

February 9, 2009

The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.

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YTD Investment Earnings from the Treasurer's Office was \$16,820.03.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the minutes of their February 2, 2009 meeting. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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It was noted that the Fiber meeting scheduled for Friday was changed to February 26, 2009.

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The Board discussed the layoffs at the Teck mine. The State Department of Employment and Work Source will be present in Ione to assist.

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Noxious Weed Control Coordinator, Sharon Sorby, along with Field Inspectors, Jan Rice and Loretta Nichols, discussed the Neighborhood Cost Share Budget, explaining that when the budget was finalized, expenditures were cut, but not the corresponding revenue. The Board asked Sharon to discuss the budget amendments with Marianne Nichols and Jill Shacklett. Sharon reviewed the Cost Share Program, stating the public can either receive a partial reimbursement of supplies they have purchased or can buy the product from the Weed Department at a discount. Sharon and Jan discussed going out for bid for Herbicides and Adjuvents. The Commissioners approved having the Weed Board receive the bids and make the award.

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Prosecutor, Tom Metzger, met with the Board. Guardian Ad Litem Program Director, Moira Hemphill, was also present to discuss the use of \$700.00 of State CASA funds for a recognition party. Tom stated originally the funds were going to be used for a printer. In the 2009 budget the funds are shown as revenue and under the Travel expenditure line. Tom has talked to the State Auditor regarding this matter and the funds can be used for only the volunteers and then only as a reasonable expenditure. Moira stated they may not use the total \$700.00, since not everyone is attending that was invited. The Board reviewed a letter from the State CASA organization, which stated the revenue is received from a variety of private sources and can be used for a recognition party. Motion was made by D. Wear authorizing expenditures up to \$700.00 of the private CASA funds carried under line 527.30.43 (travel) as approved by the State CASA, for a volunteer recognition dinner and all related expenses, with the understanding there will be no adjustment to the total GAL/CASA budget. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Moira Hemphill questioned why the Board is moving CASA under the Counseling umbrella. L. Merrill stated the reasons are one, the administrative side, to assist with grants and other accounting processes and two, managerial, pertaining to compensatory time. The Board asked Moira to list any of her concerns regarding this move.

(8)

Tom Metzger and the Board discussed a number of items including the Seattle City Light article in the Seattle Times and Spokesman Review and RCW 35.21.420, RCW 35.21.425, RCW 35.21.426 and RCW 35.21.427. Tom noted it was a constructive meeting with Skookum Rendezvous developers last week. Tom has reviewed the letter of agreement with Dave Proctor. Tom and the Board also reviewed REET II.

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Tom Metzger discussed the Sheriff Department's Sex Offender Registration grant and a request to purchase a polygraph machine for \$11,000.00 as we now have a licensed Polygraphist.

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Counseling Services Director, Annabelle Payne, met with the Board. Tomorrow she will attend a Directors meeting through the Telemed System at the Newport Community Hospital, instead of traveling to Stevens County. They will be discussing reductions in service. She also noted that she has met with Moira Hemphill regarding being under the Counseling umbrella. The Board explained there are two parts in making this move, administrative and managerial.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Tom Metzger advised the Board he needed to speak to them regarding potential litigation as under RCW 42.30.110(i) for 15 minutes. They returned at 12:05pm.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

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Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board. He mentioned the Skookum Rendezvous meeting. The developers will have a letter of agreement outlining how they are going to proceed. He stated the Planning Commission continued discussion about herd districts. Jim also mentioned a letter regarding a proposed Avista transmission line from Canada to Spokane.

(14)

County Engineer, Don Ramsey met with the Board and provided the Annual CRAB Report certifying the Road Levy and Estimated Revenue Produced. Motion was made by D. Wear to have the Chair sign the Report. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Don Ramsey provided a resolution regarding readdressing Boundary Road South. Don proposed adjusting our addresses in accordance with how Spokane County is handling their portion of that road, instead of having two addressing systems. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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(16)

Don Ramsey provided the Private Road Maintenance Agreement with David Proctor regarding Amber Lane. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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(17)

The Board discussed legislation pertaining to Planning and Public Works, Small Works Roster, Contracting Procedures, along with Day Labor legislation in which the title may be changed to County Forces. Don also discussed the land the County is acquiring near Fertile Valley Road, stating he has received a request for an easement through that property.

(18)

Public Works Director, Ron Curren, met with the Board and mentioned the meeting he and Teresa Brooks had with Road District #2, to discuss budget and safety items, including the operator vehicle walk-around. L. Merrill noted she is now on the Resource Advisory Committee. Ron provided the Solid Waste Advisory Committee By-laws for the Board to review. Ron discussed purchasing a service truck which is a budgeted purchase. He obtained two State Bids and two local (Spokane) bids. He stated by buying locally he saved money. He requested to purchase from Wendle Ford a 2009 Ford F350 4x4 pickup for \$21,993.57. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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BID OPENING-Electrical Services at the Deer Valley Solid Waste Recycling Facility-The Notice was read and the Chair opened the hearing and the four bids received. Ron Curren will review the bids.

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District Court Judge Phil Van de Veer, Court Administrator, T. J. Keogh, Probation Director, Scott Cornwell and Deputy Clerks, Sheila Stierle and Tricia Shanholtzer met with the Board. They noted the department is now accepting on-line payments and they are considering having a collections amnesty program. A summary of their case load over the last ten years was provided and they discussed Probation fees and the savings to have defendants on probation verses incarceration.

(21)

Forestry Consultant, Steve Gibson and Logger, Brent Bronkhorst, met with the Board. Ron Curren was also present. They discussed stopping the salvage logging at Pend Oreille Park. The Board requested the total logging costs for the supplemental hearing which is scheduled for 10:00am, February 23, 2009. After discussion, motion was made by D. Wear to have a load delivered to Road District #2 and one load to District #3, paid from the Road Department budget. One load of saw logs will be from the camp ground area for site cleanup. Brent will also remove stumps and the road crew will level the area. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill. D. Wear noted the Department of Natural Resources, Forest Improvement Program, for fuels reduction and wildlife protection.

(22)

Ron Curren stated he reviewed the Electric Service bids and recommended the project be awarded to Cash Electric. Motion was made by J. Hankey to award the contract to Cash Electric. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(23)

Liz Braun, Commissioner Programs, provided a presentation with regards to her Panasonic Printer which was purchased in September, 2004. This is the color printer for the office. She listed the problems and consumables she purchases for the machine.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to continue the meeting until February 10, 2009. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

February 10, 2009

The meeting of the County Commissioners was continued in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.

(25)  
The Board discussed a number of matters. John Halterman with Pend Oreille Economic Development Council has resigned and the Board is looking at different options. L. Merrill discussed Washington Economic Development Association. She is going to attend their upcoming meeting. L. Merrill will be attending the State 911 meeting at Camp Murray as an Eastern Region Representative. D. Wear will attend the Legislative Steering Committee meeting next week. They also discussed negotiations with Seattle City Light.

(26)  
HEARING-Moon Creek Estates Herd District-The Notice was read and the Chair opened the hearing. A number of people gave comments. Planning Director, Jim Marthaler, provided a listing of suggested establishment criteria.

(27)  
Undersheriff Mike Cress requested to hire two deputies, Travis Stigall at step 1, and Daniel Dice, a Lateral who comes with over four years experience, to start at step 4. Mike noted both positions had been budgeted at step 4 in the 2009 Budget. He will submit the request in writing. Mike also discussed the Sex Offenders Registrations Grant and their request for a polygraph machine. The Board would like to review the grant.

(28)  
Susan Harris with Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA), along with a number of people, met with the Board. She provided a presentation and requested funds for operating expenses and to be designated as the Official Visitors Bureau. The presentation included recreation and interests such as water trails, local agriculture and wild flowers. In 2009 they are coordinating the 2011 County Centennial. They are interested in expanding winter sports. She gave an example of a tourist package. She also discussed tents and yurts and having an e-newsletter. Susan presented the proposed PORTA web site and she listed the opportunities in having the Official Visitors Bureau designation.

(29)  
Tammie Ownbey, County Clerk, requested to purchase a digital camera. She provided three quotes and detailed the lowest bid from Pakor for \$1,375.50 with a \$200.00 rebate. The purchase would come from the Clerk Expenditure, Capital Outlay budget. Tammie also requested to purchase media paper for \$206.93. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve both expenditures. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

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The Board placed a conference call to Consultant, Stan McNutt. Those present were Ron Curren, Don Ramsey, Jim Marthaller and Teresa Brooks. Stan detailed his tracking system.

(32)  
The Board reviewed the Building Construction Inspection Services Contract with Richard Ashton. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve the contract. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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(33)  
Don Ramsey provided the contract with Federal Highway Administration, Kalispel Tribe, Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs and WA State Department of Transportation regarding LeClerc Road North Phase 2 Project. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the contract. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

CONTRACT NO. 2009-6 VOL 29 PAGE 148-156 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(34)  
The Board approved the following Applications for Advance Travel Expense:  
Jon Carman, 02-17-09, \$270.00  
Linda Rusho, 02-25-09, \$180.00

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The Board approved the following Payroll Changes:  
SHERIFF  
Travis A. Stigall, Deputy, step 1 \$3,655, effective 02-18-09  
Daniel J. Dice, Deputy, step 4 \$4,112, effective 02-17-09  
COUNSELING SERVICES  
Dena R. Opp, Retirement, effective 02-27-09

(36)  
The Board sent the following correspondence:  
Craig Jenkins-Appointment to Board of Equalization  
L. Ted Shrum-Thank you for your interest in Board of Equalization  
L. Joe Smith-Thank you for your interest in Board of Equalization  
Carolyn Russell-Thank you for your interest in Board of Equalization  
State Department of Fish & Wildlife-2009 in-lieu payment  
Margie Fedderly-Change in term expiration  
Don Wilson-Change in term expiration  
Garry Yann-Change in term expiration  
Sung Yang, Seattle City Light-Impact agreement proposal

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Correspondence:  
2.1 Mary Pat DiLeva, Seattle-Boundary Relicensing  
2.2 Foster Pepper-Newsletter  
2.3 Alan Botzheim-City and Towns' Law Enforcement Stats  
2.4 Bob Royer, Galatin Public Affairs-Article from HA Dot Com

- 2.5 Dan Peterson-Nine Commissioners Meeting April 14, 2009
- 2.6 Rich and Cheryl Clark-Support Susan Hobbs for Planning Commission
- 2.7 Grant Station-Insider
- 2.8 WSAC-Legislative Bulletin
- 2.9 Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers-Newsletter
- 2.10 Carolyn Russell-River Commission Minutes
- 2.11 Steve Gibson-Park Salvage Dollars
- 2.12 Shelly Stafford-NACo Scholarship
- 2.13 P Anderson, DNR-Forest Practices Board agenda
- 2.14 Lee Stark-Support Susan Hobbs for Planning Commission
- 2.15 NACo-E News
- 2.16 Brad Banks, WSAC-Legislative Steering Committee
- 2.17 Angela Cain-Updated Career 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Schedule
- 2.18 Sarah Bright-WSAC Legislative Reception
- 2.19 Shelly Stafford-Deferred Comp
- 2.20 Kelly Reid-CASA funding question
- 2.21 Shelly Stafford-APS Monthly Information
- 2.22 Bob Royer, Gallatin Public Affairs-Letter to Seattle City Light
- 2.23 Don Ramsey-Yakima Management Classes
- 2.24 Steve West-Computer Purchase
- 2.25 American Land Rights-S 22 Omnibus Lands Bill
- 2.26 BPA-Journal
- 2.27 Katie Parker-Support Susan Hobbs for Planning Commission
- 2.28 POC District Court-2008 Report
- 2.29 PO County Library-"Be a Good Citizen Day"
- 2.30 Stan McNutt, Prothman-Material for 02-10-09 Conference Call
- 2.31 Newport Oldtown Chamber-Newsletter
- 2.32 U S Census Bureau-Request list of shelters
- 2.33 Inland Northwest Community Foundation-2008 Annual Report, 2009 Calendar
- 2.34 Gayle Cagianut-Hotel Motel Tax for POC Fair
- 2.35 Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers-Newsletter
- 2.36 Marianne Nichols-Exempt Employees
- 2.37 Robert Weidner, Evergreen-J. W. Booth Escape Tour & Ford's Theater
- 2.38 Counties-LEOFF-1 FMLA question
- 2.39 Counties-LEOFF-1 W-2 question
- 2.40 NFCSC-Conference April 24-26, 2009
- 2.41 Brad Banks, WSAC-Legislative Bulletin Postponed
- 2.42 Brad Wear-Idaho Herd Districts Statutes
- 2.43 Jim Marthaller-Herd Districts Suggested Establishment Criteria
- 2.44 Susan Harris-PORTA Proposal
- 2.45 House of Representative Committee on Appropriations-Summary: American Recovery and Reinvestment
- 2.46 Janet Lambarth-Supports PORTA
- 2.47 Kelly Reid, WA CASA-Funding sources

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As of this date the Board approved for payment the following vouchers as listed and made available by the Auditor's Office:

Fund	Salary Fund Amt.	Salary Warrant #	Claim Fund Amt.	Claim Warrant #
Current Expense	396,418.05	90235	23,110.55	900769
Counseling Services	74,204.96		29,124.09	
Crime Victims Compensation	713.20			
Park	92.25			
Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control	8,224.68		42.56	
Veteran's Assistance			106.15	
Road	140,890.87			
Solid Waste	5,259.50		825.20	
Equipment R&R			4,207.50	
Unemployment Compensation			2,556.20	
Clerk's Collections	1,418.45		551.98	
Enhanced 911 System	17,276.05		204.87	
Low Income Housing			2,025.68	
Homeless Program			427.19	
Drug Enforcement	7,198.66		410.00	900895
Growth Management	3,670.32	90327		

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to adjourn. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board