

## Minutes for August 21, 2006

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**065782 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **August 21, 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/BOCC Workshop.**

**065783 1.** On update on WCIF presented by Chairman. No action taken.

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

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

Present: Kelli Campbell.

**D065783A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**065784 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **194012-194030** and **194153-194268** for **\$439,443.57** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	38,049.80	8,187.60	49,263.86
102	Building & Development	1,229.20		200.00
103	Countywide Planning	1,196.40		
104	Developmental Services			35,175.33
110	County Roads	13,570.80	2,550.00	23,851.02
111	CETC Building			85.80
112	Public Facilities Improvement			10,088.27
117	Boating Safety			1,166.39
123	Paths & Trails			2,831.11
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00		294.91
137	Web Site Development			50.53
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001			961.22
400	Solid Waste	3,828.40		131,505.89
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,544.80	450.00	14,745.92
513	Communications Revolving			512.97
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			48,426.12
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001			46,277.24

**065785 4.** August 14, 2006 minutes approved.

**065786-065791 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

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**065792** 6. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign letters to the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee establishing term limits/term expirations.

**10:10 a.m.** - Thinh Nguyen.

**065793** 7. Kelli Campbell recommended signing a memorandum of understanding with the Deputy Sheriff's Association for calculating overtime. The process proposed is allowable by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to have the Chairman sign the Deputy Sheriff's Association memorandum of understanding for calculating overtime.

**065794** 8. Commissioner Partch indicated that the Whitcom Board has renegotiated the City of Moscow's contract for dispatch services for a term of 2 years. Therefore, Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the contract with the City of Moscow as presented.

**065795** 9. A copy of a letter sent to Robert Brown of Pullman was received from Tim Myers concerning parking fees at county parks.

**065796** 10. Information pertaining to the proposed Brannan/Brelsford annexation to the City of Pullman received.

11. Executed copies of the following documents received:

**065797** WSDOT Sunshine Trailhead and

**065798** WSDOT Palouse Scenic Byway.

**D065798A** 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m.** - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer and Thinh Nguyen.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Administration Division:**

**065799** 1. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for one new four-door sedan to Paradise Ford in the total bid amount of \$13,439.50 without tax.

**065800** 2. The contract with Paradise Ford was also signed.

**Engineering Division:**

**065801** 3. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Airport Road be signed as presented.

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**065802** 4. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Almota Road be signed as presented.

**065803** 5. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and Seubert Excavators, Inc. for crushing at the Morasch Quarry be signed as presented.

**D065803A** 6. The Engineer reported on the status of the Almota Road project that is now in full swing.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D065803B** 7. Phil Meyer stated general maintenance work continues; striping will begin after Labor Day.

**11:25 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Kim Kopf, Tim Myers, Denis Tracy, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Peggy Wright, Bob Reynolds, Eileen Roe, Mark Storey and Think Nguyen.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Fran Martin, Bev Welch and Dane Dunford.

**065804** The July 2006 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

July 2006 Cash Balance - \$1,963,333

July 2005 Cash Balance - \$1,353,802

July 2006 Revenue - \$5,821,246 - 50.88% of budget.

July 2005 Revenue - \$5,081,590 - 50.68% of budget.

July 2006 Expenditures \$5,709,233 - 51.02% of budget.

July 2005 Expenditures \$5,199,347 - 51.18% of budget.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, PRCC/GCBH.**

**065805** 1. Mr. Berney explained proposed new (PHIP and State) contracts for public Mental (MH) Health services between DSHS-MHD and GCBH. Awarding of new contracts is the last step in the process that began with the MHD's RFQ for the delivery of public mental health services in Washington. The contract term is September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it

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**carried** to authorize the GCBH Board Chair to sign both new contracts for public MH services.

**D065805A 2.** Additional proposed new contracts (PHIP and State) for public MH services between GCBH and member governments/providers discussed. This is the step that takes certain contract terms from item #1 and passes them contractually to the member governments/providers. An item in this proposed contract states, "Post a multilingual notice that advises consumers that all written materials are available in Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese". This is going to be very difficult/expensive to comply and will provide for very little actual benefit to consumers. Chairman Finch suggested using GCBH as the access point for all written materials in various languages. When the information is needed, it could be accessed on line from GCBH. All member governments/providers would still be providing the same services and any updates would be handled through the GCBH office. In this way, the member governments would be following the intent of the law; the information would also be current and more economically workable, especially for the smaller counties. Mr. Berney thought the Chairman's suggestion was a very workable plan. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to vote against authorizing the GCBH Board Chair to sign these contracts if this language remains in the contract.

**D065805B 3.** PATH contract amendments for Lourdes and CWCMH, Pathways MICA contract with CWCMH and Jail Services contract with Lourdes are scheduled for the August 24<sup>th</sup> GCBH meeting. These contracts are for specialized programs in Benton, Franklin, and Yakima Counties and are housekeeping in nature. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to support authorizing the GCBH Chair to sign these contracts/amendments.

**D065805C 4.** The focus of a new eastside Evaluation and Treatment Facility has shifted back to Spokane County as a proposed site.

**D065805D 5.** Approval of fourteen new and/or revised policies will be discussed at the August 24<sup>th</sup> GCBH Board meeting. Mr. Berney had not seen the new/revised wording for these policies but was told it was possible to simplify some of the policies because a number of the requirements placed in the RFQ were not transferred to the new contracts as had been expected. No action required at this time.

**D065805E 6.** For many years the psychiatric inpatient usage in Benton and Franklin Counties, as measured by bed days used per 1,000 of population, has been much higher than anywhere else within Greater Columbia. This much higher than average usage impacts the other GCBH Counties and it is likely this impact will be increasing. Benton and Franklin Counties have been asked to develop a plan on how they will address this issue. There is an agenda item regarding this topic but Mr. Berney was not aware of any formal action taking place at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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**D065805F 7.** GCBH is researching the cost of using a recruiter for the new GCBH Director position. There are several other RSNs looking for Directors, Pierce and Spokane County being two of the largest. Mr. Berney anticipated a report on the cost of using a recruiter in this effort at the next meeting. No action required at this time.

**D065805G 8.** Mr. Berney had no additional information regarding the request by the GCBH Regional Advisory Board that the chairperson be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

**D065805H 9.** The fiscal review by the Regional Office has been rescheduled to September 29<sup>th</sup>, the independent audit for Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC) should be completed and presented to PRCC Board September 19<sup>th</sup> and PRCC has been re-licensed for another 3 years.

**2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Kelli Campbell, Fran Martin (2:00 p.m.), Thinh Nguyen and Bob Reynolds (2:30 p.m.).

**D065805I 13.** Items discussed included an emergency communications position and fair volunteers. No action taken.

**3:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**D065805J THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **August 24 2006 at 2:30 p.m.** G.R. Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**2:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Kelli Campbell (2:30 p.m.) and Gary and Valerie Hunt (via telephone-4:00 p.m.).

**D065805K 14.** Items discussed included salary schedule rounding and medical insurance. No action taken.

**D065805L 15.** Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 5:00 p.m. for negotiation matters.

**4:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjournment.**

**D065805M** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **August 21 and 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 **August 28, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **24th** day of **August 2006**.

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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