

Minutes for December 1, 2008

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068900 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, December 1, 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: Pat O'Neill (9:00 a.m.) and Denis Tracy (9:45 a.m.).

068901 1. Items discussed included Columbia County contract, Governor's LIFT grant letter, committee listing, Martin Hall contract and Risk insurance update. No action taken.

9:30 a.m. - Denis Tracy.

D068901A 2. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 9:45 a.m. for a contract negotiation issue.

9:45 a.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.

068901B 3. The item discussed was the temporary reclassification of the Deputy Prosecutors. No action taken.

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

Present: Dave Hooks, Pat O'Neill, Bob Lothspeich and Joe Smillie.

D068901C 4. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

068902 5. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **222232-222245, 222248-222434** and **222435** for **\$360,058.10** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	47,162.98	5,612.80	66,957.81	343.42
102	Building & Development	1,627.20			
103	Countywide Planning	2,945.60			
110	County Roads	15,118.60	1,910.80	24,180.75	
111	CETC Building			425.69	
118	Inmate Welfare			264.41	15.36
126	Treasurer's M&O			502.74	

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127	Drug Enforce.-Quad City	400.00		3,743.64	
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	350.00			
129	House Bill 3900-CASA			254.48	
132	Auditor's Document Pres.			14,482.93	
134	Elections Reserve Fund				78.78
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	150.00			
144	Emerg. Commun.144.260.001	250.00		4,019.70	
300	CIP Asset Acq.300.010.001			630.04	
300	CIP-CIP Proj. 300.010.005			21,000.00	
400	Solid Waste	1,250.00		45.00	2,380.84
501	Equipment Rental & Revol.	4,634.00	350.00	35,563.18	558.05
510	Photocopier Revolving			187.60	
513	Communications Revolving			969.92	
660	Whitcom-Gen.-660.911.000			65,467.95	
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001			37,023.83	

068903 6. November 17, 2008 minutes approved.

068904-068915 7. Personnel board orders approved.

068916 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2009 holiday schedule as presented.

068917 9. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to have the Chairman sign a letter of appreciation to Robert Boettcher thanking him for his 30 years of volunteer service on the Civil Service Commission.

10:10 a.m. - Paul Spence.

068918 10. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Jon Kehne and Teresa Myott to 5-year terms on the Whitman County Rural Library Board.

11. Commissioners acknowledge the following 2009 levy certifications:

068919 Educational Service District 123

068920 Port of Whitman

068921 12. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the resolution authorizing a sole source purchase for Public Health.

RESOLUTION NO. 068921

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of CATCH K-8 Classroom & PE Set, for the Public Health Department;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Public Health Department needs to purchase and implement programs throughout our eleven (11) county schools, to fulfill our work scope for the 5390 State Funding, which states "develop and implement effective community and health care system interventions to address obesity and its consequent burden of chronic disease. Interventions may target worksites, schools, communities or primary medical care."

WHEREAS, Public Health Department Nursing and Nutritional staff have reviewed performance and application information relative to similar fitness and nutritional packages intended to satisfy our 5390 Work scope and;

WHEREAS, Public Health staff have determined that the better interests of Whitman County Schools would be served through the purchase and use of the program known as CATCH K-8 Classroom & PE Set.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Public Health Department to enter into a sole-source supply agreement with Flaghouse, Inc., to provide the programs, which the Health Department will integrate into the eleven (11) schools in Whitman County.

ADOPTED this 1st day of December 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael Largent, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Greg Partch Commissioner

068922 13. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the Communication Action Agency CDBG-PS Title VI documents and for the Board to sign a

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resolution outlining the grievance procedure for projects funded with CDBG-PS grant funds.

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Whitman County periodically applies for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for specific projects; and,

WHEREAS, a grievance procedure is required as a condition of receiving CDBG funds.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following grievance procedure is hereby established for all projects funded by Whitman County with CDBG funds:

1. Any resident of the unincorporated areas of Whitman County may contact the County Commissioners Clerk at (509) 397-5240, or write to: Clerk of the Board, Whitman County Commissioners' Office, N. 400 Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111 and date the nature of their complaint.
2. The Clerk shall, within 15 days of the date of contact, respond by phone or in writing to the resident.
3. If the Clerk's response is not sufficient for the resident the resident may request through the Clerk, a meeting with the County Commissioners. This meeting will be scheduled within 10 days of the request.

Done at Colfax, Washington this 1st day of December 2008 and effective upon signatures as of this date.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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068923 14. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

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

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Present: Phil Meyer, Tim Davis, Amanda Bashaw, Paul Spence, Pat O'Neill, Dave Hooks, Mariah Simpson, Jeff Marshall and Joe Smillie.

Planning Division:

068924 1. The formal transmittal for the proposed Claudia Wilhelm zone change from agricultural to heavy commercial was received from Ms. Simpson. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the decision on amending the Whitman County Zoning Map for the proposed Wilhelm rezone, changing 1.771 acres of land from the Agricultural District to Heavy Commercial District, to be held in this room at 11 a.m. on December 8, 2008.

Administrative Division:

068925 2. The commissioners signed a number of Public Works Department service awards ranging from 5-30 years.

Solid Waste Division:

D068925A 3. Mark Storey gave a Solid Waste presentation.

11:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

068926 1. Resignation of GCBH Director: The current GCBH Director resigned in order to move back to Texas and semi-retire. The Executive Committee was authorized to develop and present a transitional/recruitment plan. The Executive Committee is seeking ratification from the full Board to name Julie LaPierre (currently Office Manager) as Interim Director with a temporary increase in salary.

D068926A 2. A discussion of court costs associated with involuntary detentions was held at the November Board meeting.

D068926B 3. Approval to extend the professional services agreement with Jet Computer.

D068926C 4. An amendment to the interlocal agreement that creates GCBH was proposed by GCBH legal counsel and is mostly housekeeping in nature. It clarifies liability concerns and would unify the current interlocal agreement. A second version was also proposed by Benton County. Feedback from Whitman County was provided to GCBH legal counsel and is currently the basis for the new draft. There still seems to be no support for the Benton County version. It appears that a vote on recommending approval of a new interlocal agreement will not occur until early 2009.

D068926D 5. Eastern State Hospital ward closure update: Spokane RSN is still seeking beds from GCBH. The census currently at ESH is such that we

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would not have a "wait list" situation until after the first of the year. Contingency planning continues with local hospitals and judicial system in the event we encounter a "wait list" environment.

D068926E 6. The January Board meeting will be moved to a new time since the regular meeting falls on the New Year's holiday.

D068926F 7. Mr. Berney updated the commissioners of the fire at Harvest House on November 20th.

1:50 p.m. - Recess.

6:00 p.m. - Meeting reconvened/2009 Whitman County Budget Hearing.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, John-John Largent, Bev Divine, Pat O'Neill, Mark Williams-Daily News and Joe Smillie-Gazette.

068927 Commissioner Finch convened the hearing for the 2009 county budget. The following staff report provided by Sharron Cunningham.

Current Expense is currently at a \$27,000 surplus down from a \$900,000 deficit. The surplus will probably change pending union negotiations and non-represented employee wages.

Current Expense budgeted revenue has declined \$1.1 million from 2007 and \$150,000 less than 2006.

Non-Current Expense funds have increased \$3.6 million from 2006, mostly in Road, Special Elections, Emergency Communications, ER&R and Unemployment insurance. As Current Expense declines the other budgets increase.

The 2009 total new revenue and expenditures are budgeted at \$12 million for Current Expense.

The total 2009 budget revenue and offsetting expenditures for all funds is \$47,250,368.

Commissioner Finch opened the hearing to comments from those in the audience as well as the commissioners.

Chairman Largent expressed his appreciation to Sharron Cunningham.

Commissioner Partch indicated the county was not of the woods yet, but Whitman County is still better off than many neighboring counties because many hard decision were made over the past couple years.

Commissioner Finch echoed his fellow commissioners' remarks and added that the state's deficit will impact counties and cities. It was his opinion

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Whitman County will have to be realistic and hold the line tight in 2009 otherwise the 2010 and 2011 budgets will get very ugly.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Finch declared the hearing recessed to Monday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m.

6:10 p.m. - Adjournment.

D068927A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **December 1, 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 **December 8, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **1st** day of **December 2008**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, COMMISSIONER

ss/ G.R. FINCH, COMMISSIONER

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

MICHAEL LARGENT, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners