

## Minutes for September 29, 2008

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**068686 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, September 29, 2008 at 8:45 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch 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: Adam Roberts, Denis Tracy and Sharron Cunningham.

**D068686A 1.** Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until 9:00 a.m. for a potential litigation matter.

**9:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Bob Reynolds and Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell and Adam Roberts (9:30 a.m.).

**068687 2.** Items discussed included Schneider's zoning request, WSU President's address, John Gardner meeting, Historical Preservation, Website server, Service Masters contract and Internet policy. No action taken.

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

Present: Adam Roberts, Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell and Joe Smillie.

**D068687A 3.** **Motion** by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**068688 4.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **220350** and **220367-220528** for **\$890,766.89** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	676.16	81,595.08
102	Building & Development		138.37
103	Countywide Planning		500.90
104	Developmental Services		368.70
110	County Roads		118,759.66
111	CETC Building		53.66
112	Public Facilities Improve.		9,905.60
118	Inmate Welfare	10.16	

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123	Paths & Trails-123.310.000		16.02
126	Treasurer's M&O		253.33
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City		5,667.94
134	Elections Reserve Fund	309.37	
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant		1,822.87
137	Web Site Development		140.28
138	Federal Equitable Sharing		271.49
143	Trial Court Improve-143.030.000		12.50
144	Emergency Commun.-144.260.001		104.29
300	Cap. Proj./Asset Acq-300.010.001		111.04
400	Solid Waste	3,117.03	9,712.48
410	Solid Waste Reserve		28.34
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	300.74	221,781.10
510	Photocopier Revolving		1,310.83
513	Communications Revolving		3,957.94

**068689** 5. September 22, 2008 minutes approved.

**068690-068721** 6. Personnel board orders approved.

**10:05 a.m.** - Bob Lothspeich.

**068722** 7. After a financial review Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize a new server for the County's website in the amount of \$8,313.24.

**068723** 8. Ms. Campbell requested the Board mandate much needed diversity training for all appointed officials. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** mandating diversity training for all departments run by an appointed official (department heads) including Administrative Services, Extension, Parks/Developmental Services, Public Health, Fair/Facilities Management, Human Resources, Information Services (Finance/IT), Public Works and Weed Department. The Board strongly encourages all elected official run departments to also attend this very important training.

**068724** 9. The 2009 **medical plans** level of benefits being offered has not changed. The **life insurance** carrier did change to Standard but the benefit coverage and cost remain the same.

Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to provide the same medical plans and benefit levels in 2009 to the county employees as was provided in 2008.

**Short-term Disability** through Standard, the new life insurance carrier. It is a benefit not currently provided through WCIF, but is offered through AFLAC. The employer has the option of adding this employee paid voluntary benefit. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion

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and it **carried** to offer the Standard short-term disability to the employees as an employee paid voluntary benefit.

Thirdly, WCIF was offering Whitman County employees with Group Health medical plans the option of purchasing a **wellness** benefit. However, this morning Ms. Campbell was notified all Group Health members will automatically receive this benefit at no additional cost. Therefore, no action is required by the Board.

**068725** 10. Commissioner Partch stated the last link in the county's emergency communications project is installing a tower at Whitcom. Denis Tracy has approved a proposed lease agreement with K&K Properties for that purpose. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the agreement as presented.

**068726** 11. Request for a 1-year extension to the 2008 public facilities (.09) funds awarded to the Town of Garfield was received. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to grant the town a 1-year construction extension expiring May 2010.

**068727** 12. A copy of the City of Vancouver Mayor Pollard's letter to the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) was received and reviewed.

**068728** 13. Chairman Largent forwarded a letter to the Chair of CERB echoing Mayor Pollard's comments and urging CERB not to change the awards made September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**068729** 14. In response to a request from Donald and Julie Schneider for a rezone, Chairman Largent sent a letter to the Planning Department suggesting in the interest of time efficiency, the Schneider's request be addressed by the Planning Commission in conjunction with other proposed corridor related zoning issues.

**068730** 15. Information was received from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names officially changing the name of Squaw Creek in Whitman/Spokane County to John Paulson Creek.

**068731** 16. A copy of an email sent to Judi Dunn-Gray by Steve Lacy, Mayor of Lamont was received by the commissioners. Mayor Lacy spoke about how pleased he was with the new traveling chipper and the professionalism shown by the chipper operator.

**068732** 17. An executed copy of the 2008-2011 Deputy Sheriff's Association agreement was received (12/31/11).

**068733** 18. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:45 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

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Present: Bev Divine and Adam Roberts (10:30 a.m.) and Joe Reynolds, Bob Lothspeich, Sharron Cunningham, Mark Storey and Joe Smillie (11:00 a.m.).

**D068733A 19.** Items discussed included Information Services staffing and LIFT grant. No action taken.

**11:15 a.m. - Adjournment.**

**D068733B** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **September 29, 2008** 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 6, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **29th** day of **September 2008**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER

ss/ G.R. FINCH, COMMISSIONER

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners