

BOCC MINUTES-07/09/12

073150 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 9, 2012** 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley.

073151 1. Items discussed included the 2013 budget call, 2012 budget amendment #2 notice, July 30<sup>th</sup> financial review, IT building AC unit, the future of Martin Hall, COA&HS appeal, Pullman Public Health roof repairs, Incident Team Workplace Violence survey, Planning Commission composition/vacancies/district representation, BOCC agenda and Senator Eugene Prince Road unveiling. No action taken.

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

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

Present: Eunice Coker, David Ledbetter, Gary Petrovich, Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Bill Spence, Joe Smillie and Kelli Hadley.

D073151A 3. **Motion** by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

073152 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **263820-263925, 263933-264061** and **264062-264083** for **\$964,738.47** approved.

073153 5. June 18, 2012 minutes approved.

073154-073162 6. Personnel change orders approved.

073163 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of hearing for budget amendment #2.

073164 8. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee (BRATC) and award the following 2012 Public Facilities (.09) grant projects. Commissioner O'Neill thanked the BRATC members for their hard work. All awardees were notified.

Uniontown Community Development Assoc./Food Processing/Retail Business-\$60,000.00  
City of Tekoa/Old City Shop Renovations for Incubator Companies-----\$26,775.00  
WC Rural Library/Community Enrichment Center and Business Incubator----\$75,000.00

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**073165** 9. A letter was received from Community, Counseling and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCC), the management service contractor for Martin Hall noting a 4% decrease in management services for 2013 totaling a \$69,064 overall savings to participating counties.

Commissioner O'Neill reported at the last Martin Hall meeting it was decided a decision will need be made at their September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting whether or not to keep Martin Hall open after 2012 and that must be a unanimous decision by the 9 member counties. He is working with Kim Kopf, Juvenile Administrator and will be meeting with the Nez Perce Tribe this week about housing juveniles. The concern by the Whitman County Commissioners is if Martin Hall closes its doors it will never reopen. If that happens, a new location for housing Whitman County juveniles must be sought. Martin Hall has been fantastic for all 9 counties who have gotten a good deal all these years and is the only facility like it in the state.

**073166** 10. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the resignation of David "Pete" Hertz from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. A letter of appreciation was forwarded to Mr. Hertz.

**073167** 11. A copy of the Town of Lamont's resolution requesting annexation to the Whitman County Rural Library District was received. The Clerk noted this item was reviewed by the County Prosecutor. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution calling for a special election for annexation by Lamont into the Whitman County Rural Library District.

**RESOLUTION NO. 073167**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE TOWN OF LAMONT SHALL JOIN AND BE ANNEXED TO THE WHITMAN COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lamont desires to declare its intention to be annexed to the Whitman County Rural Library District; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 27.12.360, the process of such annexation is initiated by an ordinance of the Town of Lamont Council stating the Town's intent to join the Whitman County Rural Library District and finding that the public interest will be served thereby; and,

WHEREAS, having reviewed the options for providing library services to the residents of the Town of Lamont, the Town of Lamont Council passed Resolution No. 2012-1 declaring its intent to join and be annexed to the Whitman County Rural Library District; and,

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Rural Library Board of Trustees concurred on June 12, 2012 to accept the Town of Lamont's request to seek annexation to the Library District; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 27.12.370 states, "The County legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution call a special election to be held in such city or town at the next date provided in RCW 29A.04.321, but not less than forty-five days from the date of the declaration of such finding"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners:

Section 1. The Whitman County Commissioners hereby call for a special election on November 6, 2012, pursuant to RCW 27.12.370; the Whitman County Auditor shall provide notice of the election as provided in RCW 29A.52.351.

Section 2. The Whitman County Auditor shall conduct the election in accordance with general election laws and the Whitman County Canvassing Board shall canvass the election.

Section 3. No person shall be entitled to vote at this election unless he/she is a qualified elector within the boundaries of the City of Lamont.

Section 4. The proposition to be submitted at the special election shall be in the form of a ballot title as follows:

**PROPOSITION**

**ANNEXATION OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT TO THE WHITMAN COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT**

Shall the Town of Lamont be annexed to and be a part of the Whitman County Rural Library District:

Yes  
No

Section 5. If a majority of persons voting on the annexation proposition vote in favor of annexation, the Town of Lamont shall be annexed to and constitute a part of the Whitman County Rural Library District effective as provided by law.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Board of the Whitman County Commissioners shall forward a copy of this resolution, as adopted, to the Whitman County Auditor, Town of Lamont Council and the Whitman County Rural Library District.

ADOPTED this 9th day of July 2012.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Denis Tracy  
County Prosecutor

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

**073168**    **12.** The commissioners were notified by Randy Baldree, WSU Extension Interim Director that Janet Schmidt has been reappointed as County Director for Whitman County Extension.

**073169**    **13.** Information was received from the Prosecutor regarding the possible cost of forming a water district in connection with the Hawkins project. Commissioner Partch and Gary Petrovich have had discussions with Port of Whitman staff regarding the formation and maintenance of a district.

**073170**    **14.** A letter was received from the State Board of Health acknowledging Dr. Brad Bowman as the newly appointed local Health Officer for Whitman County.

**073171**    **15.** An executed copy of DSHS #1163-31943(01) for DDD County Services was received (06/30/12).

**073172**    **16.** An executed copy of DSHS #1263-52726 for DDD County Services was received (06/30/13).

**073173**    **17.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:40 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Jeff Marshall, Dean Cornelison, Joe Smillie and Bill Spence.

ACTION ITEMS

**Engineering Division:**

**073174** 18. Chairman Partch convened the hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2013-2018) and requested a staff report.

Mr. Storey distributed a summarized version and detailed project information for the proposed plan. Having had a workshop previously with the Director, the commissioners were fully advised.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comments. There being none the hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to adopt the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2013-2018) be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the Matter of the Six-Year )  
Transportation Improvement ) **RESOLUTION NO. 073174**  
Program (2013-2018) )

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on the 9th day of July, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Public Hearing was published according to law and all present wishing to speak for or against said program have been heard; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer's Bridge Condition Report and the Road Priority Arrays were available to the Board of County Commissioners and were consulted during the preparation of the program in accordance with WAC 136-14-050 and WAC 136-20-060.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the attached Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program be adopted as presented.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2012.

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

**Yearly**

1. Miscellaneous Construction

**2013**

2. Run-Off Road and Intersection Safety Project-Guardrail
3. Run-Off Road and Intersection Safety Project-Tree Removal
4. Run-Off Road and Intersection Safety Project-Turning Lane and Signage
5. O'Donnell Road Re-Alignment
6. Hatley Bridge
7. Farmington Road Overlay

**2014**

8. Thorn Creek Road Overlay

**2015**

9. Almota Road
10. Warner Road Overlay

**2016**

11. Country Club Road
12. Pullman Airport Road
13. Pullman Airport Road

**2017**

14. Hume Road
15. Hume Road
16. Edmondson Bridge

**2018**

17. Hume Road
18. Almota Road
19. Green Hollow Road Curve
20. Green Hollow Road Grade
21. Blair Cut-Off Road
22. Green Hollow Road Intersection
23. Sand Road

**11:15 a.m.** - Alan Thomson.

**073175 19.** Chairman Partch convened the hearing for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2012-2017) and requested a staff report.

Mr. Storey explained the work being done in 2012 on the Colfax Airport Road and the Thorn Creek Road requires amending the Six-Year Program.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comments. There being none, the hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to adopt the amended Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2012-2017) be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Amended Six- )  
Year Transportation Improvement ) RESOLUTION NO. 073175  
Program (2012-2017) )

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on the 9th day of July, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Public Hearing was published according to law and all present wishing to speak for or against said amendment have been heard; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the attached Amended Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program be adopted as presented.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**073176** 20. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for the Colfax Airport Road project when authorization is received from the state.

**Maintenance Division:**

**073177** 22. The small works roster quote for residing the Lacrosse Shop was awarded to Dustin K Siding of Lewiston for \$23,100.

**D073177A** 23. According to Phil Meyer, the 2012 seal coating program is 50% complete. Work for the cities/towns/district will begin following the conclusion of seal coating.

**Administrative Division:**

**D073177B** 24. Adoption of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Policy was been postponed to July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Division:**

**073178** 25. Alan Thomson pointed out the Planning Commission will be meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss reducing the membership from 9 to 7 members. Even with 7 members, the Commission will still need the appointment of one member. Commissioner Largent raised the issue of whether or not to maintain equal representation in each county commissioner district. This question will also be addressed by the Planning Commission. Staff will also visit with the Prosecutor about this issue and report back to the Board in early August.

**11:40 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Milton Rowland, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey and Gary Petrovich.

**073179** 26. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 2:00 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(I) for matters related to litigation.

**3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.**

**D073179A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **July 9, 2012** 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, 2012**. The foregoing action made this **9th** day of **July 2012**.

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