

Minutes for December 8, 2008

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068928 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **Monday, December 08, 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 and Pat O'Neill (9:00 a.m.) and Eunice Coker (9:45 a.m.).

068929 1. Items discussed included Human Resources, medical cap for non-represented employees, a reclassification, COAST annual support letter, Christmas Eve, LIFT grant, Public Works employment agreement and Whitcom tower update. No action taken.

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

Present: Pat O'Neill.

D068929A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to accept the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Largent and **carried**.

068930 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **222835-223016** for **\$408,579.84** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	40,258.57
102	Building & Development	2,365.20
103	Countywide Planning	4,857.59
104	Developmental Services	231.94
110	County Roads	34,629.19
111	CETC Building	241.40
112	Public Facilities Improvement	30,304.46
114	Bulk Purchasing	2,906.72
117	Boating Safety	1,137.30
123	Paths & Trails-123.310.000	311.56
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	13,265.32
129	House Bill 3900-CASA	203.40
132	Auditors' Document Preservation	95.64
144	Emerg. Communic.-144.260.001	29,666.07
300	CIP Asset Acq.-300.010.001	119.23
300	CIP-CIP Proj. 300.010.005	520.00

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300	CIP Klemgard Park-300.310.001	2,395.73
320	Cap. Proj./Out. Sources (Bond)	9,270.43
400	Solid Waste	152,402.10
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	11,488.39
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,048.99
513	Communications Revolving	1,502.73
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	1,262.28
660	Whitcom-Grant-660.911.001	50,115.97
690	Clearing Fund 690.005.000	12,288.65
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001	5,690.98

068931 4. December 01, 2008 minutes approved.

068932-068937 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Joe Smillie.

068938 6. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice for budget amendment #4.

068939 7. Commissioner Finch recommended and **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize a consultant agreement between Martin Hall members and Deral Boleneus for financial services (12/31/09).

068940 8. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whitman County and Kittcom for technical systems services and support (12/31/10).

10:10 a.m. - Paul Spencer.

068941 9. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Jack Fulfs, Robert Davis, Nick Davis, Brian Crow, Justin Heaton and Mike Tollet to one-year terms on the Property Management Team (formerly the Open Space Advisory Committee) and Blake Heaton as an Advisor.

068942 10. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Julie Simpson, Debbie Sherman and Susana Reyes and to appoint Pat O'Neill and Dale Miller to 3-year terms on the Developmental Services Advisory Board. All terms will expire 12/31/11.

11. The following 2009 levy certifications were acknowledged by the Board:

068943 Town of St. John

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068944 ESD #101

068945 12. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a letter of support for 2009-2011 COAST funding.

068946 13. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve an asset acquisition request for a wireless network tool in the amount of \$310.09 w/shipping.

068947 14. An executed copy of the Washington Military Department contract #E09-106 for Emergency Management was received (12/31/09).

068948 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - 2009 Whitman County Budget.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Bob Lothspeich, Pat O'Neill, Paul Spencer, Tim Myers and Joe Smillie.

068949 Chairman Finch reconvened the hearing for the 2009 Whitman County budget. Sharron Cunningham provided the following staff report.

Current Expense has a \$29,761 surplus which could change pending union negotiations and the total is \$150,000 less than it was in 2006.

Grant revenues and interest rates are down and the Department of Revenue is predicting a downturn in sales and real estate excise tax.

Non-Current Expense funds have increased, Current Expense funds have decreased and the overall budget increased.

Total Current Expense revenues/expenditures:	\$12,002,918
Non Current Expense revenues/expenditures:	<u>35,245,650</u>
Total 2009 Budget	\$47,248,568

Current Expense is down 2.43% from 2008 and Non-Current Expense funds are up 4.42% from 2008. As of today, the budget deficit is at \$90,000.

Commissioner Finch called for comments from those in attendance. Hearing none, the hearing was adjourned. The commissioners will render their decision on the 2009 budget December 15th at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Present: Phil Meyer, Mariah Simpson, Paul Spencer, Barry Tee and Joe Smillie.

ACTION ITEMS

Planning Division:

068950 1. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Claudia Wilhelm zone change of 1.771 acres from Agricultural to Heavy Commercial District.

ORDINANCE NO. 068950

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commissions that these should be accepted and this action is consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.

Change the zoning for Claudia Wilhelm for 1.771 acres from the Agricultural District to Heavy Commercial as may be allowed by the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19.04. The site of this proposed rezone is located approximately 5.25 miles east of Rosalia, within the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 20 N, Range 44 E.W.M., Whitman County, Washington, north of Wilhelm Road and south of the John Wayne Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington on the 8th day of December 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

11:05 a.m. - Pat O'Neill and Ralph Walter.

Engineering Division:

068951 2. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice for Day Labor on the Pleasant Valley Bridge.

068952 3. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the annual construction program for 2009.

Maintenance Division:

068953 4. Pictures of the resided Oakesdale Shop shared.

Solid Waste Division:

D068953A 5. Pictures of the new chipper operation shared.

D068953B 6. Public Works received notification of Pullman Disposal's increased rates.

11:20 a.m. - Ralph Walter, City of Colfax Fire Chief.

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Pat O'Neill, Paul Spencer, Barry Tee and Joe Smillie.

D068953C Mr. Walter provided a recap on the Region 9 FEMA training held in Emmitsburg, Maryland attended by 72 representatives from the Region. The emphasis was on learning how to work together and the use of other agencies resources.

11:35 a.m. - Recess.

11:45 a.m. - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.

068954 Mr. Myers indicated he is closing out the Klemgard Park project and the \$25,000 start-up funds are being returned to Current Expense. In speaking with the Assistant Finance Director, he plans to dissolve 2 dedicated grant accounts and the Parking fees account with a total balance of \$9,659 (Klemgard Park grant project-\$5,600), Wawawai Park grant project-\$1,588) and (Parking Fees-\$2,400) totaling \$9,659. Some of these remaining funds were derived from donations. Both grant projects have since been closed out.

Enough money is available to purchase a 3rd tractor through state contract for a total estimated cost of \$9,911 with tax and no trade-in leaving a balance of \$251 to be covered by the department's 2008 budget. It is possible the price of the tractor has increased but it will still include a 23.5% discount. As of this time, Mr. Myers was unable to confirm the price. He will return to the Board next week with an exact price quote for the tractor.

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12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Pete Martin and Joe Smillie (1:00 p.m.) and Bev Divine, Sharron Cunningham and Joe Smillie (1:50 p.m.).

D068954A 16. The Coroner's 2009 preliminary budget and the 2007 county audit discussed. No action taken.

2:00 p.m. - Bev Divine and Sharron Cunningham, Finance Department.

Present: Joe Smillie.

068955 The State Examiners asked Chairman Largent a policy question which he deferred to the full board. Essentially, the State is asking Whitman County if we want to proceed with a regular audit although some information is lacking or the same type of audit that was done for 2006. The recommendation of the Finance Department is to proceed with a full audit to assist us in complying with the requirements of GASB 34 and other issues. Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to proceed with a full audit for 2007.

2:05 p.m. - Adjournment.

D068955A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **December 8, 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 15, 2008**. The foregoing action made this **8th** 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