

Minutes for January 10th, 2005

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063308 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 10, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Bev Welch (8:50 a.m.), Sharron Cunningham (9:15 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (9:30 a.m.).

063309 1. Items discussed included: Planning related issues, Pondering the Palouse, medical quotes, Airport Task Force request, Qwest land exchange, CETC, Treasurer's fees, Auditor's board order and overtime analysis. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Fran Martin, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

D063309A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

063310 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **172052-172085, 172116-172148** and **172164-172258** for **\$681,137.24** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	18,457.10
102	Building & Development	8.91
110	County Roads	8,068.48
115	Hotel/Motel Tax	160.00
118	Inmate Welfare	365.94
119	Emergency Services	1,191.78
123	Paths & Trails	24.42
127	Drug Enforcement	4,732.66
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	30.13
142	Whitcom-911	43,444.03
400	Solid Waste	3,553.42
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	10,319.44
510	Photocopier Revolving	151.91
690	Clearing & Suspense	238,333.95
ET	Electronic Transfer	352,295.07

063311 4. January 3, 2005 minutes approved.

063312-063321 5. Personnel board orders approved.

063322 6. Ms. Martin submitted an interlocal agreement amendment with Spokane County, lead agency for region 9 emergency management who provided \$171,000 in Homeland Security funds for Whitman County. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt amendment #1 to interlocal agreement for funding planning and administration of regional Homeland Security in Whitman County, WA.

10:10 a.m. - Adam Roberts and Kris Bunch.

063323 7. Upon reconsideration, Ms. Martin said she has offered Garfield County a contract for administrative and fiscal services assistance in 2005 with the idea Garfield County hire an individual that can be trained by Whitman County staff. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an intergovernmental professional services agreement for administrative and fiscal services.

10:15 a.m. - Bob Lothspeich and Jerry Motley.

063324 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice canceling the commissioners February 7, 2005 meeting.

063325 9. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a letter to 50 cities, towns and other taxing districts allocating \$200,000 for .08 funding and seeking proposals for 2005 economic development fund projects to be submitted to BRATC.

063326 10. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a proclamation honoring Sergeant Damien Ficek.



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, thousands of our brave military troops were called to action by the President of the United States to free the Iraqi people from a dictators oppression; and,

WHEREAS, many of the troops came from the great State of Washington from all walks of life, both active and reservists; and,

WHEREAS, several from Whitman County have put their lives and their families lives on hold to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, one of our own, Sergeant Damien Ficek, a member of the Washington Nation Guard 161st Infantry Regiment, was mortally wounded on December 30, 2004 while taking part in the Iraqi conflict; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners and the people of Whitman County want to thank Sergeant Ficek for defending the freedoms we take for granted daily.

WE NOW, THEREFORE, ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION DECLARING SERGEANT DAMIEN FICEK, A WHITMAN COUNTY

"H E R O O F F R E E D O M"

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

063327 **11.** A letter was also sent to Charii Higgins, WSU Veterans Affairs Coordinator asking her to present the proclamation to Sergeant Ficek's family.

063328 **12.** Kris Bunch of Information Services presented an asset acquisition request in the amount of \$1,976 for replacement of the Network Administrator's laptop computer. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve said request.

063329 **13.** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the CDBG-PS grant contract for 2005-06.

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063330 14. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter to all departments regarding the selection of funded CIP projects in 2005.

063331 15. An email was received from Rich Weatherly, member of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee advising the commissioners this will be his last year on the committee. He also provided the name of an individual for appointment. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to regretfully accept Mr. Weatherly's resignation. Mr. Weatherly's appointment recommendation is being considered.

063332 16. An email was received from the Auditor advising that the 2005 mileage reimbursement rate for jurors and witnesses has been set by the state at \$.405/mile, coinciding with the IRS rate.

063333 17. A copy of a letter sent to Secretary of State Sam Reed was received from the Klickitat County Commissioners urging Secretary Reed to call for a new election between Rossi and Gregoire for the governor's position.

063334 18. Whitman County sent a similar letter to Secretary Reed as did Stevens, Skagit, Ferry and Okanogan County. Other counties voicing support for a revote included Benton and Kitsap.

063335 19. The training status for Whitman County Water Conservancy Board members was received from Janet Carlson, Department of Ecology.

063336 20. A listing of liquor licenses due to expire April 30, 2005 in Whitman County was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

063337 21. Information pertaining to the possible sale of the CETC building was received from Leslie A.M. Cloaninger.

063338 22. A levy certification was received from the Town of Farmington.

063339 23. A letter was received from Ferry County advising of the extra bed space available in their corrections facility.

063340 24. A letter was received from Mike Werner, Developmental Services requesting the reappointment of Marlene Ibsen to the Board and notification that Dee Tomson will not seek reappointment. These issues will be acted on January 18th.

D063340A 25. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Chad Connors, Juvenile Services Administrator.

Present: Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

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063341 Chad Connors explained that the state is upgrading the criminal justice system (Juvenile Corrections System - new name), going online, creating new data, support changes and the reason for a new contract. In doing so, Whitman County will receive up to \$1,850 for a new printer to print criminal history forms. The Prosecutor has reviewed the terms of contract. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign contract #ICA-2005-785 with the Administrative Offices for the Courts as presented.

10:50 a.m. - Jerry Motley, Developer.

Present: Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

D063341A Mr. Motley said he spoke with Commissioner Finch in the spring about the 3 year out of crop requirement before farmland can be developed. At that time, Commissioner Finch thought a change would be made by the end of the year, but that did not happen. Mr. Motley has a letter dating back to 1993 from the then Deputy Prosecutor explaining that a "crop year" is a calendar year, which he disagrees with. Mr. Motley's opinion of a crop year is seeding in September and harvesting the crop in August. The current language refers to the end of the year. The 3-year crop requirement is then actually 3-1/3 years. Mr. Motley would like to develop another short plat but can't begin the application process until January 1 of the year following the end of the 3-year crop cycle, which means a total of 4 years out of crop. He wondered if another opinion should be sought from the current Prosecutor. Commissioner Finch pointed out that the Prosecutor and Public Works Director has a meeting set up on this very issue.

11:00 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Mark Storey, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

Action Items:

063342 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** per BOCC resolution #060918, pertaining to local sales tax revenues, that we award the bid for oil and grease to Busch Distributors for a total bid amount of \$18,859.63 (without tax). The Board signed the bid agreement and forwarded letters to all bidders.

063343 2. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for 3 police vehicles to Paradise Ford for a total bid amount of \$71,967.00 (without tax).

063344 3. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for 1 SUV for the Sheriff's Office to Paradise Ford for a total bid amount of \$23,189 (without tax).

063345 4. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for 3 foremen pickups.

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063346 5. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the CRAB contract for Pleasant Valley Bridge be signed as presented.

063347 6. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the CRAB contract for Peterson Bridge be signed as presented.

063348 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the CRAB contract for White Elephant Bridge be signed as presented.

063349 8. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the CRAB contract for Staley #3 Bridge be signed as presented.

063350 9. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the CRAB contract for Judson Bridge be signed as presented.

Engineering Division:

D063350A 10. Nothing new to report.

Maintenance Division:

D063350B 11. Some crew members were out over the weekend.

11:20 a.m. - Rod Powell and David Eckenberg, Washington State Department of Transportation.

Present: Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

Mr. Powell submitted the following documents revising the State's initial offer for county property associated with the SR 270 project.

063351 Revised offer for .89 acres of county property for \$1,300.

063352 Map of affected area.

063353 Quit claim deed on State Route 270 from Sunshine Road to the Idaho State line.

063354 Quit claim deed on State Route 270 from Airport Road vicinity to Sunshine Road.

063355 WSDOT real property voucher for \$1,300.

063356 W-9 form.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the states revised offer. All appropriate documents signed.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

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2:00 p.m. - Loader/Snowplow Bids.

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer and one bidder.

063356A The following loader/snowplow bid opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bid for a possible award at 3:45 today.

BIDDER

Terex \$11,737.00 without tax.

2:05 p.m. - Recess.

2:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Eunice Coker and Sharron Cunningham (2:30 p.m.).

063356B 26. The new IRS mileage requirement discussed. No action taken.

3:45 p.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Phil Meyer.

063357 Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the recommendation of the Director and award the loader/snowplow bid to Terex in the amount of \$11,737 without tax.

The Board signed the bid agreement.

3:50 p.m. - Recess.

4:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Pete Martin, Dane Dunford and Sharron Cunningham.

D063357A 27. EAT Committee issues discussed. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D063357B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **January 10, 2005** 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 18, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **10th** day of **January 2005**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners