

Minutes for November 3, 2008

Disclaimer: This is only a web copy of the Whitman County Commissioners' Monday Meeting Minutes. Official minutes may be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Commissioners office at (509)-397-5240.

068838 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, November 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell, Bev Divine and Esther Wilson (9:00 a.m.).

D068838A 1. The Office Max employee program was discussed. No action taken.

068839 Not used.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Robin Jones, Ted Maxwell and Jana Mathia.

D068839A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

068840 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **221561-221562** and **221590-221697** for **\$306,096.54** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	3,435.86	25,594.37
102	Building & Development		410.08
103	Countywide Planning		704.48
106	Extension Publications		81.40
110	County Roads		6,812.29
118	Inmate Welfare		347.51
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	77.00	885.15
134	Elections Reserve Fund		1,495.79
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant		138.88
137	Web Site Development		8,313.24
144	Emerg. Communic. 144.260.001		4,342.95
300	CIP Asset Acq. 300.010.001		4,170.00
400	Solid Waste		16,325.31
410	Solid Waste Reserve		1,446.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	5.24	4,215.06

BOCC MINUTES-11/03/08

513	Communications Revolving	46.00	1,153.02
660	Whitcom-General 660.911.000		60,136.43
660	Whitcom-Grant 660.911.001		1,318.46
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000		164,642.02

068841 4. October 27, 2008 minutes approved.

068842-068846 5. Personnel board orders approved.

068847 6. Robin Jones of the Assessor's Office was present regarding a resolution adjusting the Current Use Classification fees. Based on the Assessor's recommendation Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution increasing the Current Use Classification fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 068847
OF
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioner for Whitman County, State of Washington met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County Assessor's Office is currently charging a current use classification application fee of \$25.00 for applications which have been presented to the Assessor's office for review and processing and a current use classification removal fee of \$0.00; and,

WHEREAS, the current fees are no longer sufficient to cover the costs of processing and filing with the Whitman County Auditor; and,

WHEREAS, other counties within the State of Washington have over time, raised the amount they charge for processing and filing applications and removals.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that as of the 1st day of October, 2008 the amount THE Whitman County Assessor's office will charge for current use applications is changed to:

- Farm and Agricultural classification applications-\$75.00 and Auditor's filing fees,
- Open Space classification applications-\$100.00 and Auditor's filing fees,
- Conservation classification applications-\$100.00 and Auditor's filing fees,
- Removal from Classification-Whitman County Auditor's filing fees.

BOCC MINUTES-11/03/08

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2008 and effective as of October 1, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

068848 7. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a cooperative agreement with Whitman Conservation District for processing agricultural burn permits as presented (12/31/10).

068849 8. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice for the 2009 CDBG-PS grant hearing.

9. Pursuant to County Code regarding delegation of purchase orders, claims and payroll responsibilities, an authorization form was received from the following departments, signed by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor's office. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to approve the delegation order.

068850 Coroner

068851 Public Health/CETC

068852 Information Technology

D068852A 10. Ted Maxwell, Mayor of Malden advised the commissioners he had spoken with Fran Martin and Michael Baker about solid waste issues in Malden. Mr. Baker is looking into some of those issues and the Mayor did ask the staff members to contact him in writing if they encounter any obstacles.

D068852B 11. Mayor Maxwell said he was one of the first members of the Asotin County Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) Board of Directors and he offered his assistance in the event Whitman County established a PTBA of its own.

10:15 a.m. - Ken Arthur.

BOCC MINUTES-11/03/08

068853 12. A letter of apology was received from CTED/CERB for the mistakes and confusion surrounding the recent LIFT awards.

068854 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Mark Storey.

D068854A 14. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 12:00 p.m. for a personnel matter.

12:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) (via telephone).

Commissioner Largent was unavailable.

068855 1. Highlights from the October 2, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed last month with the commissioners.

D068855A 2. Two policies have been reviewed by the appropriate committees and are being forwarded to the GCBH Board with recommendations for approval. Both policies are primarily housekeeping in nature.

D068855B 3. Last month we had an initial discussion regarding two versions of a proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement creating GCBH. The one proposed by GCBH legal counsel was mostly housekeeping in nature other than a new requirement for Board officers. The second version proposed by Benton County would require both the board member and alternate from each member government be a county commissioner and some changes for how the Yakama Nation's potential participation would be handled. Initial feedback from the Board of Whitman County Commissioners was that they thought things were running smoothly under the current design so why change. The County Prosecutor reviewed the draft interlocal and had no legal concerns. He saw the changes as mostly policy in nature. There seems to be no support for the Benton County version and the majority of the counties so far seem to feel the same as Whitman County. It appears a vote on recommending approval of a new interlocal agreement may not occur until early 2009.

D068855C 4. Mr. Berney indicated there was nothing new to report on the Eastern State Hospital ward closure issue.

BOCC MINUTES-11/03/08

D068855D 5. A request for an extension and increase in funding authorization of \$40,500 for Jet Computer has been reviewed by the Information Services Committee who unanimously recommended approval by the Board of Directors. GCBH staff felt they can manage this change without an increase to their current budget.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

John Love, Bob Gronholz, Dan Boone, Joe Poire, Dick Watters, Terry Cornelison and Jerry Jones.

Commissioner Largent was unavailable.

D068855E 13. Items discussed included Port/County related issues, setting schedule for regular joint meetings, newly hired ADO Coordinator,. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Recess.

D068855F THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the District Courtroom in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.** Chairman Michael Largent, G.R. Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

3:30 p.m. - Reconvened/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Whitman County Planning Commission members Steve Naught, Archie Neal, Justine Rupp, Rick Finch, Guy Williams, Mary Collins, Durand Cox, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey, Alan Thomson, Mariah Simpson, Paul Kimmell, Leslie Cloaninger and Jerry Jones.

D068855G 14. Planning related issues discussed. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D068855H Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **November 3 and 4, 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 **November 10, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **4th** day of **November 2008**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER

ss/ G.R. FINCH, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN

BOCC MINUTES-11/03/08

Clerk of the Board

Board of County Commissioners