

## Minutes for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003

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**060662 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 21, 2003** at **10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Chairman Finch is attending a Risk Pool meeting.

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

**D060662 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**D060662A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**060663 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 144754-144780, 144926-145114, and 145146-145176 for \$466,583.81 approved.**

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	31,303.20	66,180.01	9,084.20	18,489.85
102	Building & Development	1,000.00	67.02	200.00	
103	Countywide Planning		238.78	1,162.80	
104	Developmental Services		33,615.36		
105	Mental Health	6,363.95	31,218.22	250.00	
107	Chemical Dependency	1,149.60	1,502.37		
110	County Roads	15,623.00	8,373.82	4,797.20	152.31
118	Inmate Welfare		3,062.14		
119	Emergency Services	500.00	65.00		
123	Paths & Trails		625.56		
126	Treasurer's M&O		492.44		
127	Drug Enforcement	400.00	271.08		
132	Auditor's Document Preserv.		4,451.13		
137	Web Site Development		899.94		
139	"911" Emergency Service		54,047.94		
142	Whitcom		21,576.26		
400	Solid Waste	1,750.00	70,735.56		
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,006.00	23,717.35	1,197.20	
510	Photocopier Revolving		9.46		74.28
512	Indust. Insurance Revolving				35,833.94
513	Communications Revolving		1,800.83		
521	Family Svc. Ctr. Revolving		1,593.56		
690	Clearing & Suspense				8,702.45

**060664 4. January 13, 2003 minutes approved.**

**060665-060672 5. Personnel board orders approved.**

**10:05 a.m. - Jennifer Snead.**

**060673** 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve the 2003 Whitman County dues as presented for full payment in January.

Aging & Long Term Care	4,684.00
Community Educ. Train. Center	5,000.00
Minority & Business Women	12.50
National Assoc. of Counties	763.00
NW Council of Gov't. & Assoc.	750.00
Upper Columbia RC&D	125.00
WA Assoc. of County Officials	6,539.00
WA State Assoc. of Counties	7,774.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$25,647.50</b>

**060674** 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the CDBG-PS grant contract #03-64003-014 documents.

**060675** 7. A letter was received from the Whitman County Law and Justice Council requesting support for continued BECCA funding. Commissioner Partch said the Board worked hard last year to preserve this funding and the need to do the same this year. He suggested the Board write a letter to Senator Hargrove and that each commissioner also write a letter for continued support.

Commissioner Wigen said the Governor approved \$53 million in this biennium for the development of a Salmon Recovery Plan. He agreed salmon are important but noted our youth are also important and Commissioner Partch concurred.

**060676** 8. A certificate of appreciation was received from the Uniontown Community Development Association for investing in the Sage Bakery project through the award of economic development (.08) funds.

**D060676A** 9. Commissioners pending items reviewed.

**10:20 a.m. - Jennifer Snead, Port of Whitman County.**

Present: Bob Lothspeich, Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**D060676B** Ms. Snead provided an update on the economic development projects and issues she has been working on.

- Working on locating a possible new customer service center in Whitman County.
- Working with Lacrosse on the formation of their Planning Commission and the strawboard facility.
- Working with Tekoa on infrastructure, water, and wastewater issues.
- Working with Whitman County on the biodiesel issue.
- Spokane Railroad Museum selected Reardan for their new location. Whitman County (Rosalia) was ranked as the #2 location.
- Recently completed the WA-CERT process for 2003.

- Working with Consultant Bob Potter on telecommunications issues.
- Work continues on the community profiling program identifying community infrastructure, weaknesses, business district, community draws and attractions, tourism, housing needs, etc. This tool will be used for business recruitment. Upon completion, a total Whitman County community power point presentation will be developed and made available to each community.
- With the assistance of Joe Torterelli and Pam Kelly, the 2003 time-line and program goals were created.
- Fostering contacts with funding agencies and foundations to assist with funding capital for community needs.
- Taking an aggressive lead on a feasibility study to save Eastern Washington rail service that plays an economic development role in Whitman County. It is an integral part of the multi-model transportation system, which supports area business and industry as well as agriculture. WA-CERT funding was secured for the study.
- Active involvement in the dredging issue on the Snake River. This is important as far as economic development because of the navigational depth for barge transportation that could impact Whitman County businesses and road transportation.
- Attended a DOE grant training for water and wastewater on behalf of the communities needing assistance.
- Attended the Sage Bakery open house in Uniontown.
- Attended the Inland NW Partners and Washington Economic Development Association meetings.
- The next ADO meeting is 6 p.m. on January 30<sup>th</sup>, at CETC and the Board continues to seek additional members.

The commissioners thanked Ms. Snead for her presentation and asked her to meet with them every other month rather than quarterly.

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

Present: Mark Storey.

**Action Items:**

**060677**     **1. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the bid for the Wawawai Road Guardrail project be awarded to Frank Gurney for a total bid amount of \$30,214.80.

**060678**     **2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Judson Bridge be signed as presented.

**060679**     **3. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Henderson Mill Bridge be signed as presented.

**060680**     **4. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Pleasant Valley Bridge be signed as presented.

**060681** 5. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Staley No. 3 Bridge be signed as presented.

**060682** 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for Farband Bridge be signed as presented.

**060683** 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP prospectus for White Elephant Bridge be signed as presented.

**060684** 8. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the certification of acceptance qualification agreement between Whitman County and WSDOT be signed as presented.

**060685** 9. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the following people be reappointed to a 2-year term on the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee: Dan Bruce, Bob Heitstuman, Tim Danaher, Gerald Gilchrist, David Morgan, Louis White, and Jay Miller from WSDOT.

**060686** 10. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that Aaron Lawhead be appointed to a 3-year term on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**Planning Division:**

**060687** 11. A copy of a document presented to the Planning Commission in March 1996 for an Agricultural Residential Overlay Zone by Jerry Motley was received from the Director. Mr. Dunford explained this is the document Mr. Motley referred to when he met with the commissioners on December 16, 2002.

**Building Division:**

**D060687A** 12. Bob Anderson was asked by Pullman Building Department to participate in a program about the differences between city and county building codes. According to Mr. Anderson, there was a good turnout of contractors and their employees. There will be another similar meeting in the near future.

**11:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:35 a.m. - Travis Anderson, Information Services.**

1. Mr. Anderson presented two requests for computer replacement equipment in the Sheriff's Office at the cost of \$2,096 each including delivery.

**060688** Undersheriff

**060689** Sheriff

**Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve the above requests for the Sheriff's Office.

**D060689A** 2. Mr. Anderson also reported that the 6-laptop computers donated by Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington would require \$100/each to outfit them for the deputies. He will install the equipment on one computer for testing purposes before expending funds on the other 5 laptops. The Board instructed Mr. Anderson to contact the Sheriff for the necessary funding.

**11:55 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:40 p.m. - Chris Dvorak.**

Present: Dane Dunford and Bob Anderson.

**D060689B** Mr. Dvorak gave an update on the demolition of the KP building in Farmington. His plans are to have the walls down in February, or by April 30<sup>th</sup> at the very latest. He anticipated being completely done with the building by July 30, 2003. Mr. Dunford told Mr. Dvorak not to be concerned about road restriction because Public Works can issue him a permit. If Mr. Dvorak is not done with the building by the end of July, he should contact Bob Anderson. Likewise, he should also contact Mr. Anderson if the walls are not on the ground by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Present: Fran Martin and John Skyles.

**D060689C** 1. Mr. Skyles attended a meeting of Environmental Health Directors who are concerned about the response that may be coming up with the media hype associated with the West Nile Virus. Whitman County doesn't have a huge mosquito problem. Mosquito control will be limited to education and possible spraying in specific areas. He did however feel there was need for a response plan. This spring the department would be conducting some trappings at key locations in Whitman County.

**060690** 2. Ms. Martin requested the Board set a hearing for amending the Public Health Fee Schedule to include fluoride treatments and oral hygiene instruction. A hearing on this matter will take place February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**D060690A** 3. The Director said the department now has a Dental Coordinator, Angie Newmiller. She will set up the dental program for the Community of

Hope and the Health Department (partnership grant). In exchange for her help Ms. Martin will allow her to obtain experience teaching sexuality and HIV/AIDS curriculum.

With the Community of Hope, 3 tiers were established:

1. County declared a manpower shortage area for dentists, moving Whitman County to the top of the list for the ABCD Dental Program. Representatives of the program will be visiting here January 29<sup>th</sup> to meet with the local dentists and allow them to bill higher rates for medical coupon patients.
2. Tooth Tutor is very busy. During the month of February, which is Dental Health Month, 30 presentations are scheduled for Pullman. They are using 4 volunteer teachers teaching the curriculum and providing new toothbrushes, tooth paste, and floss (where appropriate) to the children.
3. Fluoride Treatment (varnish) Program allows for varnish to be painted on the biting surfaces of children's teeth. The department will work with all medical and dental providers for them to be able to apply the varnish 3 times per year.

**D060690B** 4. The SmileMobile will be back in April for another week. This year they will target middle and high school youths.

**D060690C** 5. Ms. Martin said the department continues to negotiate with WSU for the Food Handler's Program on campus.

**2:15 p.m.** - Dr. Moody.

**D060690D** 6. Dr. Moody noted that the state is gearing up for the Smallpox Plan. The first group will receive their inoculations February 17<sup>th</sup> on the west side, then moving to the east side for inoculations on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Judy Stone and he are visiting with both hospitals in Whitman County.

**D060690E** 7. Ms. Martin is pursuing the purchase of two weather radios with antennas to receive emergency alerts from the National Weather Service Center in Spokane. One radio would be housed in the Sheriff's Control Room and the other at Whitcom.

**D060690F** 8. Ms. Martin is working with Whitcom on formalizing an agreement with Mark Chawoski for his assistance with the Emergency Disaster Plan. Mr. Chawoski and Ms. Martin agreed the entire plan needs rewritten.

**D060690G** 9. Ken Holmes from the National Weather Service Center will be here Friday to begin the application process for Whitman County to be designated as a disaster storm ready community.

2:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

**D060690H** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **January 21, 2003** 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 27, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **21st** day of **January 2003**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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LES WIGEN, Acting Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners