

Minutes for June 15, 2009

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069598 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, June 15, 2009** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Brett Myers.

069599 1. Items discussed included Sheriff's Deputy temporary pool, claims schedule and Ed Hayes weed response. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Debbie Snell, Kelli Campbell and Joe Smillie.

D069599A 2. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. Items #1E3/4 were deleted from new business.

069600 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **228578-228580, 228583-228616, 228644-228668, 228686-228842** and **228891-228901** for **\$1,253,399.10** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	350.82	63,094.95	581.46
102	Building & Development		5.14	
103	Countywide Planning		12.01	
104	Developmental Services		4,053.21	
110	County Roads	13,838.46	8,101.87	
111	CETC Building		590.80	
112	Public Facilities Improvement		9,336.00	
117	Boating Safety		506.57	
118	Inmate Welfare		452.76	
123	Paths & Trails-BCPT 123.310.001		856.55	
125	Donations & Planned Giving		2,391.44	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		3,396.95	
129	House Bill 3900 129.170.001		110.00	
132	Auditor Document Preservation		2,543.00	

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144	Emerg. Communication	144.260.001		3,905.98	
300	CIP Cap. Projects	300.010.005		4,047.50	
320	CIP Bond 2002	320.010.001		1,309.15	
400	Solid Waste	400.400.000		135,414.16	626.57
410	Solid Waste Reserve	410.400.000		1,952.00	
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving			8,370.67	13,013.30
510	Photocopier Revolving			1,191.55	
513	Communications Revolving			1,387.54	
660	Whitcom-General	660.911.000		76,536.59	
660	Whitcom-Grant	660.911.001		4,409.03	
690	Clearing Fund	690.002.000	245,093.67		
690	Clearing Fund	690.005.000		174,697.46	
690	PE Fair Build.	690.010.005	13,062.75		
ET	Electronic Transfer		458,159.23		

069601 4. May 18, 2009 minutes approved.

069602 5. June 1, 2009 minutes approved.

069603-069608 6. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Eunice Coker.

069609 7. Upon review by the Public Works Department and Prosecutor, Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution authorizing the lease of county property to the Port of Whitman for a parking lot.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069609
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, Washington, recognizes that it is important to the economic health of Whitman County to have a strong Port District; and

WHEREAS the Board also recognizes that the Port District encompasses the entire county and so the entire County benefits from the activities of the Port; and

WHEREAS the Board also recognizes that the Port Commission has decided that the Port's offices in Colfax need an improvement to the parking area, and that the County owns a small strip of land that the Port needs in order to accomplish their improvement; and

WHEREAS the Board also recognizes that the County has no need for the strip of land needed by the Port, and so it is in the County's best interest to lease the strip of land to the Port at no cost as long as the land is being used in Port business;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the small strip of land sitting behind the Port offices in Colfax, WA shall be leased to the Port of Whitman County at no cost, so long as the land is used for Port business.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

069610 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the lease with the Port of Whitman as per the above resolution.

069611 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution revising the Garfield Park & Recreation District #2 loan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069611
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 26th day of May 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Garfield Park & Recreation District #2 has requested an interfund loan to cover General Fund operating expenses for 2009; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

WHEREAS, a special tax levy election was passed by Park and Recreation #2 voters in a special election held on April 28, 2009, to be assessed in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the interfund loan will be repaid with interest no later than November 30, 2010, at an interest rate equal to two percent greater than the monthly average of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) of the

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State of Washington for the month immediately preceding the month during which the interfund loan is authorized; and,

WHEREAS, Board Resolution 069564, approved May 26, 2009, inaccurately stated the loaning fund as the Whitman County Current Expense fund, and therefore Resolution 069564 is hereby rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$45,000.00 is loaned to Garfield Park & Recreation District #2, from the Whitman County Solid Waste Fund at an interest rate of 2.89%, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2009.

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069612 **10.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Bill Paul to a 3-year term on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Mr. Paul's term will expire December 31, 2012.

069613 **11.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept a resignation and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation to Gene Peterson for his service on the SWAC.

12. Executed copies of the following documents received:

069614 Justice Assistance Grant for the City of Pullman

069615 Military Department contract #E09-264 (05/15/10)

069616 Military Department contract amendment SDEM-0719(B)

069617 **13.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

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

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Present: Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

069617A 1. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and Shawnee Rock, Inc. for crushing at Pullman North be signed as presented.

069618 2. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for the Almota Road project when approval is received.

069619 3. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to initiate the county road project for 2009 sealcoating be signed as presented.
2009 sealcoating program

RESOLUTION NO. 069619

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the matter of initiating an agency forces county road project designated as 2009 Sealcoating, C.R.P. No. 0010 ET AL, Project No. XFL09.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Selected Countywide Roads be improved as follows:

Preleveling and Sealcoating approximately 28 miles of County Roads.

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 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
Engineering	\$ 500.00
Maintenance	<u>\$528,500.00</u>
TOTAL (Road Fund)	\$529,000.00

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 22, 2009

ESTIMATED date of completing work: August 31, 2009

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2009.

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069620 4. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the speed limit on Kamiak Butte Road.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of establishing)
Speed Limits for an improved) **RESOLUTION NO. 069620**
County Road, Kamiak Butte)
Park Road #5710, Whitman) **ORDER ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS**
County, Washington)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD has received a request from the County Engineer to consider changing the posted speed limit on the road, and has assessed the character and use of the road with respect to the existing posted speed limit, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD has considered and accepted the recommendations of the County Engineer summarizing that the geometry, character, and intended use of the road are such that setting the posted speed to 30 mph would be consistent with good engineering principles and transportation management,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit for the Kamiak Butte Park Road #5710 shall be set at 30 mph from the beginning of the road to the beginning of the lower parking lot. It shall be further resolved that the maximum speed limit for the remainder of the road shall be 10 mph. The change shall be implemented on July 1, 2009. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2009.

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069621 5. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of call for bids for the Wawawai Road overlay project.

069622 6. The quote for a new radar traffic data recorder kit was awarded through the small works roster process to Jamar Technologies, Inc. of Hatfield, PA for a total bid amount of \$4,435.00 without tax. This purchase was made possible through a grant from the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO).

Engineering Division:

D069622A 7. The Director attended his first meeting of the State Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee the previous week and learned that the state will be making another call for bridge projects this year.

D069622B 8. Mark Storey advised the Board he was elected to the position of President-Elect for the Washington State Association of County Engineers.

Maintenance Division:

D069622C 9. Phil Meyer reported on flood damage over the past couple weeks, the annual noxious weed spraying and Sealcoating programs.

11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Finance Department.

Present: Bev Welch, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Denis Tracy, Doug Robinson, Eunice Coker, Fran Martin, Greg Partch, Kelli Campbell, Maria Thomas, Mark Storey, Marlynn Markley, Michael Largent, Pat O'Neill, Pete Martin, Sonya Miller, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie

Excused: Adam Roberts, Bob Lothspeich and Janet Schmidt.

069623 The May 2009 month ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

May 2009 Cash Balance - \$2,485,421

May 2008 Cash Balance - \$3,588,094

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May 2009 Revenue - \$11,644,228 - 40.48% of budget.

May 2008 Revenue - \$12,350,017 - %40.92 of budget.

May 2009 Expenditures \$11,897,854 - 38.61% of budget.

May 2008 Expenditures \$12,433,654 - 37.04% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Commissioner O'Neill excused himself from the remainder of the meeting to attend Board of Equalization training in Lacey.

1:30 p.m. - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.

Present: Joe Smillie.

069624 1. Mr. Myers stated Developmental Services began looking at options for improving Whitman County developmentally disabled housing 2 years ago. In visiting with the Community Action Center (CAC) representative they discovered there is enough area behind the Hughes House to build a new facility. The CAC was successful in obtaining a grant and plan to build a new facility this year. They typically provide low-income housing, have constructed similar facilities in other portions of the county and are interested in working with the county on this project.

A contract for the transfer of property that includes a 25-year agreement that these buildings will be used for the developmentally disabled has been signed. After the new facility is built and the clients moved, the Epton House will be sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used to remodel Hughes House at which point, there will be two facilities maintained and managed by CAC.

Mr. Myers thought it was a win-win situation for all parties and encouraged the commissioners to sign the quit claim deed.

Commissioner Partch provided background on the developmentally disabled housing program dating back to the time the facilities were owned by a non-profit 501-C3 organization followed by county ownership and now going back to private. He believed this is a great solution to the safe housing needs.

Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the quit claim deed for the Epton and Hughes Houses as presented.

D069625A 2. Mr. Myers provided an update on a pending lawsuit involving the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail.

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D069625B 3. The Whitman County Code, as it relates to firearms at county parks was briefly discussed.

2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Bob Lothspeich, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey and Joe Smillie (2:00 p.m.) and Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell, Bob Reynolds and Joe Smillie (3:00 p.m.).

069626 14. Items discussed included SB 5045 and 2009 financials. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

D069626A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Greg Partch and Patrick J. O'Neill, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Dr. Moody, Fran Martin and Jeslyn Lemke.

069627 1. Ms. Martin distributed copies of the April 2009 Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Five-Year Strategic Plan.

D069627A 2. Health Officer, Dr. Moody provided an update on the Swine Flu (HINI); 18,000 cases in the US and 35,000 cases worldwide. The World Health Organization (WHO) has determined this worldwide pandemic to be at level 6, the highest level. The state is requesting providers continue to send samples from health care workers, children under age 5 and unexplained respiratory illnesses and deaths. Whitman County announced its first Swine Flu case a few weeks ago.

D069627B 3. Dr. Moody talked about the many mosquito calls the department was receiving but those types of calls have now trailed off. Benton/Franklin County Health did have a mosquito pool that tested positive for West Nile Virus.

D069627C 4. Fran Martin informed the Board Bruce Koliba has been hired as the new Environmental Health Specialist.

D069627D 5. The nurses have completed the 2008-2009 school year and are finishing their reports. This summer is devoted to a funded program on adolescent obesity of which the nurses will be assisting the schools.

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D069627E 6. Environmental Health is working with the Farmers Market in Pullman. The department is providing hand-washing units and distributing information how to cook home-grown vegetables.

D069627F 7. Public Health is involved in the Whitman County Greatest Loser program and Public Health is the official weigh-in agent.

D069627G 8. Ms. Martin will be hiring temporary help while staff members are on Family Medical Leave.

D069627H 9. Drugs distributed for the treatment of H1N1 to drug stores, pharmacies and private providers have now been picked up for further storage under specific conditions at Pullman Regional Hospital.

D069627I 10. Ms. Martin talked about the recent statewide public health conference call/staff meeting regarding the DSHS administrative match for providing Medicaid/Medicare referral and outreach services. The purpose of the conference call was to learn about new state coding changes. Following the conference call, two Public Health employees were recognized; Jessie Hunter for her work with the Tobacco Program and Cinnamon Brown for her Environmental Health and design services. In addition, Ms. Martin advised her staff of the Public Health program reductions based on financial reductions.

069628 11. Draft copies of the 2009/2010 Whitman County Health Department Strategic Work/Plan were received from the Director for review and adoption at the next Board of Health meeting.

069629 12. The Board of Health's duties will also be reviewed at the July meeting.

3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D069629A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **June 15** and **16, 2009** 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 29, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **16th** day of **June** 2009.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER
ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners