

Minutes for September 8, 2009

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069890 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

069891 1. Items discussed included 2009 and 2010 budgets and Information Technology Director status. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Ann Demikis and Joe Smillie.

D069891A 2. Motion by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

069892 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **231730-231731, 231734-231736** and **231883-232032** for **\$375,456.89** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	4,550.08		49,027.36
102	Building & Development			130.73
103	Countywide Planning			325.44
104	Developmental Services			111.56
109	Homeless Housing			3,978.27
110	County Roads			11,175.40
111	CETC Building			53.42
117	Boating Safety			2,485.49
118	Inmate Welfare			804.90
123	Paths/Trails-BCPT 123.310.001			284.36
126	Treasurer's O&M		1,320.55	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City			181.17
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060			217.82
144	Emerg. Communicat. 144.260.001		110.44	49.39
300	CIP Asset Acquisit. 300.010.001			448.44
300	CIP Cap. Projects 300.010.005			2,501.22
400	Solid Waste			12,542.20
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving			18,485.70

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510	Photocopier Revolving			676.39
513	Communications Revolving			506.21
660	Whitcom-General	660.911.000		67,717.83
660	Whitcom-Grant	660.911.001		8,985.22
690	Clearing Fund	690.005.000	165,333.24	13,913.17
690	CAC Agency Svc.	690.026.001		9,540.89

069893 4. August 31, 2009 minutes approved.

069894 5. Personnel board orders approved.

069895 6. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint John Glass to a 4-year unexpired term on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee. Mr. Glass' term will expire 12/31/11.

069896 7. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of hearing for a proposed addition to Whitman County Code, Chapter 19.62, Small Wind Energy Generators. The hearing will be held Monday, September 21, 2009 at 10:45 a.m.

069897 8. On behalf of the Board of Health, Chairman Largent approved a letter to the Whitman County school superintendents suggesting steps to lessen the spread of influenza among students and staff.

069898 9. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a contract with Motley-Motley for paving a portion of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail.

069899 10. A letter was received from the Department of Ecology regarding the county's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

069900 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Alan Thomson and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Planning Division:

069901 1. The official transmittal for the proposed creation of zoning chapter 19.62 - Small Wind Energy Generators was received. The hearing has been set for September 21st.

069902 2. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and the Department of Commerce to update the county's critical areas ordinances be signed as presented.

D069902A 3. According to the Planner, the hearing for Commercial Wind Energy is slated for September 16th before the Planning Commission.

Maintenance Division:

D069902B 4. The Director reported that the fall paint striping program is underway.

Engineering Division:

D069902C 5. The Wawawai Road was paved last week and will be striped in two weeks, the Almota Road project is in full swing, girders were set on Four Mile #5 Bridge, and the Pleasant Valley Bridge structure was erected last week.

Solid Waste Division:

D069902D 6. Solid Waste will be extremely busy with the upcoming Fair and Fall Cleanup.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

11:40 a.m. - Duane Wakan, U.S. Census Bureau.

D069902E Mr. Wakan has been meeting with Whitman County jurisdictions in an effort to form partnerships promoting the 2010 census. He is engaging the highest elected officials down to the most basic grass roots movements to request support for the census. He emphasized the importance of this count because it is used for federal funding distributions at the local level as well as democracy. Mr. Wakan asked to use the commissioners' voice to promote this effort and the board express their full support in achieving an accurate count. The commissioners also agreed to consider signing a proclamation at a later date.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH).

Present: Ann Demikis.

069903 1. Highlights from the September 3, 2009 GCBH meeting:

- Contracts to begin October 1st have not yet been received. The GCBH Board Chairman was authorized to sign the Medicaid, State Only, Federal Block Grant, Provider contracts once they arrive.

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- The GCBH Chairman updated the Board on the recruitment process for a new Director.

069904 2. A final version of the amended interlocal agreement was reviewed at the September GCBH Board meeting. The GCBH Board voted to send this version to the member counties and Mr. Berney recommended Whitman County signs the agreement. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the amended interlocal agreement upon its arrival.

D069904A 3. Yakima County is charging per involuntary detention to help cover their court costs. Yakima County has informed GCBH that they will be sending an invoice for court services dating back to the previous month and they plan to sue the RSN if it does not pay the invoice.

069905 4. An amendment to the 2009-11 bridge Chemical Dependency covering the balance of the bridge contract was received from the Director. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the DSHS Chemical Dependency contract amendment #0963-68075-01 as presented.

1:50 p.m. - Recess.

D069905A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 14, 2009** at **9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, Patrick J. O'Neill and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Reconvened/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Joe Smillie.

069906 12. Items discussed included WCIF rate setting, BOCC workshop scheduling, WSU effectiveness study, PAMI and van pool update. No action taken.

9:40:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D069906A Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **September 8 and 14, 2009** 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 **September 21, 2009**. The foregoing action made this **14th** day of **September 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