

### Minutes for July 24, 2006

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**065691 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 24, 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.**

Present: Kelli Campbell and Sharron Cunningham.

**D065691A 1.** Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 9:30 a.m. for negotiation matters.

**9:30 a.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.**

**065692 2.** Items discussed included response to a Parks letter and an audit extension. No action taken.

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

**D065692A 3.** **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item #1-f-2. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

Present: Adam Roberts and Josh Powers.

**065693 4.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **193003-193153** for **\$212,122.70** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	80,937.85
101	Self Insurance	90.47
102	Building & Development	246.87
103	Countywide Planning	408.66
104	Developmental Services	36,577.09
110	County Roads	3,820.79
111	CETC Building	236.12
117	Boating Safety	337.00
118	Inmate Welfare	269.85
123	Paths & Trails	1,878.38
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	1,872.86

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135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	444.22
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	456.65
300	Capital Projects CIP-300.010.005	3,974.13
400	Solid Waste	5,287.47
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	72,888.48
513	Communications Revolving	2,396.81

**065694** 5. July 17, 2006 minutes approved.

**065695-065703** 6. Personnel board orders approved.

**10:05 a.m.** - Think Nguyen, Nathan Weller and Nathan Horter.

**065704** 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing notice of the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan hearing to be held August 7, 2006 at 11 a.m.

**065705** Not used.

**065706** 8. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a grant application data form for the Sheriff's U.S. Department of Justice Office Community Oriented Policing grant in the amount of \$1,658.85.

**065707** 9. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2006-07 Lacrosse school health contract.

**065708** 10. The County Road Administration Board forwarded information associated with the motor vehicle fuel tax allocation and County Arterial Preservation Program allocation factors for 2007.

**065709** 11. An executed copy of the FY2007 Wireless/Wireline operations contract #E07-026 was received.

**D065709A** 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**065710** 13. Adam Roberts explained that the three (3) hard drives for the "Edgar" system are currently at 98% capacity and need to be increased to keep the system operational. Edgar is the fileserver used by all departments to store files. Therefore, he recommended replacing all the hard drives for \$615.05. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the expenditure for Information Services as requested.

**10:15 a.m.** - Recess.

**11:00 a.m.** - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Brett Myers, Sharron Cunningham and Think Nguyen.

D065710A 14. The item discussed involved the Sheriff's Department staffing level. No action taken.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH).

065711 The Director distributed and reviewed the following GCBH issues.

D065711A 1. The Funding Allocation policy describes in narrative fashion the methodologies GCBH uses to distribute the different types of funding it receives. The policy needs to be updated to reflect the separation between Medicaid and State-only funding. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to support approval of the new GCBH Funding Allocation Policy.

D065711B 2. Recalling a briefing paper distributed in June, Mr. Berney said he was not a big fan of distributing funding based on perceived need. However, he felt there is very little choice and the other alternatives carry greater risk. It is almost certain that this funding approach will result in fewer outpatient services being available to residents within GCBH that are not on Medicaid. The Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee has again unanimously recommended trying this approach as the lesser of several evils and supports Options #7. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to support the allocations that reflect this new approach.

D065711C 3. The GCBH Board is remaining cautious as it studies in more depth a new East-side Evaluation and Treatment Facility. This does not actually authorize the creation of the Evaluation and Treatment Facility within GCBH but it allows for further exploration and tapping into state dollars appropriated for this purpose. Yakima Memorial Hospital presented information about the potential demand for this kind of service at the June Board meeting. Since then, Lourdes Psychiatric Hospital has presented information regarding changes they are making, how they are organized and the potential demand for this kind of service.

D065711D 4. The GCBH Board is considering three (3) new policies:

- 1) Professional Services Agreement Initiation,
- 2) 2) Employee Orientation, and
- 3) 3) Policy Approval and Review Process.

These policies are usually crafted to meet demands placed in GCBH's contracts with the Mental Health Division.

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**D065711E 5.** Mr. Berney did not anticipate any additional action at the July Board meeting regarding psychiatric inpatient usage in Benton and Franklin Counties.

**D065711F 6.** The GCBH Board is still interviewing for a new GCBH Director.

**D065711G 7.** Mr. Berney had no further information to report about the request received by the GCBH Regional Advisory Board that their chairperson be a voting member of the Board of Directors. GCBH legal council is researching the issue. Commissioner Partch said he was not in favor of this change.

**D065711H 8.** Lastly, the Director said it is anticipated Harvest House will move from its current home at the Palouse River Counseling Center into their newly remodeled location September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued.**

Present: Dane Dunford.

**D065711I 15.** Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 2:30 p.m. for personnel matters.

**2:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey and Julie Banks.

**065712-065714 16.** The item discussed was the proposed 6-year transportation improvement program. No action taken.

**3:30 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D065714A** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **July 24, 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 31, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **24th** day of **July 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