

Minutes for August 27, 2007

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067219 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **August 27, 2007** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Marlynn Markley (9:00 a.m.).

067220 1. The following issues were discussed: District Court staffing level, insurance rating, Sheriff's vehicle request, DNR name change response, Information Services procedures, state audit status and Parks Department budget request. No action taken.

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

Present: Janet Schmidt.

D067220A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

067221 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **206948** and **207145-207232** for **\$314,552.46** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	530.02	52,472.09
101	Self Insurance		7,500.00
102	Building & Development		220.34
103	Countywide Planning		61.93
104	Developmental Services		688.87
110	County Roads		4,295.89
117	Boating Safety	6.24	
118	Inmate Welfare	22.71	
123	Paths & Trails		513.42
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant		222.89
143	Trial Court Improvement-143.030.000		103.37
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001		1,310.56
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001		561.38
300	Capital Projects CIP-300.010.005		189.95
400	Solid Waste	2,965.15	125,850.23
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	333.84	48,156.57
510	Photocopier Revolving		1,590.12
513	Communications Revolving		515.85

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660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000		59,757.14
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001		6,683.90

067222 4. August 20, 2007 minutes approved.

067223-067233 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Joe Smillie.

067234 6. Janet Schmidt explained that the Colton-Uniontown 4-H Club received a grant from the Earth Science Research Institute to conduct Geo-Hunt (GPS/GIS) activities at the 2007 Palouse Empire Fair. In doing so, the 4-H Club would like the commissioners to declare September 7, 2007 as GPS/GIS Day in Whitman County. Having no objections, Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to proclaim Friday, September 7, 2007 as GPS/GIS Day at the Palouse Empire Fair.

**PROCLAMATION FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007
GPS/GIS DAY AT THE PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR**

Whereas, the WSU-Whitman County 4-H Club C.U. There is enrolled in the GPS/GIS Project and

Whereas, the same club is the recipient of an ESRI Grant to record historical sites in Colton and Uniontown using GPS technology and

Whereas, the same club will be organizing and conducting beginning, intermediate and advanced "Geo-Hunt" activities at the 2007 Palouse Empire Fair.

Therefore be it resolved that Friday, September 7, 2007 will be proclaimed GPS/GIS Day at the Palouse Empire Fair.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Janet Schmidt, Director
WSU/Whitman County Extension

Greg Partch, Chairman

/s/ Deborah Niehenke, Leader
C.U. There 4-H Club

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

067235 7. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2007-2009 Interagency agreement #IAA08061 with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Whitman County Juvenile Court for the CASA program as presented (06/30/09).

067236 8. An email was received from Patti Von Bargaen of Whitcom passing on information pertaining to the outstanding performance displayed by Whitcom personnel during an incident that involved Asotin County and South Korea.

067237 9. A letter of thanks was received from Colfax residents for the fantastic paving job performed by the county to the alley between Valleyview and Southview.

10. Executed copies of the following documents received:

067238 Spokane County FY05 HLS Regional Homeland Security amendment #2.

067239 Spokane County FY 2006 LETPP.

067240 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Joe Poire, Port of Whitman.

Present: Sharron Cunningham and Joe Smillie.

067241 1. Mr. Poire' requested 50% of a \$36,000 expense (\$18,000) from .09 Public Facilities funds to help offset the ADO Coordinator's increased hours, wages and expenses over the 2-year contract period. Chairman Partch explained funding would not be available until the county goes through the budget amendment process. According to Sharron Cunningham, that process should be completed by the end of September. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution authorizing the Port of Whitman's request for \$18,000 in .09 economic development funds.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PORT OF)
WHITMAN'S REQUEST FOR .09) RESOLUTION NO. 067241
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS)

WHEREAS, the Port of Whitman was designated as Whitman County's 2007-2009 Associate Development Organization (ADO); and,

WHEREAS, in doing so, the Port of Whitman has increased the ADO Coordinator's hours, wages and expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Whitman is requesting \$18,000 in additional financial assistance from the County to offset these expenses, over and above the

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amount they will received from the Department of Trade, Community and Economic Development for providing ADO services; and,

WHEREAS, the 2007 Legislature authorized an additional 1/10 of 1% for economic development, thereby increasing the Public Facilities monies received from the state from .08 to .09, taking effect in Whitman County August 1, 2007 (Whitman County Commissioner #067016); and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Whitman County Commissioners authorize \$18,000 from .09 funds to the Port of Whitman to be used as stated above for the 2007-2009 ADO contract term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this expenditure will be paid using County Commissioner authorized .09 Economic Development funds **112.012.000 598.5_._**
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Dated this 27th day of August 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Michael Largent, Commissioner

D067241A 2. Mr. Poire' invited the commissioners to attend a September 11th meeting at 1 p.m. at the Port office regarding rail governance. The state purchased the short lines and has 18 months to transfer these lines to another entity such as a port district or specially established entity. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss where this fits into the Port's priorities.

067242 3. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt a resolution for the Port of Whitman County (reaffirming the Commissioners' decision of February 12, 2007 to authorize \$12,500 for matching funds for the Port's Green Grid Feasibility Study).

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PORT OF)
WHITMAN COUNTY GREEN GRID PRJECT)**

RESOLUTION NO. 067242

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WHEREAS, the Port of Whitman is applying for a \$50,000 grant from the state Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for a Green Grid Feasibility Study; and,

WHEREAS, the Port of Whitman has requested \$12,500 from Whitman County to be used in combination with an additional \$12,500 from the Port of Whitman as matching funds for said grant; and,

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2007, Whitman County Commissioner #066532 authorized the Port's matching funds request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Whitman County Commissioners reaffirm their decision of February 12, 2007 authorizing \$12,500 to the Port of Whitman to be used as matching funds for the CERB Green Grid Feasibility Study grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this expenditure will be paid using County Commissioner authorized .09 Public Facilities funds 112.01.000 598.58.5202.

Dated this 27th day of August 2007.

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ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
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Michael Largent, Commissioner

D067242A 4. Mr. Poire' provided an update on the status of the Isothermal Research (ISR) Building at the Port's Industrial Park in Pullman. A division of the company (Spray Cool) in Pullman and 40 jobs were lost, which is a tragedy. Most of those employees relocated to Spokane. What few former employees remained in the area are already employed elsewhere. ISR continues to pay rent to the Port. They have a lease until 2014 and have every intention of honoring their contractual obligations. Two employees remain working at the Pullman facility.

10:55 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

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067243 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the bid for one new 2008 4-WD, mid-size utility vehicle be awarded to Chipman and Taylor for a total bid amount of \$23,613.69.

067244 2. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation, Inc. for the McNeilly Bridge project be signed as presented.

Engineering Division:

D067244A 3. Girders were set on the Staley #3 Bridge last Friday; Doneen Quarry crushing project has been completed; contractor for the McNeilly Bridge will begin tomorrow.

11:05 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey and Mark Bordsen.

D067244B 12. A Joint Planning Advisory Committee issue was discussed.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Bill Zehner, First Investors.

067245 Mr. Zehner presented a Deferred Compensation (457) Plan he would like to offer to county employees. The commissioners will visit with the Human Resources Director before making any decision.

1:45 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Mike Berney, Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC)/Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

067246 1. Highlights from the August 2nd/August 22nd GCBH Board meetings.

- Funding formula #3A changed to funding formula #4A.
- Reduction of staff at the Regional Office confirmed.
- An amendment to the Mental Health Block Grant shifting \$52,000+ from Benton and Franklin Counties to Yakima, Kittitas, and Klickitat Counties was authorized. This change allows these funds to be utilized for services rather than being returned to the State.
- New procedures for managing hospital stays as of August 1st have begun.

D067246A 2. Due to the time crunch that occurred when passing the GCBH 2007-2009 budget, the Board requested the Funding Committee review several portions of the proposed budget in greater detail and report back before

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significant money was spent out of those areas. The Funding Committee completed their review and is recommending the restrictions on the budget be removed except for capital and training (i.e. Peer Counselors) areas. In those two areas the recommendation is that specific projects be brought to the Board for their approval.

D067246B 3. Review of GCBH policies. There are 12 policies listed on the agenda slated for discussion/adoption at the Board meeting. Most are policies that are being renewed. Mr. Berney had not seen final drafts of the new policies but what he did review did not seem to be too problematic.

D067246C 4. Biennial PHIP and State-Only contracts. In the mental health system the State decided to amend/extend the 2005-2007 biennium contracts for an additional 3 months. Contracts for 2007-2009 (October 1, 2007-September 30, 2009) have been received. These include PHIP (Medicaid) and State-Only contracts between the State and GCBH and then similar contracts between GCBH and Member Governments/Providers. If GCBH wants to remain in the public mental health business these contracts must be signed. Whitman County was in support of the GCBH Board Chair signing these contracts.

D067246D 5. Professional services agreement. This agreement would allow payment to Lutheran Social Services NW to provide Wraparound Training to other providers within GCBH. This begins implementation for part of the Clinical Initiatives Plan GCBH has with the State. Whitman County supported authorizing the GCBH Board Chair to sign this agreement.

D067246E 6. Request to change the GCBH governance structure to allow the Regional Advisory Board Chair a vote on the Board of Directors. It was requested that this topic be removed from the August agenda and placed on the September agenda. 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 Member Governments and who does not have the same fiduciary stake in the system. There clearly is a political/system design component to the discussion. Whitman County reaffirmed its earlier direction that only representatives of Member Governments should be able to vote on the Advisory Board.

067247 7. An executed copy of the Chemical Dependency 07/01/07-06/30/09 biennial contract #0763-20365 received.

D067247A 8. Mr. Berney gave an update on the status of the Pierce County Regional Support Network. If no other RSN takes over management of the Pierce County Mental Health system the state will be responsible for doing so.

2:15 p.m. - Adjournment.

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D067247B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **August 27, 2007** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **September 4, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **August 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
CLERK OF THE BOARD

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS