

## Minutes for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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**059091 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**D059091A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

**10:00 a.m. - Board Business.**

Present: Bob Lothspeich and Jennifer Snead.

**D059091B 2. 2002 Board Reorganization:**

Commissioner Finch nominated Commissioner Partch for reappointment as Chairman for the year 2002. Nomination **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**D059091C 3.** Commissioner Wigen nominated Commissioner Finch as Vice-Chairman for 2002. Nomination **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**D059091D 4. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**059092 5.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **130405-130422** for **\$238,750.02** approved.

001	Current Expense	\$ 10,782.24
102	Building & Development	129.61
103	Countywide Planning	751.07
110	County Roads	37,070.12
112	Public Facilities Improvement	15,449.20
139	"911" Emergency Service	59,094.28
300	Capital Projects	2,730.90
400	Solid Waste	263.09
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	99,532.56
690	Clearing & Suspense	12,946.95

**059093 6.** December 31, 2001 minutes approved.

**059094-059107 7.** Personnel board orders approved.

**10:05 a.m. - Evan Ellis.**

**059108 8.** The 2002 Commissioner Committee assignments reviewed and the slate accepted as revised.

# 2002 Whitman County Commissioners Committee Assignments

## **Commissioner District I, Greg Partch**

Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington Governing Board (ALTCEW)  
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-State Paid Expenses  
Developmental Services Advisory Board (Non-Member)  
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee (Partially Paid Expenses)

## **Commissioner District II, Jerry Finch**

Martin Hall Juvenile Facilities Consortium  
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) (Paid Expenses)  
Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC)  
Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee  
Upper Columbia RC&D  
Community Education and Training Center (CETC)  
Counseling Services Advisory Committee (Non-Member)  
Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Regional Support Network  
United Way of Pullman

## **Commissioner District III, Les Wigen**

Palouse Empire Fair Board  
Palouse Empire Fair Foundation Committee  
Palouse Empire Fair Grandstand Committee  
Palouse Economic Development Council (PEDC)  
Northwest Council of Governments Association (NWCOGA)  
Whitman County Business & Development Association (Primary)

## **All Commissioners**

Board of Health (BOH)  
Board of Equalization (BOE)

## **Chairman**

Hearings Examiner Board  
Finance Committee (All May Participate)  
Incident Team (IT)  
Transportation Policy Board  
Board of Law Library  
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)  
LEOFF 1 Disability Board  
Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)  
City of Pullman/Whitman County Joint Planning Committee

## **All Commissioners May Attend Occasionally (BOCC-Not Members)**

OKKO Club  
Noxious Weed Control Board  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)  
Law & Justice Planning Council  
Agricultural Burning Task Force  
Extension Steering Committee  
TEA-21 Committee  
Road and Bridge Advisory Committee  
Safety Committee

Port of Whitman County

**059109**     **9. Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to accept the 2002 elected officials salary adjustment resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 059109**

**2002 WHITMAN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners find that the salaries of the following listed Whitman County Elected Officials have not been adjusted for the year 2002; and,

WHEREAS, each elected position deserves a salary increase; and,

WHEREAS, Judicial salaries are set by the State and not controlled by the County, therefore, the District Court and Superior Court Judges salaries are not included herein; and,

WHEREAS, County Ordinance sets the County Commissioners salaries, therefore they are not included herein.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2002, the monthly salaries of the following listed Elected Officials shall be:

<u>Elected Office</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>Salary With 2.0% Increase</u>
Assessor	\$3,498	\$3,568
Auditor	\$3,498	\$3,498
Clerk	\$3,498	\$3,568
Coroner	\$1,897	\$1,935
Prosecutor	\$5,778	\$5,893
Sheriff	\$4,593	\$4,685
Treasurer	\$3,498	\$3,568

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002 and effective as of January 1, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

**Maribeth Becker, CMC**  
Clerk of the Board

**Les Wigen, Commissioner**

**059110**    **10. Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to accept the commissioners' 2002 salary adjustment resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 059110**

**2002 WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SALARY ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners find that their salaries have not been increased for the year 2002; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County Code 2.02.020 authorizes an automatic annual salary increase of 2% for the County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of Whitman County Code 2.02.020 shall only take effect if all county employee pay systems are given an increase; and,

WHEREAS, all Whitman County employee pay systems have now been increased.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the monthly salaries of the Whitman County Commissioners beginning January 1, 2002 shall be:

<u>Present</u> <u>Salary</u>	<u>2.00%</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>January 1,</u> <u>2002</u>
\$3,478.00	\$70.00	\$3,548.00

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002 and effective as of January 1, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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Jerry Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Les Wigen, Commissioner  
Clerk of the Board

**059111**    **11. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to adopt the Inmate Welfare fund resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 059111**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on January 7, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners recognizes the need to comply with state auditor requests to account separately for Inmate Welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners believe that a separate dedicated fund should be set up to account for expenditures related with this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a new fund number 118.140.000 named the Inmate Welfare Fund is hereby created to properly account for the funding of costs associated with Inmate Welfare.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**059112** 12. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to appoint Julie Banks to the Classification Committee.

**059113** 13. A request for support opposing the elimination of the Washington State Library was received from Kristie Kirkpatrick, Whitman County Library Director. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** strongly opposing the Governor's proposed plans for the Washington State Library. Documents will be prepared as requested.

**059114** 14. Audit information received from the US Chief Financial Officer. The request was forwarded to Dick Brown and will be completed upon conclusion of the 2001 county audit.

**059115** 15. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize the publishing of the Planning Commission vacancy notice.

**D059115A** 16. Commissioners pending items reviewed.

10:35 a.m. - Recess.

10:55 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Jennifer Snead, Alan Solan and Evan Ellis.

**Action Items:**

**059116** 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the contract between the Port of Whitman and Whitman County for use of County R-O-W for fiber optic cables and appurtenances be signed as presented.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**D059116A** 2. Mr. Dunford advised the commissioners that the Department of Agriculture contacted Solid Waste staff regarding their agricultural clean up day. Arrangements have been made to use the County's Transfer Facility as the collection site on April 23.

**D059116B** 3. The Director mentioned that the annual Whitman County Spring Clean Up event will commence April 15 and end April 27, 2002.

**Planning Division:**

**D059116C** 4. According to the Director, the Planning Commission selected the same slate of officer for 2002.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D059116D** 5. Mr. Dunford informed the Board that weight restrictions are in effect on county roads.

11:05 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Joe Reynolds, Assessor and Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer.

Present: Bob Lothspeich.

**059117-059118** The 2001 Assessor and Treasurer's June Board tax rolls adjustments totaling \$65,618.52 received. This figure represents less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of the total taxes collected. The county's share of this amount is 10 cents on the dollar or \$6,500.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to approve the June 2001 board activity.

**059119** The 2001 senior citizen exemption adjustments totaling \$20,260.10 was received and reviewed.

11:55 a.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Public Works Weed Spray.

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer, Peggy Wright and 6 bidders.

059120 The following weed spray bids received, opened and read aloud.

	<b>Darry-Air</b>	<b>Custom Spray Service</b>	<b>DeAngelo Brothers</b>
<b>District I</b>	\$70,572.42	\$84,381.27	\$71,344.37
<b>District II</b>	\$41,126.07	\$51,765.99	\$48,508.39
<b>District III</b>	\$52,998.92	\$69,077.46	\$62,529.36

  

	<b>Palouse Custom Farm Service</b>	<b>Hille Spray Service</b>	<b>Perfection Weed &amp; Pest Control</b>
<b>District I</b>	\$92,351.35	\$78,925.72	NO BID
<b>District II</b>	\$58,118.08	NO BID	\$47,620.78
<b>District III</b>	\$75,820.49	\$61,436.69	NO BID

The Director will make a recommendation for award January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued.**

059121 17. The commissioners signed an oath of office for Sharea M. Moberly, Deputy Prosecutor.

059122 18. The Chairman signed the Community Action Center's 2002 CDBG-PS grant contract #02-64002-014.

059123 19. Commissioner Finch will represent Whitman County on the United Way of Pullman FEMA Board.

059124 20. A request for certification of 2002 road levies was received from the County Road Administration Board. This document will be completed by Public Works.

**2:20 p.m. - Recess.**

**2:30 p.m. - Mike Werner, Developmental Services Director.**

059125 1. A letter concerning the Governor's revised budget proposal was received from Mr. Werner. It appears the Developmental Services budget will not be affected by the Governor's proposed 15% reduction, as it appeared it would earlier.

059125A 2. The Director recommended the reappointment of Dee Tomson to the Developmental Services Advisory Board. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to reappoint Dee Tomson to a 3-year term on the Developmental Services Advisory Board.

D059125B 3. Mr. Werner said he obtained another quote in the amount of \$1160 plus wood and angle iron (\$75-\$100) that will be cost-shared between Palouse Industries and Human Services for a new sign at the Human Services Building in Pullman. The other quotes ranged from \$2,400-\$2,700. Since this is the lowest quote received, he will proceed with this fabricating company based in Oakesdale.

**D059125C 4.** Appreciation was expressed by Mike Werner to the Parks, Fair and Facilities Management staff, especially Janel Goebel and Terry Jefferies for their assistance with the Developmental Services Trees of Sharing in the Courthouse and Public Service Building.

**D059125D 5. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with Mr. Werner for discussion of personnel matters until 3:00 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session.**

**3:00 p.m. - John Crawford, Alicia Johnson and Jay Winter, Risk Pool Representatives.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer, Fran Martin, Dick Brown, Ron Shirley, Chad Connors, Diana Dawson, Kelli Shrope, Joe Reynolds, Bob Reynolds, Tim Meyer, Don Anderson, Mark Storey, Bob Lothspeich, Marlynn Markley, and Doug Robinson.

**059126** John Crawford, Executive Director explained the background, make-up, and purpose of the Risk Pool.

**059127** Alicia Johnson, Claims Manager talked about claims activity, municipal liability and exposures.

**059128** Jay Winter, Programs Manager spoke about the membership compact, training programs, and the scholarship fund offered for training.

The commissioners thanked the representatives for their presentation.

**4:30 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D059128A** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **January 7, 2001** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **January 14, 2001**. The foregoing action made this **7th** day of **January 2001**.

ss/ JERRY FINCH, Commissioner

ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners