

## Minutes for September 24, 2007

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**067294 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 24, 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: Denis Tracy (9:00 a.m.), Kelli Campbell and Augie Luft (9:15 a.m.), Bob Reynolds, Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell, Bob Lothspeich, Tim Myers, Mark Storey, Augie Luft and Joe Smillie (9:30 a.m.).

**D067294A 1.** Items discussed included the Prosecutor's staffing level, U.S. Communities, recommendations by the SAC Committee, WSU letter, Parks mower request and the new Computer Technician position. No action taken.

**067295** Not used.

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

Present: Bob Lothspeich, Kelli Campbell and Joe Smillie.

**D067295A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

**067296 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **207852-207867, 207868 and 208031-208138** for **\$249,906.11** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	43,149.88	16,392.53	50,049.77
102	Building & Development	1,297.20		
103	Countywide Planning	2,417.60		
104	Developmental Services			36,271.27
110	County Roads	14,911.40	1,646.00	3,213.38
111	CETC Building			46.02
114	Bulk Purchasing			1,635.67
117	Boating Safety			315.81
118	Inmate Welfare			393.85
123	Paths & Trails			475.86
126	Treasurer's M&O			242.55
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	400.00		272.54
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses			100.00

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135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant			10.91
137	Web Site Development			58.27
144	Emergency Communications			824.60
300	Capital Projects Asset Acq.			507.36
400	Solid Waste	3,194.80		
410	Solid Waste Reserve			
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	3,208.00	450.00	3,339.43
510	Photocopier Revolving			55,842.10
513	Communications Revolving			198.34
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			6,125.22
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding			2,915.75

**067297** 3. September 17, 2007 minutes approved.

**067298-067299** 4. Personnel board orders approved.

**067300** Not used.

**067301-067304** Personnel board orders approved.

**067305** 5. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize December 24, 2007 as a paid 2007 holiday for county employees (for 2007 only). All county offices will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve. The commissioners signed a board order stating the same and an amended 2007 Whitman County holiday schedule was signed by the Chairman.

**067306** 6. Bob Lothspeich of the Space Allocation Committee (SAC) spoke about the ADA survey for the county courthouse. The Committee is requesting the county move forward with the ADA survey recommendations SAC hopes are completed by the end of the year, re-contact Michael Beaman, Architect, who previously performed an assessment of the courthouse and proceed with the recommended upgrades for ADA compliance (bathrooms, entry-way and elevator). In addition, there could be funding available to make the vault more efficient.

Commissioner Largent **moved** to authorize SAC to present the completed ADA survey to Michael Beaman for his review (and cost estimate for the recommended ADA changes). Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

**067307** 7. The Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials submitted their official findings and conclusion for 2008 elected official salaries.

**067308** 8. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:20 a.m. - Recess.**

10:30 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Cindi Lepper and Joe Smillie.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**D067308A 1.** Ms. Lepper reported on recent and upcoming recycling events.

- WSU No-Waste Picnic - 5,654 people served with only 55 pounds of garbage
- Lentil Street Fair - Compostable cups purchased for Chamber of Commerce chili, all but one recycling bin was manned, beer garden cups collected on a beer tree and recycled by Moscow Recycling, recycling bins moved from the Street Fair to the Park by Pullman Parks Department
- Lentil Festival at the Park - recycling information disbursed, Pullman Recycling picked up all recycling, received thank you note from the Pullman Chamber of Commerce
- 100 Years of Motorcycles Rally in Rosalia - Empire Disposal picked up the recycling, over 40 sets of bins were placed at the event with 2 bins being lost, discovered areas requiring improvement next year
- Palouse Empire Fair - Stephan Soule, Magician performed the "Magic of Recycling", 21 recycled art entries received and all yard art entries were displayed throughout the fairgrounds, 1,056 pounds of plastic and 517 pounds of aluminum collected, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee rented space and provided recycling directories
- School Recycling - Colton and Colfax Schools have now joined the recycling program and are collecting paper and Pullman Disposal is servicing these accounts

**067309 2.** Upcoming events

- Composting Workshop - tomorrow including a tour of the WSU Composting Site
- E-Waste Collection - October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Cleanup - began today and ends September 29<sup>th</sup>

**D067309A 3.** Commissioner Finch suggested a recycling bin be placed in the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds Community Building year-round due to the amount of events that take place in that building throughout the year.

**Engineering Division:**

**D067309B 4.** The Director provided a brief update on the status of current bridge projects.

10:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

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Present: Kristie Kirkpatrick, Peggy Bryan, John Aune and Joe Smillie (11:00 a.m.) and Janet Schmidt and Joe Smillie (11:30 a.m.).

**D067309C 9.** Items discussed included the Whitman County Library Colfax Branch building handicap accessibility and the Extension Office staffing level. No action taken.

**067310 10.** A letter was received from Sam Reed, Secretary of State notifying the Clerk of the Board that a 2007-09 Local Records grant has been awarded to the Whitman County Commissioners in the amount of \$28,500. Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Chairman signs an agreement with the Secretary of State's Office for the Local Records grant.

**11:55 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Mark Storey and Dan Gladwill (3:00 p.m.).

**D067310A 11.** Items discussed included review of Building Department fees, Garrison Road proposal, fire insurance rate decrease for Whitman County residents and employee classification issue. No action taken.

**2:30 p.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.**

**D067310B 12.** Commissioner Largent **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 3:00 p.m. for a litigation matter.

**3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.**

**D067310C THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, G.R. Finch and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Jim Potts and Joe Smillie.

**D067310D 13.** Legislative items for 2008 discussed. No action taken.

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

**D067310E** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the September 24 and 25, 2007 meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**. The Board

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will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **October 1, 2007**. The foregoing action made this **25th** day of **September 2007**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners