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073209 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, July 30, 2012** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill, 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, Bob Reynolds, Chris Nelson, Bill Spence and Kelli Hadley.

073210 1. Items discussed included a financial update, CDBG-PS grant contract/grant forms, 2013 budget/position budgeting/long-term planning, liability insurance, Martin Hall, McKinstry status, IT building air-conditioning and sales tax sharing. No action taken.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

10:45 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Karen Johnson, Bob Reynolds, Chris Nelson, Bill Spence and Kelli Hadley.

D073210A 3. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

073211 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **264360-264384** and 264405-**264527** for **\$595,490.32** approved.

073212 5. July 16, 2012 minutes approved.

073213-073214 6. Personnel change orders approved.

073214A 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the county liability insurance quote of \$379,936 offered by WRCIP (Canfield) and moving to the higher deductibles. Commissioner O'Neill said the higher deductible will initially save the county \$92,000 but based on future claims, this entire amount may not be saved. He added local agent Les Ruhs has done a fabulous job for the county. Both WRCIP and WCRP were notified by Commissioner Largent of the Board's decision.

073215 7. Bob Reynolds reported that the air-conditioning units for the IT Building server room are not adequate. The units are too small and too old to meet the needs for this room. Through the small works roster process he obtained three quotes ranging from \$10,126-\$14,806. Mr. Reynolds pointed out updating the units are a 2012 budgeted item. He and the IT Director would like to further study the quotes before making a

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recommendation to the Board. A recommendation and decision will be rendered August 6th.

073216 8. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2nd quarter PDC report for the county lobbying.

073217-073219 9. Copies of correspondence related to Martin Hall were received and reviewed.

10. Executed copies of the following contracts received:

073220 Colton School District 2012-13 school health services
073221 Endicott School District 2012-13 school health services
073222 Lacrosse School District 2012-13 school health services
073223 Palouse School District 2012-13 school health services
073224 St. John School District 2012-13 school health services
073225 WSU interlocal agreement for Sheriff's services
073226 Secretary of State Imaging (848W-1302) (12/31/13)

073227 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

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

Present: Dan Gladwill, Bill Tensfeld, Karen Johnson, Bill Spence and Kelli Hadley.

Building Division:

073228 12. Mr. Gladwill distributed and reviewed the 2nd quarter Building Division report.

D073228A 13. First Wind is attempting to pour two windmill bases per day beginning at 12:30 a.m.

073229 14. A letter was received from the Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau notifying the county that Whitman County has improved from Class 4 to 3 for one and two family residential properties and from Class 4 to 3 for commercial and industrial properties. Mr. Storey said this means residents of the county are paying a little less for structure insurance.

Administrative Division:

073230 15. Notice of the 2013 motor fuel excise tax and County Arterial Preservation Program allocation factors for 2013 was received from the County Road Administration Board and reviewed by the Director.

Planning Division:

D073230A 16. In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Partch, Mr. Storey said Planning Department revenue is currently able to offset department cost.

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Maintenance Division:

D073230B 17. The Director mentioned chip sealing and seal coating work on county roads has been completed. Crews are now finishing up with work for the cities/towns.

D073230C 18. Mr. Storey reported that the county experienced flood damage mostly in District I and a little in District 3 totaling approximately \$15,000 countywide. Flood damage work should also be completed this week.

Solid Waste Division:

073231 19. A draft Solid Waste Disposal ordinance was received from the Director. According to Special Deputy Prosecutor Susan Drummond revisions need to be made to the proposed ordinance and the revised document will be forwarded to the commissioners for review. A hearing date of September 10th has been set aside.

D073231A 20. Mr. Storey said the transition from Waste Management to Allied to haul solid waste has been relatively smooth. There have been a few hiccups but overall the department is very pleased with the contractor.

D073231B 21. The Director noted David Nails is still trying to make contact with the City of Palouse Maintenance person about their chipping program.

Engineering Division:

073232 22. Lastly, the Director said approval has been received from the state for the Colfax Airport Road and a notice of call for bids for this project has been sent to the newspaper.

11:30 a.m. - Monthly Financial Review.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Cinnamon Brown, David Ledbetter, Eunice Coker, Fran Martin, Gary Petrovich, Mark Storey, Robin Cocking, Sonya Goldsby, Karen Johnson, Bill Tensfeld, Bill Spence and Kelli Hadley.

Excused: Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell and Tim Myers.

073233 23. The monthly financial report provided by Mr. Petrovich and Mr. Ledbetter.

Current Expense 2012 Expenditures thru 06/30/12-\$ 5,634,632.85 or 40%
Current Expense 2011 Expenditures thru 12/31/11-\$12,385,066.80

Current Expense 2012 Cash Balance thru 07/30/12-2,929,488.39
Current Expense 2011 Cash Balance thru 07/30/12-1,789,943.68

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Current Expense 2012 Revenue thru 06/30/12-\$ 7,120,890 or 15.17%
Current Expense 2011 Revenue thru 12/31/11-\$11,658,666

11:50 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order/Board Business.

Present: Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health/Palouse River Counseling.

073234 24. Mr. Berney briefed the commissioners on the August 4th GCBH Board meeting agenda items.

D073234A 25. Support Network Mergers:

Grant County seems very interested in joining GCBH. They have made 2 presentations, one to the Board of Directors and one to the Funding Committee. Grant County is concerned about the governance structure if they were to join Spokane RSN. If Grant County joins GCBH it looks like our rates would decrease, on average, about 3% (when Skamania County leaves GCBH's average rate should increase about 1%). Chelan/Douglas RSN would prefer to remain as their own Regional Support Network as their first choice. However they do not currently meet the minimum number of covered lives so it will depend on whether or not the State wants to push the issue or not. Mr. Berney made a slight recommendation that Whitman County support admission if Grant County formally requests membership.

D073234B 26. Yakima County's Request for a Delegation Contract:

In the recently approved Medicaid and State-only contract amendments the State included very specific language prohibiting contracting with non-mental health licensed entities. The amendment does make provisions for Regional Support Networks to contractually delegate duties to a non-licensed entity but it must be for things that the RSN cannot do. (The State's pretty clear intent was to decrease administrative layers/cost and have RSNs look even more like insurance companies.) Since Benton and Franklin Counties recently turned over contracting/review duties to GCBH this amendment only affects Yakima County within our RSN. Yakima County is in the process of developing a list of those activities they would like delegated to them and how much that would cost. It did not appear to Mr. Berney or GCBH's legal counsel that the duties Yakima County would like provided meets the State's understanding of what delegation clause would typically cover. Theoretically Yakima County could join an RSN like Chelan-Douglas but he doubted the State would allow that. Despite the difficult position it puts Yakima County in, Mr. Berney recommended Whitman County not support a delegation agreement between them and GCBH.

D073234C 27. Walla Walla Penalty for not Submitting Service Data:

Walla Walla was penalized (5% of 3 monthly payments) for being significantly out of compliance for submitting data by the GCBH Board of

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Directors as they transitioned to a new information system. After a request by Walla Walla to review the penalty, due to a Regional Office staff issue, the Board decided, based on a recommendation from the Funding Committee, to return 2 months' worth of penalty payments but to allow the third month to remain. Walla Walla sent a letter to the Board Chair requesting the third month penalty also be returned to them. As part of this process a very extensive and expensive review of this issue was conducted by the software developer under contract with GCBH and presented to the Funding Committee. Without going into excruciating detail the analysis showed that in every instance where there was any question about expectations/understandings Walla Walla was given the benefit of the doubt. Even with that, the recommendation was that the penalty for the third month was appropriate (consistency argument). Mr. Berney recommended Whitman County continue to support the Funding Committee recommendation and deny the request from Walla Walla to return the penalty associated with the third month.

1:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D073234D Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **July 30, 2012** 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, 2012**. The foregoing action made this **30th** day of **July 2012**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners