

Minutes for January 20th, 2004

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062092 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 20, 2004** at **9:00 a.m.** Les Wigen, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" 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.

062093 1. Items discussed included CIP ranking, Whitcom update, biodiesel update, and Avista update. No action taken.

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

Present: Tammy Lewis, Lloyd and Eileen Wengeler.

D062093A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

062094 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **158423-158443, 158563-158744** and **158745-158762** for **\$436,841.18** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	7,125.20	36,588.00	118,012.31	1,517.26
102	Building & Development		1,300.00		21.47
103	Countywide Planning		1,021.20	200.00	53.66
104	Developmental Services			31,615.60	
110	County Roads	4,050.00	15,970.00	8,711.44	106.52
118	Inmate Welfare			715.56	113.90
123	Paths & Trails			398.41	
126	Treasurer's M&O			78.52	
127	Drug Enforcement		400.00	4,203.24	
132	Auditor's Document Preservation			72.94	
133	Commissioners' Special Revenue			3,500.00	
136	Electronic Monitoring			527.75	
142	Whitcom-911			18,112.72	
300	Capital Projects			3,833.99	
320	Cap. Project/Outside Sources (Bond)			26.90	
400	Solid Waste		2,159.60	93,352.19	6,512.08
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	450.00	3,484.40	69,094.49	260.71
513	Communications Revolving			3,251.12	

062095 4. January 12, 2004 minutes approved.

062096-062100 5. Personnel board orders approved.

062101 6. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the Town of Farmington 2003-2004 criminal justice contract.

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062102 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to reappoint Linda Fletcher to a 5-year term on the Whitman County Library Board of Trustees.

062103 8. The commissioners signed a letter to the Community Economic Revitalization Board supporting Isothermal Systems Research grant and loan request.

062104 9. A response letter to the City of Pullman concerning the interlocal agreement with respect to cluster residential development was read into the record.

062105 10. Notification was received from Gail Griggs and Karl Johanson about the Council on Aging & Human Services/COAST being awarded the Beverly Foundation Award for innovation in senior transportation. Mr. Johanson was also recently appointed to the National Academy of Science's, Transportation Research Board Rural Transportation Committee.

062106 11. Information pertaining to the training status for members of the Whitman County Water Conservancy Board was received from Janet Carlson, Department of Ecology.

062107 12. The Department of Revenue wrote, as required by law, they will be making their countywide appraisals of selected real property parcels in Whitman County.

062108 13. A copy of a letter regarding the Ralph Naylor Farms, LLC draft protocol was received from the Latah County Commissioners.

062109 14. A copy of a lawsuit filed in the County Clerk's office by Dan R. Antoni against Whitman County was received.

062110 15. An executed copy of the memorandum of agreement between WSU and Whitman County for 2004 extension agent support was received.

062111 16. An executed copy of the 2004 Teamsters welfare trust subscription agreement was received.

D062111A 17. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Lloyd Wengeler, Cheney/Ritzville Area.

Present: Eileen Wengeler and Tammy Lewis.

D062111B Mr. Wengeler introduced himself and announced that he is seeking Mark Schoesler's state representative position.

10:30 a.m. - Colfax Fire Captain Ken McNaughton.

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Present: Tom Miller, Tammy Lewis, and Lloyd and Eileen Wengeler.

062112 Captain McNaughton presented a hold harmless letter requesting the use of the former Noxious Weed Department building to conduct building search and rescue training until the building demolition takes place. The commissioners had no objections provided the Prosecutor is in agreement and that the County's Risk Manager is advised. Mr. Miller later returned with approval from the Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Bob Anderson, 2 maintenance workers, and 3 bidders.

Action Items:

062113 1. The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud for one new six wheel drive, diesel powered, articulated motor grader. The bids are being reviewed by staff for a recommendation of award on January 26th.

WESTERN STATES	\$148,414.83 - Including Trade-in and 7.6% sales tax
CLYDE WEST	\$152,154.58 - Including Trade-in and 8.4% sales tax
ROWAND MACHINERY	\$151,880.50 - Including Trade-in and 8.1% sales tax

Solid Waste Division:

062114 2. Monday, April 12th thru April 24th is scheduled for the residential spring clean up coinciding with Earth Day on April 22. Also, Tire Amnesty Day is scheduled for May 1st.

Engineering Division:

D062114A 3. Mr. Storey will look into obtaining a copy of the executed Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee agreement.

Maintenance Division:

D062114B 4. County road load limits take effect tomorrow.

Building Division:

062115 5. The 4th quarter and
062116 year-end activity report for the Building Department received.

11:25 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Bev Welch, Finance Manager/Information Services Director.

Present: John Peterson, Joe Reynolds, Randy Baldree, Mike Werner, Fran Martin, Kelli Campbell, Tim Myers, Dane Dunford, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Marlynn Markley, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, and Rana Reavis.

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The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Chad Connors, Eunice Coker, Peggy Wright.

062117 The December 2003 ending financial report provided by Ms. Welch.

December 2003 Cash Balance - \$1,674,602
December 2002 Cash Balance - \$1,373,087

December 2003 Revenue - \$8,881,604 - 97.91% of budget.
December 2002 Revenue - \$8,207,360 - 88.33% of budget.

December 2003 Expenditures \$8,764,455 - 93.19% of budget.
December 2002 Expenditures \$8,539,007 - 91.90% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Marlynn Markley, Dan Brown, Judy McMurray, Dane Dunford, John Peterson, and Maribeth Becker.

D062117A 18. The item of discussion was the county recording equipment. No action taken.

2:00 p.m. - Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin and John Skyles.

D062117B 1. Mr. Skyles reported that the Department of Ecology sampled material illegally buried in the NE portion of the county. The material was found to be bunker fuel (low grade diesel). It is not classified as a toxic waste, but neither is it appropriate for burying. The landowner must remove the material, take it to an approved site, and then perform soil testing to ensure that the site was sufficiently cleaned.

D062117C 2. Ms. Martin was advised that bioterrorism funds received could be used to write a required SARS plan.

D062117D 3. The Director acknowledged the excellent job her staff did to keep everything running very smoothly during her extended absence.

062118 4. In preparation of upcoming meetings with members of the SE Washington Partnership, the Director prepared an informational booklet about the operation of the partnership, the commonality, the shared aspect, and accomplishments in each county.

2:10 p.m. - Dr. Moody.

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D062118A 5. Emergency management procedures went into effect twice during the Director's absence: 1) emergency shelter opened in Colfax at Jennings Elementary School, and 2) preparation and collection of 25,000 sandbags for possible flooding.

D062118B 6. Dr. Moody emphasized that Public Health is a global organization using the examples of: Mad Cow, SARS, West Nile Virus and Avian flu. Electronic communication allows early notification of diseases/viruses worldwide.

D062118C 7. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) did a study on early flu isolates and found that this year's vaccine did not do a very good job of protecting people with respect to the makeup of the flu vaccine. In Vietnam a number of cases of Avian influenza in human beings has been reported. This is a flu that primarily affects chickens but has been isolated in some humans. This flu does not seem to be transmitted between humans. The World Health Organization, every country that has a Department of Health or Ministry of Health and laboratory facilities keeps track of influenza and influenza isolates in order to have a heads-up on things.

D062118D 8. Commissioner Partch questioned WSU enforcement of measles and meningitis vaccinations for students. Dr. Moody said WSU has not considered making meningitis vaccinations a requirement. It is strongly advised by the American College Health Association for first year students and those living in dormitories. There is no vaccine for the type of meningitis cases reported (Group B and C) on the west coast. Except for the military, Dr. Moody was not aware of any organization that disburses meningitis vaccines routinely. The one WSU is really trying to tighten up is the measles vaccination requirement. This requirement is already in place, but WSU has not been enforcing it at least through the first semester. Dr. Moody believed WSU was working on making this a reality for next fall.

062119 9. The Director provided a comparison of Public Health fees with Spokane and Walla Walla counties. In addition, a breakdown of the exact costs for food establishment services was reviewed. The only difference between the 3 counties is the temporary benevolent charge of \$15.00. When there was no fee or the fee was \$5, people did not take it seriously. Since the fee was increased, following the regulations for an event has been taken more seriously. The mission of the department is not to enforce but to educate. Ms. Martin realized the commissioners have received complaints, but of the 300 permitted establishments in Whitman County, numerous establishments have already paid their annual fees without any calls to the department. In accordance with the commissioners' directive, the money to support Environmental Health must be derived from fees for service because there are not many grants to keep Environmental Health operational. Almost every permitted area of Environmental Health is to assist someone to operate a business to make money and in doing so, they should pay their share of the service. In the future, Ms. Martin said permittees would be notified of

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any increases and the reason for the increase. The commissioners were satisfied with the Director's explanation and justification.

062120 10. A copy of Doug Clark's article in the "Spokesman Review" entitled "Restaurant Hygiene 101 Nothing To Sneeze At" was received from Ms. Martin.

D062120A 11. The next Board of Health meeting is February 17, 2004.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell.

D062120B 19. Items discussed included Smoking, Drug-free Workplace and Holidays and Annual Leave policies, Classification Committee information, and negotiators contract. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

4:35 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, and Mark Bordsen.

Commissioner Finch was not in attendance.

D062120C 20. The item of discussion was cluster residential development. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D062120D Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **January 20, 2004** 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 26, 2004**. The foregoing action made this **20th** day of **January 2004**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

LES WIGEN, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners