

Minutes for August 31, 2009

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069845 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, August 31, 2009** at **8:45 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:45 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/Executive Session.

Present: Denis Tracy (8:45 a.m.).

069846 1. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 9:05 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for litigation matters.

9:10 a.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Maribeth Becker, Joe Smillie (9:10 a.m.), Fran Martin (9:30 a.m.) and Joe Reynolds and Kelli Campbell (9:45 a.m.)

069847 2. Items discussed included BOCC meetings, Ewan Fire, and I-1033 impacts. No action taken.

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

Present: Bob Reynolds and Joe Smillie.

D069847A 3. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

069848 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **231309-231321, 231360, 231398-231403, 231553-231566** and **231569-231713** for **\$474,662.95** approved.

| FUND | FUND NAME | AMOUNT | AMOUNT | AMOUNT | AMOUNT |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 001 | Current Expense | 47,075.38 | 6,812.80 | 21.39 | 90,903.80 |
| 101 | Self Insurance | | | | |
| 102 | Building & Development | 1,659.60 | | 109.99 | |
| 103 | Countywide Planning | 4,799.40 | | 327.02 | |
| 104 | Developmental Services | | | 41,702.36 | 785.80 |
| 110 | County Roads | 13,265.40 | 1,657.40 | 245.09 | |
| 111 | CETC Building | | | | 412.14 |
| 112 | Public Facilities Improvement | | | | 9,336.00 |
| 114 | Bulk Purchasing-Software | | | | 1,207.20 |
| 117 | Boating Safety | | | | 467.06 |
| 120 | Historical Preservation | | | | 5,811.00 |

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| 121 | County Bulk Purchasing | | | | 1,740.98 |
| 123 | Paths/Trails-BCPT 123.310.001 | | | | 586.58 |
| 126 | Treasurer's O&M | | | | 264.11 |
| 127 | Drug Enforcement-Quad City | 400.00 | | | 4,412.71 |
| 128 | Crime Victims/Witness-Pros. 000 | 350.00 | | | |
| 135 | Prosecutor's Stop Grant | 150.00 | | | |
| 144 | Emerg. Communicat. 144.260.001 | 250.00 | | | 2,609.66 |
| 300 | CIP Asset Acquisit. 300.010.001 | | | | 3,235.08 |
| 300 | CIP Cap. Projects 300.010.005 | | | | 469.79 |
| 300 | CIP Doc. Managem. 300.010.006 | | | | 9,297.50 |
| 320 | CIP Bond 2002 320.010.001 | | | | 233.49 |
| 400 | Solid Waste | | | 119,537.52 | |
| 501 | Equipment Rental & Revolving | 4,697.40 | 350.00 | 31,355.38 | 136.48 |
| 513 | Communications Revolving | | | | 1,595.64 |
| 660 | Whitcom-General 660.911.000 | | | | 59,159.57 |
| 660 | Whitcom-Grant 660.911.001 | | | | 6,761.06 |
| 690 | Clearing Fund 690.002.000 | | 402.13 | | |

069849 5. August 17, 2009 minutes approved.

069850-069866 6. Personnel board orders approved.

069867 7. After consulting with the Prosecutor, Bob Reynolds recommended awarding the Harrison Building roof bid to All Surface Roofing and Waterproofing, Inc., Spokane, WA in the amount of \$105,571.00 without tax or building permit fees. He noted the bid from Royal Roofing, Pasco, WA did not meet specifications and was therefore rejected. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for the Harrison Building roof to All Surface Roofing and Waterproofing, Inc. for \$105,571.00 without tax or building permit fees.

8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2009-10 School Health Nurse contracts as presented.

- 069868** Colfax School District #300
- 069869** Colton School District #306
- 069870** Endicott School District #308
- 069871** Garfield School District #302
- 069872** Guardian Angel/St. Boniface
- 069873** Lacrosse School District #126
- 069874** Oakesdale School District #324
- 069875** Palouse School District #301
- 069876** St. John School District #322
- 069877** Tekoa School District #265

069878 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2009-11 Secretary of State Local Records grant for the Commissioners' office.

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069879 10. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a grant data application form for the 2009-11 Secretary of State Local Records grant.

069880 11. A credit card request for Developmental Services was received from Tim Myers. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the credit card request and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Bank of Whitman.

069881 12. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to regretfully accept John Goyke's resignation from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee. A letter of appreciation was forwarded to Mr. Goyke.

069882 13. Notification was received from Kelli Campbell stating David Nails has been transferred within the Classification Committee from the Solid Waste bargaining unit position to the solid Waste Management/Non-Represented position.

14. The following executed documents received:

069883 Administrative Office of the Courts Interagency agreement #IAA10150

069884 Interlocal agreement for services to be furnished by Kittcom

069885 Interlocal agreement for services to be furnished by Whitman County

069886 CRAB Rural Arterial Program for Colfax Airport Road

069887 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Community Education Training Center (CETC) Building.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Mark Storey, Joe Reynolds, Bob Lothspeich and Joe Smillie.

D069887A Bob Reynolds advised the commissioners that a check has been received from the insurance company for storm damages to the swine barn at the Fairgrounds. Since the damages fell into the catastrophic category the deductible was waived.

Mark Storey reported that the information received from the insurance company due to storm damages sustained to the CETC Building was not much of a surprise. Two areas of the building are currently being studied; 1) structural (frame) and 2) geotechnical (foundation). The engineers are 1/2-2/3 through the studies.

In summary, the structural engineers said repairs can be made to the trusses partly damaged by the snow load. There is some question as to how capable the trusses were prior to the storm. Although some problems

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caused by the storm lead us to believe the building is not in as good of shape as it was previously and highly susceptible to this happening again with the same snow load levels. There is a good likelihood the insurance company would pay some or most of the costs of these repairs.

The second part of the study deals with the geotechnical issues. The study reveals long term settlement of at least a portion of the foundation contributed to worsening of the structural areas. Some of the settlement caused deflection of the roof trusses which actually worsened the damages. Therefore, to a certain degree, the geotechnical issue contributed to the structural damages sustained to the building. The insurance company said the county does not have a very good chance of being compensated for the geotechnical issues because they were more long-term.

Estimating full repairs to both the structural and geotechnical areas is approximately \$100,000-\$125,000; 60% geotechnical (\$60,000) and 40% (\$40,000) structural.

The geotechnical issues should really be addressed. If not repaired, there could be more structural problems with a heavy snow load. Since the structural damages are considered a catastrophic failure by the insurance company, they could possibly cover 100% of those repairs.

With respect to timing for the repairs, it would take a month or so to complete the design work, a call for bids could be ready in November/December and repairs to the foundation in the spring.

The big question is whether or not the \$100,000 paid in full or partially by the county is a good investment.

Bob Reynolds pointed out if the repairs are made to the building additional issues must then be addressed, i.e. ADA compliance, the kitchen updated to food service certified standards, ADA restrooms, etc. These additional costs must be factored into any decision as contingencies.

10:35 a.m. - Pete Martin.

Commissioner Largent asked if repairing the girders would accommodate the existing settling or will it get worse. Mark Storey responded more settlement of the building should be expected. There is inadequate material under 1/4 of the building causing continual settling. Changes caused by snow load or drainage will continue the settlement process. The amount of settlement will drop off in time, but it will never stop.

The previous building that occupied this lot in the 60's only covers about 3/4 of the footprint of the current building built in the 70's. The existing building was constructed further back on the lot than the

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original building and the extended portion is where the building is settling the most.

Commissioner Partch asked if the repairs are independent of each other and Mark Storey said that is another yes/no answer. The posts have settled enough now that there is no easy way to make the necessary repairs and prop the roof back up. Even if the girders were fixed, there would still be a material defect and a wrinkled roof that would capture water in the winter. There is no easy fix without taking off a part of the roof, but those costs would be significant. The idea is to beef up the trusses so they don't have high deflection thereby eliminating the unsafe roof.

Mark will prepare a cover letter to the insurance company incorporating both the structural and geotechnical aspects and explaining the county's position.

For safety purposes Bob Reynolds said the building will be closed mid-October; the Weed Department will move to the CETC 4-H/Extension office.

In response to Commissioner Partch' inquiry, Mr. Reynolds confirmed Whitman County's applications for financial assistance due to the storm have been submitted to FEMA.

The commissioners will await further information before making any decisions as to the future of the CETC building.

10:45 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey, Judi Dunn-Gray and Joe Smillie.

069888 16. The Solid Waste chipper and other solid waste related issues discussed. No action taken.

11:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

069889 17. Items discussed included ADO budget cuts, DOE charges, Navigable news release, Martin Hall and IT Department update. No action taken.

2:20 p.m. - Adjournment.

D069889A Commissioner O'Neill moved to adjourn the **August 31, 2009** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County

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Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **September 8, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **31st** day of **August 2009**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER
ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners