

## Minutes for October 15, 2012

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**073465 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 15, 2012 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/Board Business/Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Bill Spence, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

**073466 1.** Items discussed included First Wind exemption refund, 2012 revenue to be reduced, Colton School District Anti-Bullying proclamation, Martin Hall and FRP Financial withdrawal. No action taken.

**9:15 a.m. - Executive Session.**

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

**073467 2.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 10:00 a.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for matters related to negotiations.

**10:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Bill Tensfeld, Karen Johnson, Joe Henderson, Joan Willson, Bill Spence, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

**D073467A 3. Motion** by Commissioner O'Neill to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

**073468 4.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **265966-266090** for **\$199,418.05** approved.

**073469 5.** October 1, 2012 minutes approved.

**073470-073475 6.** Personnel change orders approved.

**073476 7.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an amendment with the Administrative Office of the Courts #IAA13054(1) for CASA (06/30/13).

10:10 a.m. - Gary Petrovich.

073477 8. Discussion for the selection of a new point person for Hawkins discussions was held. The name of Milton Rowland, a commissioner or not appointing anyone was suggested. Mr. Petrovich was instructed to visit with the Prosecutor about the suggestion of Mr. Rowland. Mr. Petrovich later notified the Board that the Prosecutor wished to discuss this issue in executive session at 2 p.m. with a tentative decision at 3:00 p.m.

073478 9. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reinstate Guy Williams, III to his recently vacated (10/01/12) position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Williams' term will expire 12/31/13.

073479 10. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Dorothy Sharp to 5-year terms on the Whitman County Veterans Advisory Board. Ms. Sharp's term will expire 12/31/17.

073480 11. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a proclamation proclaiming October 2012 as National Anti-Bullying Month as requested by the Colton School District. Commissioner Largent will present the proclamation to the School District October 25<sup>th</sup>.

P R O C L A M A T I O N  
OCTOBER 2012  
NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING MONTH

WHEREAS, bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, bullying is a learned behavior and occurs in more environments than just the school yard; and,

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and,

WHEREAS, there are many people in Whitman County who have lived with, or are living with bullying; and,

WHEREAS, individuals, schools and communities have the power to prevent bullying before it becomes a problem; and,

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WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and,

WHEREAS, it is important for Whitman County individuals, schools and communities to be aware of bullying and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school and community; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners are united in their desire to educate and encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Whitman County Commissioners proclaim their unified commitment to the education and prevention of bullying within our schools and communities, exploring solutions to the problem, offering support in raising awareness, and recognizing October 2012 as National Anti-bullying Month.

Proclaimed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

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  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**073481** 12. An email was received from FRP Financial, County's 3<sup>rd</sup> party health insurance administrator, providing the required 30-days withdrawal notice as the county's broker. No approval by the Board is necessary.

Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to instruct the Human Resources Director to write a response to FRP.

**073482** 13. The 2013 excess levy amounts for Pullman Public Schools was received.

**073483** 14. A copy of the legal representation letter from Foster Pepper pertaining to the OVIC lawsuit was received.

**073484** 15. An executed copy of DSHS Juvenile Detention Services amendment #1263-43047(01) was received (06/31/13).

073484A 16. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Dan Gladwill, Bill Tensfeld, Karen Johnson, Joan Willson and Holly Bowen.

ACTION ITEMS

**Engineering Division:**

073485 17. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to close seasonal dirt roads be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 073485**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington, in the matter of closing certain county roads for the period from November 15, 2012 through March 15, 2013 pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the dirt portion of the following roads be closed to vehicular traffic from November 15, 2012 through March 15, 2013; provided, however, that a special permit may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Whitman County Engineer prior to traveling on any hereinafter listed road:

<u>ROAD NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROAD NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
0015	Waterman	3890	McQuire
0030	Merritt	3920	Miller Home Place
0050	St. John	4290	Stubbes
0060	Wilhelm	4365	Rattlesnake
0100	Russell	4375	Manning
0115	Carter	4420	Bob Schultz
0190	Bourne	4430	Morley
0310	Catholic Cemetery	4460	Bixler
0410	Fairbanks North	4470	Rogers
1140	Bancroft	4480	Blackwell
1180	I.N. Balthis	4560	Baillaine
1420	Faught	4600	L. Anderson
1540	Bunny	5010	Enos
1550	B. Howard	5160	McKenzie
2020	File	5170	Mader
2030	Sheahan	5210	L West
2050	Finch	5220	Lawson

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2060	Tuttle Alexander	5280	Mick Parvin
2070	J.F. McCroskey	5370	McGreevy
2080	Kilpatrick	5390	R. Zakarison
2220	Shahan	5430	Bidle
2230	Tennessee Flat	5520	Kitzmiller
2310	Peringer	5525	Orville Boyd
2320	Huggins	5560	Wexler
2330	Hubner	5580	Gray
2350	J.W. Baylor	5590	Reaney
2430	Westacott	6120	Guske
2440	Sunrise	6190	C.J. Ochs
2520	Hilty	8050	Hofer
2560	Mike Johnson	8080	Musgrove
2670	Baird	8090	Klaus
3200	Harwood Hill	8200	Getz-A.E. Seavers
3390	Gene Nelson	8250	Nauert
3400	Jim Davis	8310	Pat O'Neil
3430	Howard West	8320	Conrad
3440	Dickerson	8330	Kincaid
3450	Greenbox	8350	Evans
3460	Trunkey	8450	Babbitt
3510	Tiegs	8460	Enman-Kincaid
3550	Hitchings	8470	Carothers
3680	Gashous	8500	Benedict
3760	Mack Lloyd	9040	Country Club
3700	Jim Henning	9120	Gimlin
3710	Cordell	9130	Snow

ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Michael Largent, Commissioner

**073486** 18. Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of road closure for seasonal dirt roads.

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**073487** 19. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for countywide overlays.

**073488** 20. Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and DeAtley Crushing Company for crushing and stockpiling at Bauer Quarry be signed as presented.

**073489** 21. A quote for Union Center aggregate production at Union Center was awarded to Seubert Excavators, Inc. of Cottonwood, Idaho through the small works roster process for \$108,500 pending receipt of Employment Security's letter to Seubert Excavators.

**Maintenance Division:**

**073490** 22. A copy of the annual Public Works winter snow and ice control letter was received from the Director. All Whitman County school superintendants and U.S. Post Offices have been were also sent a copy of the letter.

**073491** 23. The Director shared photographs of the Lacrosse Shop before and after siding was installed.

**Building Division:**

**073492** 24. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Building Division report was received from and reviewed by Dan Gladwill.

**D073492A** 25. Mr. Gladwill noted all wind farm blades are on-site and should be completely installed next week. Mr. Storey added the restoration road work should be completed in the next month.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**D073492B** 26. According to Mr. Storey all fill has been removed for the footprint at the Transfer Station for the future structure. He is in the process of reviewing the 70% complete design drawings.

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

**11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Monthly Financial Review.**

Present: Bob Lothspeich, David Ledbetter, Gary Petrovich, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Mark Storey, Robin Cocking, Sonya Goldsby, Tim Myers, Bill Tensfeld, Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Joe Smillie and Holly Bowen.

Excused: Fran Martin.

**073493** 27. The monthly financial report provided by Mr. Petrovich and Mr. Ledbetter.

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2012 Revenue Budgeted ----- \$14,193,916  
2012 Revenue thru 09/30/12 --- \$ 9,376,417 = 59.78%  
2011 Revenue thru 12/31/11 --- \$11,658,666

2012 Expenses Budgeted----- \$14,193,916  
2012 Expenses thru 09/30/12 -- \$ 9,299,910 = 66.00%  
2011 Expenses thru 12/31/11 -- \$12,385,066

**073493A 28.** Mr. Ledbetter reviewed the process for budget amendment #3.

**D073493B 29.** Mr. Ledbetter mentioned that the State Examiners have temporary left while some housekeeping issues are being changed. They will return on Friday to review those changes.

**11:40 a.m. - Recess.**

**2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Denis Tracy and Gary Petrovich.

**073494 30.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 2:45 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to litigation.

**2:45 p.m. - Return to Open Session.**

**D073494A 31.** Upon conclusion of the executive session, it was determined that no decision would be made today regarding a point person for Hawkins discussions. This item will be added to the Commissioners' October 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda as **tentative**.

**2:50 p.m. Recess.**

**D073494B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 9:05 a.m.** Chairman Greg Partch, Patrick J. O'Neill and Michael Largent, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:05 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board of Health.**

Present: Dr. Brad Bowman, Fran Martin, Michael Baker, Scott Paradis and Phil Hagihara.

**D073494C 1.** Dr. Bowman provided an update on recent infectious disease cases and also encouraged flu vaccines.

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**D073494D 2.** Fran Martin pointed out the current bacterial meningitis case involved a WSU Fraternity student. A total of 49 other fraternity brothers and individuals associated with the fraternity have been provided with the antibiotic and notices were sent to local emergency rooms and doctors. Dr. Bowman suggested notices be posted at the fraternities and sororities encouraging students to obtain the meningitis vaccine.

**D073494E 3.** Michael Baker said the Environmental Health Specialists have been stretched to their limits and because of that duties and responsibilities have been reassigned. Scott Paradis will handle all food-related issues and Phil Hagihara will handle all on-site sewage-related issues. Mr. Baker will provide backup to both EH Specialists and Director-related responsibilities.

**D073494F 4.** Scott Paradis talked about the:

- many new food establishments that have opened in the County including restaurants, convenience stores and mobile catering units,
- food inspections, and
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round school inspections

**D073494G 5.** Phil Hagihara reported there is currently a mad dash to get on-site systems completed before freezing.

**D073494H 6.** Another issue is the elderly population on-site systems that are getting old and failing. Until now, this has been handled as a reactive mode. Some of these people don't have the money set aside for this type of repair, although the department works with them to get the repairs done. He would like to set up a program whereby they are in more of a proactive mode, i.e. when looking to purchase a home the prospective buyer is told how old the system is, the cost for replacement, setting aside money for future replacement of the system, and talking to the banks about their procedure for home loans for this type of situation. Greg Partch suggested Mr. Hagihara may also be able to channel assistance for the elderly population through the Community Action Center.

**D073494I 7.** With respect to the Salmonella cases, Mr. Hagihara said he made contact with all but one individual. The sources and species of the salmonella didn't link to one common source.

**D073494J 8.** Mr. Hagihara is preparing to speak to the Greek housing house directors to provide them information about meningitis for their meetings.

**D073494K 9.** Michael Baker mentioned today Pullman Regional Hospital will have a mass flu vaccine for their staff and volunteers. The County assisted with the design of the event and will now evaluate how the event flowed. Learning from this event and weather permitting, the County plans

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to hold its own faux vaccine event using the mobile trailer at two locations.

**D073494L 10.** Fran Martin reported today the Health Department began a flu clinic in Pullman followed by a clinic tomorrow in Colfax. The clinics have been opened to County employees. In the past, the County paid for the employee vaccines therefore Public Health is again working with departments who are interested in providing the vaccine to their staff.

**D073494M 11.** Ms. Martin said the Department's Community Health worker is attending a statewide meeting regarding the County's assessment. Whitman County contracted with Spokane Regional Health District to perform the assessment. In January they will look at strengths, weaknesses and gaps for the child health programs. After which, a quality improvement plan will be developed for these programs.

**D073494N 12.** Ms. Martin is in the process of hiring a new Dietician. Depending on the applications received, she may have to go through the process to contract with a dietician. She also has funding and would like to hire a nurse for 9/months per year coinciding with school year to backup the other nurses.

**D073494O 13.** The next Board of Health meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**9:25 a.m. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued.**

Present: Dr. Brad Bowman, Fran Martin, Michael Baker, Scott Paradis and Phil Hagihara.

**D073494P 32.** Ms. Martin said there will be a statewide earthquake drill on 10/18/12 at 10:18 a.m. An email was sent to all county employees with instructions.

**D073494Q 33.** Emergency Management is trying to complete the Tekoa tower but the weather has not been cooperating.

**9:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**D073494R THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, October 22, 2012 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. - Meeting Reconvened/Board Business Continued/Workshop.**

Present: Gary Petrovich, Bill Spence and Holly Bowen.

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**073495 34.** Items discussed included Pullman Criminal Justice contract, 2012 budget amendment #3, 2013 budget meetings, Holman Capital lender, State Auditor's conference, NW Coalition for Human Rights, John Sherman's retirement, Malden TIB ribbon cutting, Hawkins Point Person, New World maintenance contract and sales tax sharing. No action taken.

**9:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued.**

Present: Karen Johnson, Joan Willson, Bill Tensfeld, Mark Storey, Bill Spence, and Holly Bowen.

**073496 35.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **266119-266295** for **\$400,550.57** approved.

**073497-073502 36.** Personnel change orders approved.

**073503 37.** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** Commissioner Largent **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a contract with Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation, Inc. for the Woodwaste Paving project.

**073504 38.** An executed copy of the Assignment of Improvements to Fire District #12 was received for the Bald Butte tower site.

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

**2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.**

Present: Denis Tracy and Gary Petrovich.

**073505 39.** Commissioner Largent **moved** Commissioner O'Neill **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 2:30 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for matters related to litigation.

**2:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjournment.**

**D073505A** Commissioner O'Neill **moved** to adjourn the **October 15, 16 and 22, 2012** 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 **October 29, 2012**. The foregoing action made this **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **October 2012**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners