

Minutes for July 9, 2007

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067043 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 9, 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.).

067044 1. Items discussed included COLA, document destruction, a building department issue and a shredder. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Fran Martin, Public Health/Emergency Management.

D067044A 2. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with Ms. Martin until 10:00 a.m. for a personnel matter.

10:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Joe Smillie.

D067044B 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

067045 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **204991-205035, 205060-205086** and **205102-205243** for **\$1,008,885.80** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	49,910.28	46,536.47
102	Building & Development	1,297.20	322.25
103	Countywide Planning	2,417.60	1,178.71
104	Developmental Services		553.10
110	County Roads	16,366.20	142,480.55
111	CETC Building		58.22
117	Boating Safety		326.45
118	Inmate Welfare		194.22
123	Paths & Trails		154.50
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00	473.65
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001		200.00
400	Solid Waste	3,261.53	15,072.12
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	5,049.20	135,553.71
513	Communications Revolving		973.12
655	Hospital Districts	400.00	

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690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000	163,346.15	
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000		11,185.30
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001		9,535.90
ET	Electronic Transfer	401,639.45	

067046 5. July 2, 2007 minutes approved.

067047-067048 6. Personnel board orders approved.

067049 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to call for the 2008 preliminary budget.

067050 8. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the BECCA interagency agreement #IAA08036 for the Juvenile Department (06/30/09).

067051 9. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign a Secretary of State document preservation grant in the amount of \$28,500 for the Commissioners' records.

067052 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Phil Meyer, Public Works Department.

Present: Cindi Lepper, Mark Bordsen, Alan Thomson and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Planning Division:

067053 1. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the zone change of 10 acres for Bob Germain from Agricultural District to a Heavy Commercial District.

ORDINANCE NO. 067053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO A HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commission that these should be accepted and this action is consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.

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Change the zoning of the Bob Germain 10 acres from the Agricultural District to a Heavy Commercial District as may be allowed by the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19.04. The site of this proposed rezone is located at the SE corner of SR 195 and Old Wawawai Road, west of Pullman, in the west half of the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 14 N., Range 44 E., W.M., Whitman County, WA.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington on the 9th day of July 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

Solid Waste Division:

067054 2. Ms. Lepper announced the October 6th E-Waste Collection date for Whitman County residents and businesses. The CPG grant will pay for half of the fees and second half must be borne by the resident. In addition to the items approved for collection in 2006, DVD's, VCR's, radios, televisions and telephones will also be accepted in 2007 and pre-registration is required.

Engineering Division:

D067054 3. Phil Meyer gave a brief update on bridge and road work.

067054A 4. Copies of letters sent to all contractors who submitted bids March 26, 2007 for the Staley No. 3 Bridge project were received from Public Works.

Maintenance Division:

D067055A 5. Mr. Meyer also noted the seal coating program commenced today involving 35 crew members.

11:25 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 35 Middle Snake Watershed Management Plan.

Present: Brad Johnson of the WRIA 35 Watershed Planning Unit, Department of Ecology (DOE) representatives Mimi Wainwright and Bill Nebe and Joe Smillie.

067056 The Chairman convened the hearing for the WRIA 35 Middle Snake Watershed Management Plan.

Brad Johnson commented that the Planning Unit has been working on this plan for five years. It went before the WRIA 35 Planning Unit at their last meeting and was unanimously adopted, with the exception of the instream flow section, which is (agreed on by consensus only) pending approval by the Umatilla and Nez Perce Tribes and all the governments.

This Plan is based off the sub-basin plan, which is Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) process for habitat and water quality issues. This is the first plan that the instream flow section has been incorporated in southeastern Washington.

Mimi Wainwright said the geo-application has received a nod of approval through DOE's regional process and is headed to Olympia. She had high hopes it would be funded. If funded, Mr. Johnson said that money would go a long way toward resolving out some groundwater issues within WRIA 35.

Ms. Wainwright added one thing that makes this whole process real is the progression through the biennial budgets with the legislature. To date the legislature has been fairly generous and understands the importance of locally based watershed plans and they support them as far as providing funding to actually implement the projects in these watershed plans.

Mr. Johnson emphasized getting the Plan approved will open up more funding for implementation throughout the entire WRIA of \$60,000-\$80,000 based on receiving \$100,000 from DOE, followed by Watershed Enhancement funds of \$30,000 and \$40,000 from the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board.

Ms. Wainwright pointed out timing-wise WRIA 34 and 35 are only a couple months apart and she could foresee some joint efforts in the future that could actually help the funding process.

No comments received in opposition to the proposed Plan.

The hearing was then adjourned.

Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to recommend signing a board order in support of the WRIA 35 Watershed Management Plan.

11:55 a.m. - Recess.

1:20 p.m. - Doug Robinson, District Court Judge.

067057 In the absence of Marlynn Markley, Judge Robinson requested authorization to purchase a desk for District Court using Trial Court

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Improvement Account funds for approximately \$1,400. Judge Robinson mentioned Superior Court Judge David Frazier had no objections to the request. Sharron Cunningham joined the meeting and reported funding was available in the account for this purpose. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the expenditure.

1:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D067057A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **July 9, 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 **July 16, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **9th day of July 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners