

## Minutes for September 20, 2010

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**071140 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Board Business.**

**D071140A 1. Motion** by Commissioner Largent to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner O'Neill and **carried**.

**071141 2.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **243594-243635, 243659-243682, 243700-243710, 243797-243821, 243824-243835** and **244071-244256** for **\$1,640,667.64** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	49,795.23	54,051.83	14,131.46
102	Building & Development	1,709.20	1,709.20	
103	Countywide Planning	1,838.60	1,838.60	
110	County Roads	15,305.40	16,995.20	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00	400.00	
128	Crime Victims/Witness-Pros. 000	350.00	350.00	
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	150.00	150.00	
144	Emerg. Communicat. 144.260.001	250.00	250.00	128.33
400	Solid Waste	800.00	800.00	
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,697.40	5,047.40	6,125.09
660	Whitcom-General 660.911.000			2,342.47
660	Whitcom-Grant 660.911.001			28,316.00
690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000	441,424.44		

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	5,221.11	4,315.00	506,819.75
102	Building & Development			134.40
103	Countywide Planning			807.19
104	Developmental Services			141.34
109	Homeless Housing			740.10
110	County Roads	8.38	1,689.80	40,991.72
111	CETC Building			218.79
117	Boating Safety			844.77
118	Inmate Welfare			550.62
123	Paths/Trails-BCPT 123.310.001			337.10

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127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City			8,975.30
129	House Bill 3900	129.170.001		100.00
134	Elections Reserve	000		46.00
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060			1,526.23
144	Emerg. Communicat.	144.260.001		473.52
400	Solid Waste		128,162.31	22,975.55
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving		18,003.71	350.00
510	Photocopier Revolving			76.27
513	Communications Revolving		1,524.00	6,200.86
660	Whitcom-General	660.911.000	749.36	2,953.29
660	Whitcom-Grant	660.911.001	123.75	1,836.31
690	CAC Agency Svc.	690.026.001		5,211.16

**071142** 3. September 7, 2010 minutes approved.

**071143-071149** 4. Personnel board orders approved.

**071150** 5. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Chris Chapman, Steve Hansen, Pat Wilkins, Fran Martin, Bill Tensfeld, and Rob Wilkins and to appoint Mark Janowski to the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee.

6. Pursuant to County Code regarding delegation of purchase orders, claims and payroll responsibilities, an authorization form(s) was received from the following departments, signed by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor's office. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the delegation order(s).

**071151** Public Health

**071152** Emergency Communications

**071153** 7. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a grant application data form for the Public Health Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC from 10/01/09-09/30/10 in the amount of \$11,779.00.

**9:15 a.m. - Joe Smillie.**

**071154** 8. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to acknowledge receipt of the Pullman School District #267 levy for 2011.

**071155** 9. Commissioners reviewed the revised Whitman County Organizational chart. No action required.

**D071155A** 10. Chairman Partch said as previously authorized by the Board he has spoken to Anderson Peretti regarding capital assets salvage value, an item not included in the last agreement who will be submitting a revised

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proposal that includes the salvage value component. At this time, the county has not reached the contracted dollar amount limit, but work is still being done in the 4 contracted areas.

With respect to the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for the federal single audit, if the county is unable to meet the deadline, it will only be late a couple weeks at the most, but would still be way ahead of last year.

**9:25 a.m. - Sarah Mason.**

**D071155B 11.** Financial/budgetary issues for 2009/2010/2011: According to the July/August financials, Chairman Partch indicated the county's revenues are significantly down for 2010 but expenses are holding.

Commissioner O'Neill voiced his concern about the Auditor not yet filling the financial position granted to her in July and wondered what the effect will be on the 2010 annual report as well as meeting the federal single audit deadline in September 2011. He requested the Chairman as Interim Finance Director send a letter to the Auditor inquiring into the status of the financial position. Commissioner Largent said he would also like to see the position filled but as an elected official, the Auditor has no obligation to respond. Commissioner O'Neill said he was very concerned the county could lose future federal revenue. The option would be to hire someone in the commissioners' office to get the job done the way it was done in the past. Chairman Partch understood Commissioner O'Neill's concerns and was willing to write a letter to the Auditor recognizing the Auditor has no obligation to reply. He suggested another Finance Committee meeting could be scheduled to discuss the Auditor's position along with the cash versus accrual reporting. The Chairman will contact the Treasurer to arrange a Finance Committee meeting.

**071156 12.** The Chairman reported on the conference call held the previous week regarding the county's emergency communication systems at Steptoe Butte State Park. Those in attendance included: Lynn Harmon, State Parks staffer, Brett Myers, Bob Reynolds, Fran Martin, Mark Storey, Denis Tracy, Steve Krigbaum, Clark Miller, Fire District #7 and himself.

Mr. Harmon reviewed past history dating back to 2007, the current tenants and appraisals. The last appraisal for the collective four agencies was \$78,824 annually. He proposed what was thought to be an extremely fair annual charge to each agency of \$1,500 with an additional \$500 per agency for road fees. Denis suggested the \$500 fee for all agencies be waived since the sheriff provides all of the law enforcement. Mr. Harmon agreed to present that suggestion to the State Parks Board with no promises. Fran Martin thought the \$6,000 total fee could be absorbed by Emergency Communications using Homeland Security funds.

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When asked about the effective date of the lease, Mr. Harmon indicated it would be retroactive to January 2010. Since our 2010 budgets are already strained the group asked if the lease could be effective January 2011 in order to budget for this expenditure. Mr. Harmon thought that would be acceptable but would again have to present it to the State Parks Board. The lease agreement would be for five years with a 3% annual increase, renewable for an additional 4 terms. All agreed this was a fair and reasonable proposal. Denis Tracy will provide Mr. Harmon with the necessary information to complete the process.

**D071156A 13.** Chairman Partch noted he will be attending the Avista Energy conference on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**D071156B 14.** Commissioner Largent will attend the Secretary of State Redistricting conference in Cheney on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. By law, the boundaries of all city wards, school districts, county and port commissioner, weed, election precincts, state and federal legislative districts, etc. must be reconfigured within one year of a national census. It was the consensus of the Board Commissioner Largent contact the Auditor and WSU Governmental Services who previously assisted the county in this process to arrange a follow-up meeting for determining the Redistricting Team and various strategies for fulfilling this requirement.

**071157 15.** Copies of comments forwarded to the Planning Department were received by the Board concerning a conditional use permit application by First Wind.

**071158 16.** An executed copy of an interlocal agreement between Whitman County and WSU for sheriff services was received.

**D071158A 17.** Chairman Partch has spoken with the Sheriff and City of Colfax concerning the city's 2011 criminal justice contract. He suggested including Bob Reynolds in the discussions because facility costs are a part of the fees.

**071158B 18.** Since the county has not received a response from the insurance company concerning the claim submitted for the CETC building, the Chairman agreed to personally email the claims adjustor.

**071159 19.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:00 a.m. - Denis Tracy, Joe Smillie and Sarah Mason.**

**D071159A 20.** Chairman Partch convened the hearing for proposed amendments to Whitman County Code Chapter 3.50, Enhanced 911 Telephone System. In accordance with 2010 legislation, the proposed amendment would increase the excise tax from \$.50 (50 cents) to \$.70 (70 cents) per line, per month on all switched access lines, radio access lines and interconnected voice

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over internet protocol service lines in Whitman County. If the increase is not enacted, the county stands to lose an exorbitant amount of state funding.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comments.

**071160** Chairman Partch noted receipt of a resolution from the Whitcom Advisory Board supporting the proposed amendment. According to the Whitcom Director, the additional \$.20 per line will remain in Whitman County.

The Clerk noted that notices of the hearing were mailed to all known vendor addresses.

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the revised ordinance as written increasing the E911 excise tax.

**ORDINANCE NO. 071161  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of Commissioners met in their Chambers on this 20th day of September 2010; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted this day to consider amendments to the Whitman County Code, Chapter 3.50 as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the Whitman County Board of Commissioners duly approves the attached amendments to Whitman County Code, Chapter 3.50 as described herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010 and effective as of January 1, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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Patrick J. O'Neill, Commiss.

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board

**Chapter 3.50**  
**ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

**Sections:**

- 3.50.010 Definitions.**
- 3.50.020 Tax levied.**
- 3.50.030 Use of proceeds.**
- 3.50.040 Special fund created-purposes enumerated.**
- 3.50.050 Tax collection.**
- 3.50.060 Effective date.**
- 3.50.070 Severability.**

**3.50.010 Definitions.**

The definitions contained in Section 2, Chapter 19, Laws of 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the terms "emergency services communication system," "enhanced 911 emergency communications system," "interconnected voice over internet protocol service," "interconnected voice over internet protocol service line," "switched access line," "local exchange company," "radio access line," "radio communications service company," "private telecommunications system," "subscriber," and "place of primary use," are adopted by reference for the purposes of this chapter.

**3.50.020 Tax levied.**

- A. There is hereby levied an increase in the excise tax from 50 cents per month to 70 cents per month on the use of each switched access lines in Whitman County, as authorized by Section 3, Chapter 19, Laws of 2010 1st Special Session.
- B. There is hereby levied an increase in the excise tax from 50 cents per month to 70 cents per month on the use of each radio access line whose place of primary use is located within Whitman County, as authorized by Section 3, Chapter 19, Laws of 2010 1st Special Session.
- C. There is hereby levied an excise tax of 70 cents per month on the use of each interconnected voice of internet protocol service line whose place of primary use is located within Whitman County, as authorized by Section 3, Chapter 19, Laws of 2010 1st Special Session.

**3.50.030 Use of proceeds.**

The proceeds of the tax shall be used for an "enhanced 911 emergency communication system.

**3.50.040 Special fund created-purposes enumerated.**

There is created a special fund known as the "Whitman County Enhanced 911 Emergency Communications System Fund" (Fund 660). All taxes levied are for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of all expenses

related to the planning, acquisition, installation, addition, improvement, replacement, repair, maintenance or operation of an Enhanced 911 Communications System.

**3.50.050 Tax collection.**

- A. Whitman County must contract with the Department of Revenue for the administration and collection of the excise tax as prescribed in Section 4, Chapter 19, Laws of 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session.

**3.50.060 Effective date.**

- A. The effective date of the tax herein imposed is January 1, 2011, and notice of the tax shall be provided by Whitman County (either directly or via the State Department of Revenue) to all radio communications service companies, local exchange companies and companies providing interconnected voice over internet protocol service at least sixty days in advance of the date on which the first payment is due.
- B. The previously authorized excise tax on switched access lines and radio access lines of \$.50 (fifty cents) per month shall remain in force through December 31, 2010. (Ord. 66916 (part), 2007).

**3.50.070 Severability.**

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or word in this ordinance or any provision adopted by reference herein is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any provision adopted by reference herein. (Ord. 66916 (part), 2007).

10:10 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Alan Thomson, Iris Mayes, Joe Smillie and Sarah Mason.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Engineering Division:**

071162 1. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing and intent to sell surplus property.

071163 2. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing to vacate File Road.

071164 3. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing to vacate Crow Road and Trestle Creek Bridge.

**Maintenance Division:**

071165 4. Bridge decking was awarded through the small works roster process to Contech Construction Products, Inc. Airway Heights, WA in the amount of \$16,089.60.

071166 5. Bridge H-Pile was awarded through the small works roster process to Skyline Steel, Fife, WA in the amount of \$17,680.80.

071167 6. Bridge lumber was awarded through the small works roster process to Kennedy-Johnsen Lumber, Mountlake Terrace, WA in the amount of \$14,480.30.

D071167A 7. According to Mr. Storey, Districts I and III responded to water over the roadways on Sunday, primarily in the Hay and St. John areas.

**Solid Waste Division:**

D071167B 8. The Director advised the commissioners a phosphate tank at The McGregor Company's Mockonema plant exploded and some of the chemical went into the county right-of-way. Although the chemical is not harmful, McGregor's will clean the right-of-way.

**Planning Division:**

071168 9. The official transmittal was received for the proposed Pacific Northwest Farmer's Cooperative rezone of 17 acres from the Agricultural District to a Limited Heavy Industrial District.

071169 Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the decision on amending the Whitman County Zoning Map for the proposed Pacific Northwest Farmers Cooperative zone change, changing 17 acres from the Agricultural District to a Limited Heavy Industrial District, to be held in this room at 11:45 a.m. on October 4, 2010.

071170 10. The official transmittal was received for a proposed amendment to the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan amending the legal description in Chapter 19.16, South-Pullman/Moscow Corridor District and in the Comprehensive Plan to remove five parcels from the South-Pullman/Moscow Corridor District and place them in the Agricultural District.

071171 Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a public hearing to take public comment on amending the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 19.16 and the Comprehensive Plan amending the legal description of the South-Pullman/Moscow Corridor District to remove five parcels and place them in

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the Agricultural District, to be held in this room at 11:30 a.m. on October 4, 2010.

**Administrative Division:**

**071172 11.** A summary brochure and complete Palouse Regional Transportation Plan was received from Mark Storey.

**071173 12.** The Director mentioned he is working on a road name change request from the Smith family.

**11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued.**

**071173A** Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Myers, Chris Nelson, Cinnamon Brown, Denis Tracy, Esther Wilson, Fran Martin, Greg Partch, Janet Schmidt, Joe Reynolds, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Michael Largent, Pat O'Neill, Pete Martin, Robin Cocking, Sonya Miller, Tim Myers, Joe Smillie and Sarah Mason.

Excused: Eunice Coker.

**071174 21.** The July 2010 month ending financial report provided by Ms. Wilson.

July 2010 Cash Balance - \$2,646,096

July 2009 Cash Balance - \$2,017,415

July 2010 Revenue - \$6,049,311 - 52.34% of budget.

July 2009 Revenue - \$6,049,310 - 52.84% of budget.

July 2010 Expenditures \$6,496,634 - 52.21% of budget.

July 2009 Expenditures \$6,402,475 - 54.45% of budget.

**071175 22.** The August 2010 month ending financial report provided by Ms. Wilson.

August 2010 Cash Balance - \$2,152,651

August 2009 Cash Balance - \$1,770,241

August 2010 Revenue - \$6,783,440 - 58.69% of budget.

August 2009 Revenue - \$6,700,185 - 58.53% of budget.

August 2010 Expenditures \$7,625,785 - 61.28% of budget.

August 2009 Expenditures \$7,324,006 - 62.29% of budget.

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

**1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued.**

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Present: Esther Wilson, Bob Lothspeich, Joe Smillie and Sarah Mason.

**D071175A 23.** Ms. Wilson reported on her attendance at the Washington Finance Officers Association conference the previous week. After consulting with other county finance officers at the conference, she recommended the county report to the state on a cash basis versus an accrual basis. According to those she spoke with, cash reporting is less cumbersome, more cost effective and time sensitive. Commissioner Largent said there is no problem auditing cash accrual and taking advantage of both methods while still maintaining accrual records for decision making. However, he felt the issue bears serious discussion before a decision is made. It was agreed this topic should be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

**D071175B 24.** At the request of Ms. Wilson, the Board had no objections to her contacting FCS Group to learn more about the services they provide to local governments.

**071176 25.** Ms. Wilson also distributed copies of an audit preparation checklist she received at the conference from Vision PS.

**D071176A 26.** According to Ms. Wilson, the state examiner has discovered additional errors in the 2009 report and she wondered if the Board preferred to correct those errors this year or next. Ms. Wilson will look into the extent of the errors and report back to the Board.

**1:30 p.m.** - Tim Myers.

Mr. Myers discussed the following items:

**D071176B 27.** Parks Department: New ranger hired for Kamiak Butte Park; Parks Department assisted at the Fair; Boyd property lessee request to the Palouse Trail Committee for one year to remove structures; Public Works will assist the Parks Department in making park signs that are acceptable by WSDOT;

**D071176C 28.** Developmental Services: Working to complete Developmental Services spending plan; a state contract review of Palouse Industries was conducted last week; Child Developmental Services and the Person-to-Person Community Access programs are next for review; Dale Miller is currently negotiating the sale of the Epton House with funds received from the sale used for renovation of the Hughes House and the 6.3% across the board state cuts.

**2:00 p.m.** - Phil Meyer and 5 bidders.

**071177 29.** The following bids were received for one new 2010 pneumatic roller.

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<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Western States Equipment Company, Spokane, WA	\$61,970.00 w/o tax
Rowand Machinery Company, Spokane, WA	\$57,792.90 w/o tax
Mid-Mountain Machinery Company, Spokane, WA	\$59,650.00 w/o tax

The commissioners will make their award at 3 p.m.

**2:05 p.m. - Recess.**

**2:15 p.m. - Fran Martin, Steve Krigbaum and 3 bidders.**

**071178 30.** The following bids were received for construction of the Lamont tower shelter:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Renstrom Homes, Inc., Pullman, WA	\$ 85,280.00 w/o tax
BCL Electric, Moscow, ID	\$106,900.00 w/o tax

The commissioners will make an award October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**2:20 p.m. - Recess.**

**3:00 p.m. - Phil Meyer and 5 bidders.**

**071179 31.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the bid for one new 2010 self-propelled nine wheel pneumatic tire roller be awarded to Rowand Machinery Company for a total bid amount of \$57,792.90.

**3:30 p.m. - Kirsten Wilson, Washington State Department of General Administration, Bob Reynolds and Denis Tracy.**

**D071179A 32.** Ms. Wilson explained in detail the State's Energy Conservation Project Management Services that could involve the Corrections and Public Service Buildings and possibly the Courthouse, if warranted. No action required by the Board at this time.

**4:30 p.m. - Recess.**

**D071179B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**2:00 p.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board of Health.**

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Present: Dr. Moody, Fran Martin, Bruce Koliba, and Jeslyn Lemke.

**D071179C 1.** Dr. Moody stated the Health Department has begun advertising and conducting flu vaccination clinics. Although a bit early, the Center for Disease Control recommends clinics begin as soon as the department has an ample supply of vaccine. The seasonal vaccine covers three strains of influenza; two for Influenza "A" (Swine and H1N1) and one for Influenza "B". H1N1 funding is continuing through 2011 and Public Health will continue to advertise and promote vaccinations for everyone age 6 months and older.

Ms. Martin noted a large flu clinic will be held in the Auditorium of the Public Service Building September 29<sup>th</sup>. She did send an email to all county employees notifying them of the clinic. There are no wellness funds this year to cover a portion of the fee for employees. Therefore, departments would be charged \$20/employee.

Nurses are offering vaccines within the school systems and will conduct community clinics in areas without a medical provider.

**D071179D 2.** According to Dr. Moody, over the past year, Public Health has seen a resurgence in Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases in Whitman County. There were a number of deaths in California in children under 12 months. DPT is the common vaccine given at 2, 4 and 6 months and takes some time to build an immunity to the disease. Therefore, it is important to keep everyone at a very high level of vaccination coverage.

**D071179E 3.** With bed bugs being in the news lately, Dr. Moody reported although they are an absolute nuisance, they do not carry any disease and are not a health risk.

**D071179F 4.** Bruce Koliba said the State Department of Health is looking into a grant for monitoring areas and staff calls related to the West Nile virus.

**D071179G 5.** Mr. Koliba pointed out Cinnamon Brown has transferred from Environmental Health to Public Health Finance. Michael Baker and he are covering all food-related responsibilities.

**D071179H 6.** The federal government has developed new regulations for ground water monitoring. These new regulations increase the amount of monitoring and testing for small water systems. Public Health is working with the State Department of Health to determine what responsibilities will fall on the county and state.

**D071179I 7.** Food vendors all did well at the Fair and there have been no indications of any food borne illnesses.

**D071179J 8.** With regards to on-site sewage, one of the things Environmental Health has had some issue with lately is the state rule that allows homeowners to do their own system installs. Mr. Koliba said he personally was not a fan of this rule because it causes more problems than it solves and preferred it wasn't an option. Staff spends twice as much time on homeowner installed systems than they do on licensed installed systems. In many instances revised plans are necessary and additional trips to the site are necessary based on the lack of experience/knowledge. In order to combat these problems, Public Health is preparing additional educational material for inclusion in the on-site sewer packets.

Mr. Koliba said the county can established its own homeowner installed code provided the regulations are as stringent as the state's. Commissioner Largent was not in favor of eliminating homeowner installed systems but was in favor of recouping costs and Commissioner O'Neill agreed. The department will research its options.

**D071179K 9.** Ms. Martin said she recently learned from the state there will be another reduction of \$1.4 million in funding between now and June 13, 2011 (6.3%) and another 10% reduction in the 2011-2013 biennium. The state is looking at ways to prioritize and learn more about how local public health systems operate. Ms. Martin took the initiative to send a letter to some of the folks holding the county to completing standards and working on indicators for public health which is fine in good times. However, she neither has the money or personnel to complete those types of responsibilities. She suggested in her letter that these requirements be eased and/or the deadlines extended. Another issue is that the state wants all local public health jurisdictions to meet the national accreditation standards. Ms. Martin agreed that was a very good idea but not something that can happen during these economic times.

**D071179L 10.** The Director will be entering into a contract with ESD #101 to provide nursing services to a small school in Binge for 10-12 hours during the school year.

**D071179M 11.** Public Health is currently working with Emergency Management on a countywide exercise at the Fairgrounds involving a chemical spill on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the exercise is to test communications and incident command and will involve bringing in many non-employees. A consultant has been hired to write, oversee and evaluate the exercise.

**D071179N 12.** On October 5<sup>th</sup> the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will conduct a meeting to review the assessment of all county buildings and determine the vulnerability of each building and other areas in the county that might be considered high risk. A consultant was also used for this purpose funded by Homeland Security.

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**D0711790 13.** Ms. Martin suggested everyone keep in mind the possibility of heavy snow, severe weather conditions and possible flooding in January and February 2011 due to the current La Nina conditions (lower than normal temperatures and higher than normal precipitation).

**D071179P 14.** The next Board of Health meeting is October 19th.

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

**D071179Q THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Michael Largent Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Patrick J. O'Neill was unavailable.

**9:30 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Pledge/Board Business Continued.**

Present: Fran Martin, 2 bidders, Joe Smillie and Sarah Mason.

**071180 33. Lamont shelter bid award:** Ms. Martin reported Renstrom Homes, Inc. was the apparent low bidder. However the bid was more than projected by the department. The contractor has submitted a letter outlining 3 alternates to reduce the cost. Ms. Martin recommended the bid be awarded to Renstrom Homes, Inc. with alternate #2 and #3 for a \$1,805.00 reduction. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for the Lamont shelter to Renstrom Homes, Inc. in the amount of \$83,475.

**071181 34.** Chairman Partch signed an amended agreement with Anderson Peretti for financial services as previously authorized.

**D071181A 35.** The commissioners briefly discussed the somewhat limited options/timelines for making decisions regarding the 2011 county employee medical insurance.

**D071181B 36.** Chairman Partch noted another Finance Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 8:45 a.m. to discuss cash versus accrual and the status of the auditor's financial position.

**9:46 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt.

**071182 37.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above

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individuals until 3:30 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for a matter relating to negotiations.

**3:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjournment.**

**D071182A** Commissioner Largent **moved** to adjourn the **September 20, 21 and 27, 2010** 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 **October 4, 2010**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **September 2010**.

ss/ PATRICK J. O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER  
ss/ MICHAEL LARGENT, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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