

Minutes for July 30, 2007

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067108 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 30, 2007** at **8:45 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G. R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:45 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell (9:00 a.m.) and Bob Reynolds (9:35 a.m.) and Bev Welch and Joel Gilrein (9:45 a.m.).

067109 1. Items addressed: JPAC update, Coroner's salary, County Promotional policy, document destruction and introduction of the State Examiner. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Jana Davidson and Adam Roberts.

D067109B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda with the deletion of items #1c1 and 1f1. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

067110 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **205954-205955** and **206020-206117** for **\$684,519.15** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	311.14	36,227.04
102	Building & Development		167.77
103	Countywide Planning		20.80
104	Developmental Services	2.68	
110	County Roads	7.41	307,328.92
114	Bulk Purchasing		1,787.95
118	Inmate Welfare	21.82	379.69
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		10,960.27
129	House Bill 3900-CASA		100.00
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant		10.90
137	Web Site Development		792.09
143	Trial Court Improvement-143.030.000		3,661.97
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001		3,919.21
400	Solid Waste	3,087.78	15,599.74
410	Solid Waste Reserve		1,446.00

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501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	325.26	217,632.42
513	Communications Revolving	36.19	755.31
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000		76,284.05
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001		3,652.74

067111 4. July 23, 2007 minutes approved.

067112-067120 5. Personnel board orders approved.

067121 6. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Chris Chapman, Bill Tensfeld and Pat Wilkins to 3-year terms on the Emergency Communication Advisory Committee (ECAC) as outlined.

067122 7. Adam Roberts presented an estimate for a dual processing computer to speed up the scanning processing time that currently can take hours to complete. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the use of Document Management funds, fund #300.010.006 514.90.3566 for the purchase of a dual processing/dual hard drive computer for the LaserFiche system in the amount of \$3,000.

067123 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign amendment #2 to the interlocal agreement with Spokane County for funding FY05 HLS Regional Homeland Security.

067124 9. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the FY06 interlocal agreement with Spokane County for funding the planning of the regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP).

067125 10. Notice of a request for a special occasion license submitted by Guardian Angel St. Boniface Catholic School was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request.

067125A 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Dan Gladwill and Jana Davidson.

Administration Division:

067126 1. A guardrail quote was awarded to Frank Gurney, Inc. for a total of \$18,680 through the small works roster process for 2 bridges.

Engineering Division:

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D067126A 2. Working on bridges, will be crushing this week at Doneen Quarry.

067127 3. Notice of a call for bids for Harlan Bridge forwarded for advertising as authorized 07/16/07.

067128 4. Notice of a call for bids for McNeilly Bridge forwarded for advertising as authorized 07/16/07.

Maintenance Division:

D067128A 5. Many crew members are taking time off to harvest and others are grading roads and performing various other road-related work.

Building Division:

067129 6. Dan Gladwill reviewed the 2nd quarter activity report presented to the Board last week.

D067129A 7. Mr. Gladwill completed a questionnaire from the Washington Surveying and Ratings Bureau regarding insurance and to determine how qualified the Building Department is for the community based on a scale of 1-10. This number is then used for determining insurance premiums within the county. The Bureau advised Mr. Gladwill Whitman County's ratings will go up and insurance premiums will go down as a result of his recent certifications.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Eunice Coker, Kelli Campbell and Sharron Cunningham.

D067129B 12. The Auditor's staffing level discussed. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

067130 1. Highlights from the June 7 and June 25 Board meetings included:

- Funding Formula (#3A) passed after much discussion as well as the Funding policy.
- Most contracts were tabled at the June 7th meeting. The GCBH Chair was authorized to sign the contracts at the June 25th meeting.
- GCBH Data Dictionary changes were approved.
- New procedures for managing hospital stays as of August 1st.

D067130A 2. There may be a possible funding formula appeal by Benton and Franklin Counties. Both counties pointed out under the formula passed (#3A)

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they had responsibility for 30.34% of the people eligible for the Medicaid Program but were receiving only 26.55% of the Medicaid dollars. They asked for and were granted the opportunity to present this information to the Funding Committee. There was extensive discussion on this issue and how it related to other aspects of the entire formula such as hold-harmless, previous year's formulas and counties becoming responsible for managing their inpatient costs within their own allocation. At the end of the discussion the Funding Committee voted to reaffirm their original recommendation to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to support the already passed funding formula.

D067130B 3. There are 4 policies listed on the agenda and slated for discussion/adoption at the next meeting involving minor wording changes. Mr. Berney will support adoption of all four policies on behalf of Whitman County.

D067130C 4. When the Mental Health Division put the service system out to bid they released a very extensive Request for Qualifications. In order to meet the requirements as stated in the RFQ, a plan was developed and implemented by GCBH that significantly expanded staffing at the Regional Office. GCBH's RFQ response was successful during the initial round of reviews. When the contracts for service delivery within the "new" system came out they did not include some of the requirements that had been listed in the RFQ. It was decided that the GCBH Personnel Committee would review Regional Office staffing and provide recommendations to the Director and the Board once the dust had somewhat settled. The Personnel Committee has completed their review and recommends the elimination of 2 permanent and 1 temporary position now and 1 additional temporary position when the issues around the Information Services Manager are resolved. Whitman County supports the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

D067130D 5. The contractor who remodeled the Regional Office submitted a letter disagreeing with the amount that should be paid to close out the contract. The GCBH attorney indicated the dollars paid coincides with the terms of the contract.

067131 6. The Chemical Dependency bridge contract signed by the Board 06/11/07 was withdrawn by the state. The state has since submitted new a new biennial contract. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign DSHS contract #0763-20365 as presented.

067132 7. A request was received to change the GCBH structure allowing the Regional Advisory Board Chair a vote on the Board of Directors. A letter has come from the Regional Advisory Board requesting this topic be taken up again. This issue was raised about a year ago. In the past there has been concern about having a voting member on the Board of Directors who does not represent a Member Government and who does not have the same

fiduciary stake in the system. There clearly is a political/system design component to the discussion.

8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign 3 resolutions as presented designating 3 Mental Health Professionals for Whitman County.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
DESIGNATED MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS UNDER RCW 71.05**

RESOLUTION NO. 067133

WHEREAS, Whitman County has responsibility for implementation of RCW 71.05 (Mental Illness) which mandates that a coordinated system of evaluation and treatment services be provided to involuntary patients and persons voluntarily seeking treatment for mental disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint LuAnn Nelson as Designated Mental Health Professional, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that LuAnn Nelson be appointed a Designated Mental Health Professional.

Done this 30th day of July 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

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WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint Sarah Trembley as Designated Mental Health Professional, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that Sarah Trembley be appointed a Designated Mental Health Professional.

Done this 30th day of July 2007.

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WHEREAS, the Director of Palouse River Counseling has petitioned this Board to appoint Anna Hernandez as Designated Mental Health Professional, finding that said appointee meets the requirements as specified by law.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that Anna Hernandez be appointed a Designated Mental Health Professional.

Done this 30th day of July 2007.

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2:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kathy Parker and Tammy Lewis (2:00 p.m.).

D067135A 13. The new Director of the Palouse Economic Development Council met the commissioners and discussed ADO issues. No action taken.

14. The following executed contracts received:

067136 Garfield 2007-08 school health service
067137 Guardian Angel St. Boniface 2007-08 school health service
067138 Lacrosse 2007-08 school health service
067139 Oakesdale 2007-08 school health service
067140 Palouse 2007-08 school health service
067141 Rosalia 2007-08 school health service
067142 Steptoe 2007-08 school health service
067143 Tekoa 2007-08 school health service
067144 WA Military Department #E06-049C Homeland Security
067145 WA Military Department #E06-049D Homeland Security
067146 WA Military Department #E07-156 Homeland Security
067147 Spokane County FY05 HLS Regional Homeland Security Amendment #3

3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D067147A Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **July 30, 2007** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **August 6, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **30th** day of **July 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners