF meeting recap. No action taken.

**9:30 a.m. - New/Old Business.**

**071954A 22.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **255974-256008, 256010-256162** and **256164-256174** for **\$507,114.39** approved.

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**071955-071959 23.** Personnel change orders approved.

**071960 24.** A letter was received from Dr. Ed Morgan regarding the new elections facility and staff.

**9:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Mark Storey, Jeff Marshall, Julie Edgeman and Sarah Mason.

Commissioner Largent was unavailable.

**071961 25.** The 6-year transportation improvement program discussed. No action taken.

**11:15 a.m. - Adjournment.**

**D071961A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **June 6** and **13, 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 **June 20, 2011**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of **June 2011**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER

ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners