

## Minutes for August 18, 2008

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**068547 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch and Greg Partch, 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.) and Sharron Cunningham (9:45 a.m.).

**068548 1.** Items discussed included evaluations, annual leave, Administrative staffing, WSAC fiscal Health meeting and Whitcom tower update. No action taken.

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

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

**D068548A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**068549 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **218910-219067** for **\$260,089.89** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	87,949.44
109	Homeless Housing	9,071.25
110	County Roads	32,466.09
111	CETC Building	275.35
115	Hotel/Motel Tax	1,622.24
117	Boating Safety	312.11
118	Inmate Welfare	381.71
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	558.65
132	Auditors' Document Preservation	3,220.00
134	Elections Reserve Fund	3,966.27
136	Electronic Monitoring	245.50
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060	2,111.58
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001	2,401.11
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	16,908.39
400	Solid Waste	16,908.39
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	81,476.34
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,166.74

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660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	10,397.25
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	3,741.24

068550 4. August 11, 2008 minutes approved.

068551-068561 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Joe Smillie.

068562 6. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for professional nursing services with Amy DeGon (07/31/09).

068563 7. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the signing of a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 068071 that authorized a \$50,000 interfund loan to the City of Tekoa.

**RESOLUTION NO. 068563**  
**OF**  
**THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tekoa requested an interfund loan to cover city street maintenance for 2008 and a portion of 2009 on April 14, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County Commissioners approved an interfund loan to the City of Tekoa of \$50,000 on April 14, 2008, Resolution No. 068071; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tekoa returned Whitman County Treasurer's check No. 10826 for \$50,000, the City having decided to fund street maintenance through other means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 068071 GRANTING AN INTERFUND LOAN TO THE CITY OF TEKOA for \$50,000 IS RESCINDED.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Michael Largent, Chairman

ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

**068564** 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an amendment with WSU extending the term of the Effectiveness Study agreement #110761-002 to 09/30/08.

**068565** 9. Copies of the LIFT application Executive Summary and PowerPoint presentation were received from Kara Riebold.

**068566** 10. Parks Director Tim Myers sent Gary Wargo, Lacrosse School District a letter of appreciation for the schools donation of used bleacher planks for the Parks Department.

**068567** 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:30 a.m. - Denis Tracy, County Prosecutor.**

**D068567A** 12. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 11:00 a.m. concerning a potential litigation matter.

**11:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Mark Storey, Public Works Director.**

Present: Phil Meyer, Dan Gladwill, Doug Robinson and Joe Smillie.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**068568** 1. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Annual Construction Program for 2008 be approved as amended.

**Building Division:**

**068569** 2. The 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Building Department activity report was received and reviewed.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D068569A** 3. According to Phil Meyer, crews are working on Flightline Drive today and will complete the work for the City of Tekoa Wednesday, weather permitting. After these two projects are finished, the county will have completed all oiling commitments for 2008.

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**D068569B 4.** Once the weather cools down, it is possible the reduced speed limit on the Almota Road could be lifted.

**Engineering Division:**

**D068569C 5.** Girders will soon be put in place on the Harlan and Allert Bridges.

**11:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Administrative Services.**

Present: Bev Divine, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Denis Tracy, Doug Robinson, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Kim Kopf, Mark Storey, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie.

**068570** The July 2008 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

July 2008 Cash Balance - \$2,996,248

July 2007 Cash Balance - \$3,065,189

July 2008 Revenue - \$6,524,187 - 53.54% of budget.

July 2007 Revenue - \$6,835,492 - 52.07% of budget.

July 2008 Expenditures \$6,555,632 - 53.29% of budget.

July 2007 Expenditures \$6,339,028 - 48.01% of budget.

**11:45 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Tim Myers, Jeremy Cross and Dave Mahan (1:30 p.m.).

**D068570A 13.** Items discussed included Parks and Developmental Services updates. No action taken.

**2:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**D068570B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Greg Partch and G.R. Finch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**2:00 p.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Fran Martin.**

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Present: Fran Martin, Michael Baker, Cinnamon Brown, Kerry Jones and Royce Fontenot, Tammy Bailey and Barbara Coradini.

**D068570C 1.** Ms. Martin introduced Mr. Jones and Mr. Fontenot of the National Weather Service stating both men have been invaluable to Whitman County and are a real asset to the Department of Emergency Management.

The Director then reported on the status of the Rock Lake area fire noting 6 strike teams are on scene with 4-5 trucks and crew members. The fire mobilization team will arrive at 4 p.m. today to change command and take over incident management with the potential of moving the command base currently located at the intersection of Belsby Road and Rock Lake Road to either the Cheney or St. John High School. Food, port-a-potties and hand washing stations are being provided; the Sheriff's command post vehicle and the communications trailer have been deployed to the scene. Had it not been for the rain, the fire could have been much worse in which case Ms. Martin said she would have requested the commissioners declare a state of emergency.

Weatherwise, Mr. Jones reported a wide spread front is approaching for tomorrow (Wednesday) with up to 1/4" of rain and some wind.

Chairman Largent expressed his appreciation to all involved and was very impressed with the degree of organization.

**D068570D 2.** Public Health staff mentioned to date, 52 cars are registered for the crushing program, there has been an increase in bat calls to the department, and the on-site sewage program is currently stagnant.

**2:30 p.m. - Recess.**

**2:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Fran Martin and Michael Baker.

**D068570E 14.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 3:00 p.m. for contract negotiations.

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

**3:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Verle Hill and David Goldsmith, Washington Counties Risk Pool.

**D068570F 15.** The representatives discussed services provided by their Risk Pool. No action taken.

4:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

**D068570G** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **August 18** and **19, 2008** 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 25, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **19th** day of **August 2008**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER  
ss/ G.R. FINCH, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners