

### Minutes for June 26, 2006

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**065596 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 26, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** G.R. Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Kelli Campbell (9:35 a.m.)

**065597 1.** Items discussed included Wachter fax, CETC meeting follow-up, Bauer gravel pit, picture donation, letter from Bonner County, 1-hour parking, ADA and overtime/compensatory time. No action taken.

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

Present: Thinkh Nguyen.

**D065597A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**065598 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **191700, 191781** and **191955-191071** for **\$377,419.90** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	45,516.03
102	Building & Development	60.31
103	Countywide Planning	157.55
104	Developmental Services	35,665.75
110	County Roads	96,320.05
118	Inmate Welfare	15.92
123	Paths & Trails	3.65
126	Treasurer's M&O	32.00
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	3,229.68
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	196.62
137	Web Site Development	54.00
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	3.71
400	Solid Waste	131,218.23
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	37,836.84
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	1,174.90
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	25,934.66

**065599 4.** June 19, 2006 minutes approved.

**065600-065603 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

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**065604** 6. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice seeking vendors for the small works rosters.

**065605** 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the appointment of Ken Arthur (10/01/06-10/01/08), Sharon Roberts and Sharron Cunningham (06/01/06-06/01/08) to the Classification Committee.

**065606** 8. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the Washington Military Department 2007 Wireline/Wireless contract #E07-026 as presented.

**065607** See below.

**065608** 9. As follow up to the Board's June 19<sup>th</sup> decision regarding support for the Port of Whitman's loan application (WiBiofuels), Commissioner Partch **moved** to sign the letter of support. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**. Commissioner Wigen voting **nay**.

**D065608A** 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m. - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.**

Present: Roger Marcus and Thinkh Nguyen.

**065607** 1. Mr. Myers indicated a request was received from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for a temporary construction easement at SR 270 and Sunshine Road. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the temporary easement between Whitman County/Bill Chipman Palouse Trail and Washington State Department of Transportation.

**065607A** 2. All the Elberton Park homes proposed for demolition (burned) were surveyed for asbestos abatement. One house was abated through the capital improvement (CIP) process 3 years ago. The remaining homes were abated this year through a second CIP award. A discount was received from the contractor for abating these homes at one time leaving a balance of \$1,925 in CIP awarded funds.

One home is being retained for Ropes Course use. The house is in good shape other than for a mold problem that occurred as a result of the 1997 flood. Mr. Myers proposed using the balance of the CIP funds for mold abatement in the amount of \$2,710. Mike Berney, Director of Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC) has committed to pay the balance of \$785 since PRCC uses the Ropes Course on a regular basis. PRCC youth volunteers will make the necessary repairs once the home is abated. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the recommendation by Mr. Myers.

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**D065607B 3.** Roger Marcus reported on the June 24<sup>th</sup> fire drill at Elberton Park burning 4 houses and several outbuildings. The drill began at 6:30 a.m. and concluded at 12:30 p.m. The old post office structure remains because it is located under wires. It will be demolished when they clean up the fire debris. It was a very successful drill and Garfield Fire Department felt they received good training.

**10:55 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.**

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, Cindi Lepper, 3 bidders and Thinkh Nguyen.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Solid Waste Division:**

**065609 1.** Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Solid Waste Coordinated Prevention Grant regular cycle agreement and procurement certification form be signed as presented.

**065610 2.** Ms. Lepper reported on the June 17<sup>th</sup> very successful Electronic Waste collection event. A total of 12,760 pounds was collected.

**Engineering Division:**

**11:00 a.m. - Almota Road Project**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, 3 bidders, Ryan Bentley and Thinkh Nguyen.

**065611 3.** The following bids for the Almota Road project were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award this afternoon by 3 p.m.

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT**

N.A. Degerstrom, Spokane, WA	\$2,145,912.00
Half-Moon Construction, Colbert, WA	\$2,282,760.00
M.L. Albright & Sons, Lewiston, ID	\$1,969,900.62
Western Construction Co., Lewiston, ID	\$1,867,659.66

**Maintenance Division:**

**D065611A 4.** The Director provided an update on the annual seal coating program.

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

**1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC)/Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH).**

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Present: Gary Cochran.

**065612** 1. Each Regional Support Network (RSN) is contractually required to hold 4.5% of their Medicaid funding in a risk reserve. This is primarily an issue with having to account separately for Medicaid from non-Medicaid funds, even in reserve accounts. Therefore the GCBH Board established an operating reserve.

**065613** 2. A need to modify how GCBH distributes funding is necessary because of the different types of funds received. In the past, formulas were developed for distribution of dollars to the member governments. Mr. Berney said he has always been a big proponent of that method as being one of the fairest. It is also a way to campaign the system. They are running into an issue now with the different types of funding. As an example, over the years Yakima County has established many residential facilities that must be paid with non-Medicaid money. By using just the formula, they would not have enough non-Medicaid money to maintain these facilities. The question to the GCBH Board was should they continue using distribution formulas or modify the distribution formula taking into account some counties may need more state money than others. Mr. Berney is not a big fan for this kind of approach (funding based on perceived need) but he thought they didn't have much choice but there are some built in safeguards. The GCBH Board was supportive of this approach given the new environment they are operating in.

**D065613A** 3. The GCBH Board authorized changes to the GCBH Data Dictionary passed on to them by the state Mental Health Division.

**D065613B** 4. Mr. Berney noted Spokane RSN and Sacred Heart Hospital have dropped out of the process to become the new eastside Evaluation and Treatment facility. GCBH has made it known that it is interested in moving forward with the project. This does not actually authorize the creation of the Evaluation and Treatment Facility within GCBH but it allows further exploration and tapping into state dollars appropriated for this purpose. GCBH is looking primarily at the Tri-Cities as being central to eastern Washington and GCBH. Yakima Memorial Hospital and Lourdes Counseling in the Tri-Cities both have concerns that they may be at inpatient capacity already and if so, why would we build another structure for an evaluation and treatment facility is a fair question they are looking into.

**D065613C** 5. The GCBH Board approved the new/revised Sentinel Event, Media Notification and Conflict of Interest policies.

**D065613D** 6. For many years the psychiatric inpatient usage in Benton and Franklin Counties, as measured by bed days used per 1,000 of population, has been much higher than anywhere else within Greater Columbia. This much higher than average usage impacts the other GCBH counties in that

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they do not receive as much "Inpatient Savings" as they otherwise would. Since October of 1999 GCBH has had an Inpatient Savings Allocation Model made up of several phases (I, IIa, & IIb). The Funding Committee for GCBH has begun to draft phase 3 for this model. Prior to phase 3 a group of counties that did not meet the standard for inpatient usage would not permanently lose their share of inpatient savings. The initial draft of this phase 3 sets a new lower inpatient usage standard and would heavily penalize a group of GCBH counties whose usage was higher than the standard. Currently, this penalty would include permanent loss of their share of inpatient savings and possible take over of their service area by the Region. This issue is still under review.

**D065613E** 7. Recruitment of a new GCBH Director is now in the interview stage.

**D065613F** 8. The GCBH Regional Advisory Board has requested that their chairperson be a voting member of the Board of Directors. This request would require a change to the interlocal agreement and as such each member government would essentially have a vote. Mr. Berney thought this would not be in the best interest of the Board and the commissioners concurred. GCBH legal council was directed to research the issue.

**D065613G** 9. Mr. Berney provided an update on PRCC's remodeling project.

**2:00 p.m. - Colfax Stockpile Site.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, Gary Cochran and one other bidder.

**065614** 1. The following bids for crushing at the Colfax Stockpile Site were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DeAtley Crushing, Lewiston, ID	NO BID
Seubert Excavating, Cottonwood, ID	\$211,065.30
Shawnee Rock, Colfax, WA	\$192,854.20

**2:05 p.m. - Morasch Quarry.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, Gary Cochran and one other bidder.

**065615** 2. The following bids for crushing at Morasch Quarry were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DeAtley Crushing, Lewiston, ID	\$217,600.00

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Seubert Excavating, Cottonwood, ID

\$193,510.00

**2:10 p.m. - Almota Road Project Award.**

**065616** 3. Public Works recommended awarding the Almota Road project bid to Western Construction, Lewiston, Idaho.

**065617** Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the bid for the Almota Road project be awarded to Western Construction in the amount of \$1,867,659.95.

**2:15 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D065617A** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **June 26, 2006** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **July 10, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **26th** day of **June 2006**.

ss/ Greg PARTCH, Commissioner  
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners