

Minutes for September 17, 2007

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067279 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 17, 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: Joe Reynolds (9:00 a.m.).

067280 1. Items discussed included a reclassification request, MedStar membership and REET. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Jana Mathia.

D067280A 2. Motion by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda with the deletion of item #1-d-3. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

067281 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **207376-207377, 207426-207465** and **207486-209509** for **\$460,451.00** approved for September 10, 2007.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense		49,662.68
102	Building & Development	23.94	1,297.20
103	Countywide Planning	47.87	2,417.60
110	County Roads	607.71	15,594.20
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		400.00
400	Solid Waste	41.04	3,144.40
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	218,155.00	5,049.20
690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000		164,010.16

067281A 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **207590-207777** for **\$876,095.62** approved for September 17, 2007.

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FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	59,845.90
102	Building & Development	64.29
103	Countywide Planning	129.06
104	Developmental Services	124.01
106	Extension Publications	40.80
109	Homeless Housing	4,135.37
110	County Roads	195,244.35
111	CETC Building	1,863.46
118	Inmate Welfare	452.15
123	Paths & Trails	121.77
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	47.77
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	70.00
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	282.48
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060	4,612.16
144	Emergency Communications-144.260.001	332.50
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.-300.010.001	82.92
400	Solid Waste	23,961.12
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	75,233.93
510	Photocopier Revolving	638.54
513	Communications Revolving	2,513.01
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	49,475.21
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	6,775.96
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000	11,950.20
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001	28,881.41
ET	Electronic Transfer	409,217.25

067282 5. September 10, 2007 minutes approved.

10:05 a.m. - Joe Smillie.

067283 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of hearing for the 2007 budget amendment #3.

067284 7. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Michael Baker to a 2-year term on the Classification Committee. Mr. Baker's term will expire 10/01/09.

067285 8. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** sign a second letter to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the renaming of Squaw Creek/Squaw Canyon.

067286 9. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a request for professional services for youths on supervision (06/30/09).

067287 10. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize two credit cards for Information Services.

067288 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Maintenance Division:

067289 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of intention to sell surplus county property.

Engineering Division:

2. Copies of the following information received:

067290 Award and notice to precede letters to Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation for the McNeilly Bridge project;

067291 Rejection of bids letter to Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation for the Harlan Bridge project.

067292 Rejection of bids letter to Robert B. Goebel General Contract for the Harlan Bridge project.

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

Present: Bev Welch, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Dave Frazier, Denis Tracy, Doug Robinson, Eileen Roe, Eunice Coker, Fran Martin, Janet Schmidt, Joe Reynolds, Kelli Campbell, Kim Kopf, Mark Storey, Marlynn Markley, Nannette Bolyard, Peggy Wright, Pete Martin, Ron Rockness, Sharon Roberts, Shirley Bafus, Susan Nelson, Tim Myers, Joe Smillie, Jana Davidson, Maggie Breshears, Rory Curtis and Jerry Jones.

067293 The August 2007 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

August 2007 Cash Balance - \$2,900,085

August 2006 Cash Balance - \$1,881,873

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August 2007 Revenue - \$7,446,534 - 63.16% of budget.

August 2006 Revenue - \$6,537,120 - 53.73% of budget.

August 2007 Expenditures \$7,245,137 - 60.61% of budget.

August 2006 Expenditures \$6,501,064 - 55.06% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Tim Myers (1:30 p.m.),

D067293A 11. Parks and Developmental Services related issues discussed. No action taken.

2:00 p.m. - Recess.

D067293B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 18, 2007** at **2:00 p.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin, Dr. Moody, Jessie Hunter, Tanya Charles, Sara DeLong, Robin Cocking and Jana Mathia.

D067293C 1. Fran Martin introduced new/transferred staff within Public Health/Emergency Management. Each staff member described their responsibilities.

D067293D 2. Dr. Moody indicated to date, Whitman County is still clear of the West Nile virus.

D067293E 3. As the bird migrations occur from Alaska through the Pacific flyway, Dr. Moody thought there would be stepped up monitoring for flu viruses carried by birds such as H5 and N1. From time to time, we could hear about some type of pathogenic or H5 bird flu, but probably not the one of real concern in SE Asia.

D067293F 4. The doctor attended 3-day course on Tuberculosis intensive clinical training more particularly in the area of XDR (Extremely Drug Resistant) Tuberculosis.

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D067293G 5. Dr. Moody agreed to review the Board's letter to WSU regarding student financial health assistance.

2:20 p.m. - Crystal Bagby.

D067293H 6. Staphylococcus bacteria have been known for a very long time. Staph Aureus bacteria can cause things like abscesses. Other areas of concern include settings like intensive care units causing pneumonia and operating rooms causing pro-operative infections. As with every antibiotic and bacterial cologic system, bacteria exposed to antibiotics develop resistance. There is a certain type of Staph Aureus called Methicillen Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA) that is becoming a real concern. Individuals are being diagnosed with MRSA that do not have any particular risk factors and were not exposed by other people. It is being found more in hospital settings; they worry about transmission between patients, staff-patients, patients-staff-other patients. Hospitalized individuals are now being asked of they've ever had MRSA and if so, special precautions will be taken. So far, MRSA is not a reportable condition in Washington State; therefore the health industry does not know what the prevalence of those particular resistant bacteria is. It is also becoming a greater concern for EMT's, hospital staff and others involved in operating rooms.

D067293I 7. Director Martin provided an Environmental and Public Health staffing update.

D067293J 8. Michael Baker developed a food handler tutorial that can be taken on the Whitman County website. Once the tutorial is completed, the individual prints out a form that is brought to the Health Department (Colfax) on Thursdays along with \$10 for the test. The individual then takes the food handlers test and if they pass, they are issued a food handlers card. In time, the department hopes to extend this same service to the Pullman Public Health office.

D067293K 9. Environmental Health is currently writing a grant for submission to the Department of Ecology (DOE) for solid waste enforcement and a junk vehicle recycling event in cooperation with the Public Works Recycling Coordinator.

D067293L 10. Public Health is participating in the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) health fair today by providing information on disaster preparedness, smoking and Whitman County Public Health.

D067293M 11. In 2007, flu vaccine shots will be increased to \$20 and \$30 for pneumonia shots. Commissioner Finch pointed out Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) will pay for county employee flu shots as part of the services they provide.

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D067293N 12. According to Ms. Martin, the department may run a flu clinic functional exercise around October 29-November 2. In doing so, staff will obtain actual experience in dealing with hundreds of people in one day by dispensing flu shots. The commissioners will review the plan to better understand their responsibilities during the exercise.

D067293O 13. Jessie Hunter mentioned meeting with the Prosecutor regarding tobacco enforcement procedures and will provide suggested revisions for his review. A few businesses in Pullman have been very resistant to the law. Therefore the Prosecutor will notify Pullman enforcement and send letters to those businesses. Ms. Martin noted that the level of complaints has dropped off tremendously. The department has the offered the complainant to participate in the tobacco program in numerous educational ways.

D067293P 14. Chairman Partch reviewed Public Health's pending items.

D067293Q 15. Steve Dyson has been hired as the Emergency Management Radio Communications Manager based in the Health Department. As he becomes more attuned to the system, the old Emergency Operations Center in the Corrections Building will be used as his shop. Because much of Mr. Dyson's work will take place in the field a vehicle was purchased with Homeland Security funds that Mr. Dyson will use to maintain all 13 radio sites in the county. The Manager will also have an office and computer access at Whitcom.

D067293R 16. With the use of Emergency Communication funds, 6 Emergency Management projects are in the works. The #1 priority is the Almota tower site followed by development of a county microwave plan, a microwave path from Whitcom and work on all repeater sites. Within the next year, Ms. Martin thought Whitman County's radio communication system would be 100% improved.

D067293S 17. The Director would also like to equip the trailer purchased by Emergency Management with equipment for use as an emergency communication system for use in the field.

D067293T 18. The next Board of Health meeting is October 16th.

2:45 p.m. - Adjournment.

D067293U Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **September 17 and 18, 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 24, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **18th** day of **September 2007**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners