

Minutes for January 23, 2006

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065019 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 23, 2006** at **9:00 a.m.** G.R. Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/Executive Session.

Present: Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt.

D065019A 1. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 10:00 a.m. for labor negotiation matters.

10:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Adam Roberts.

D065019B 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

065020 Not used.

065021 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **186371-186525** for **\$308,006.44** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	54,759.61	29,894.62
101	Self Insurance		2,415.71
102	Building & Development	3,240.28	
103	Countywide Planning	3,307.71	
104	Developmental Services	36,240.29	
110	County Roads	6,691.22	1,742.01
114	Bulk Purchasing	5,917.60	
118	Inmate Welfare	191.90	
123	Paths & Trails	311.02	
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	5,779.83	
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	10.28	
136	Electronic Monitoring	333.50	
137	Web Site Development	149.30	
300	Capital Projects-300.010.001	2,495.61	
300	Capital Projects-300.310.001	652.98	
400	Solid Waste	87,006.52	4,405.73

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501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	10,506.41	682.34
510	Photocopier Revolving	189.93	
513	Communications Revolving	67.66	2,218.54
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	48,795.84	

065022 4. January 17, 2006 minutes approved.

065023 5. Personnel board orders approved.

065024 6. Adam Roberts said he has assessed all computers that access the main frame to determine if they meet the requirements for the new financial system. He focused on processor speed because that is the one component that cannot be upgraded without voiding the warranty. If approved, each of the 11 users on the list would meet 50% of the requirements.

Since the county would be purchasing computers in bulk, Dell is waiving the shipping charge and reducing the cost of each computer by \$200 for a total of \$14,017.45 to be purchased through the Asset Acquisition fund. The fund balance was increased for 2006 to accommodate this expense. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the recommendations by Information Services to support upgrades for the new computer system.

065025 7. The Washington State Administrator for the Courts on a rotation schedule replaces computers in the Juvenile and Superior Court departments. The county must purchase the computers first and then be reimbursed by the state. The IS Administrator is requesting this be done through Asset Acquisition for tracking purposes. The old computers must be returned to the state. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to purchase new computers for the court system to be reimbursed by the state after delivery.

10:15 a.m. - Think Nguyen.

065026 8. A request for reappointment of Rich Weatherly to the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee was received and tabled for further discussion to 01/30/06.

065027 9. A letter was received from Patti Gora of Pullman requesting the commissioners adopt the proposed changes to the agricultural district section of the comprehensive plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

065028 10. A letter was received from Patricia Cassidy & Randy Jorgensen of Pullman requesting the commissioners adopt the proposed changes to the agricultural district section of the comprehensive plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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065029 11. Signatures of petitioners opposing the proposed rural residential district revisions were received.

065030 12. A letter was received from Leon E. Donahue, Washingtonians for Immigration Reform Secretary regarding enforcement of illegal aliens laws.

065031 13. A request by Guardian Angel/St. Boniface Catholic School for a special occasion liquor license was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

065032 14. An executed copy of DSHS Forster Care Passport contract #0663-89348 was received.

D065032A 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

10:35 a.m. - Fran Martin, Public Health/Emergency Management

Present: Bob Reynolds, Bob Lothspeich, Sharron Cunningham and Denis Tracy.

065033 1. In response to questions and the Board's direction, Ms. Martin presented a resolution establishing the Community Education Training Center Advisory Committee (CETCAC). Commissioner Partch **moved** Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion to approve the resolution as read.

Commissioner Wigen noted this is an asset to Whitman County to have the Community Colleges of Spokane in Colfax.

This has been a long time in coming stated Commissioner Partch with the first meeting being held in 1997. Many thanks need go to those that have worked so hard, especially Fran Martin. Stepping forward 10 years from now we can look back and say this was one of the best things they could have done for education and employment reasons. Motion **carried**.

**RESOLUTION NO. 065033
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 Whitman County assumed ownership of the Community Education Training Center (CETC) Building from the Port of Whitman County (Resolution No. 064807, dated December 5, 2005); and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners recognize the need for a Community Education & Training Center Advisory Committee (CETCAC) whose scope and charge will be to:

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- A. Advise Whitman County Commissioners on all aspects of the operation of CETC including the maintenance of the building.
- B. Assist in development of programs and policies concerning education and training needs of the County.
- C. Set fees and charges for building use.
- D. Oversee the financial management of the CETC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners that a Community Education & Training Center Advisory Committee is created for the purposes stated above.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

065034 2. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the CETCAC bylaws as put forth.

RESOLUTION NO. 065034

Whitman County

Community Education and Training Center Advisory Committee Bylaws

Section 1 Creation and Legal Basis

The Whitman County Community Education and Training Center Advisory Committee, hereafter referred to as CETCAC, has been established by Whitman County Resolution No. 065033.

Section 2 Scope and Charge

The scope and charge of the Whitman County Community Education and Training Center Advisory Committee shall be to:

- A. Advise Whitman County Commissioners of all aspects of the operation of CETC including the maintenance of the building.
- B. Assist in development of programs and policies concerning education and training needs of the County.
- C. Set fees and charges for building use.

- D. Oversee the financial management of the CETC.

Section 3 Composition

- A. **Membership:** The CETCAC shall be composed of up to eleven (11) members representing a balance of interest among the following groups:

County officials, citizens and associated business and educational groups as recommended by the CETCAC. Members shall provide ongoing input, coordination, and information exchange between the groups.

- B. **AD HOC Members:** May be appointed at the pleasure of CETCAC.
- C. **Appointments:** Members shall be considered for appointment by the Whitman County Commissioners after receiving a recommendation from CETCAC.
- D. **Terms:** Appointment to the committee shall be for terms of three (3) years. Provided, initial terms of members on the Committee shall be:
 - 1. Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year;
 - 2. Four (4) members shall be appointed for two (2) years;
 - 3. Four (4) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and
 - 4. Thereafter, successors to the first members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms.
- E. **Vacancies:** Upon vacancy in any position on the Committee a successor shall be selected to and appointed to fill the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointments and the appointee shall fill the unexpired term. The selection and appointment shall be conducted in the same manner as for the initial appointment.
- F. **Reappointment:** As terms expire, the Whitman County Commissioners will send a letter for reappointment to those members whose terms are expiring. The Committee shall not vote for the reappointment of members, it shall be at the discretion of the Whitman County Commissioners to reappoint a member.
- G. **Chair:** A majority of the Committee shall elect one of its members as Chair to serve a term of one year. The chair shall be elected at the January meeting. The election and term of the Chair will begin at the January meeting of each year. The Chair shall be a voting member.

- H. **Vice Chair:** A majority of the Committee shall elect one of its members as Vice-Chair. The term of the Vice Chair shall be for one year. The election and term of the Vice-Chair will begin at the January meeting of each year. The Vice Chair will move up the Chairs to Chair. The Vice Chair shall be a voting member.
- I. **Secretary:** A secretary will be appointed by the Chairman of CETCAC, the duties will be as follows:
1. Take minutes of all meetings.
 2. Give Commissioners a copy of the minutes at least one week prior to the next meeting date.
 3. Schedule meeting room for next meeting.
 4. Email or mail draft minutes to members of the Committee and Ex-Officio member at least one week prior to meeting date.
 5. Provide notice to the Clerk of the Board for inclusion on the Commissioners Agenda detailing the time and place of next meeting.
 6. Notify members one month in advance of expiration of term.
 7. Keep a record of each member as appointed and note their term of office.
- J. **Vacancies** shall be filled in the same manner new appointments are made for the remainder of the term of the vacant position in the manner described in the initial appointment.
- K. **Attendance:** A member of the Committee who misses three consecutive meeting without notification to the Chair may be removed from the Committee by the recommendation of the Committee and approved by the Whitman County Commissioner or at the discretion of the Whitman County Commissioners.

Section 4 Meetings

- A. Meeting will be held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and more often as needed to conduct the business of the CETC. Executive sessions may be conducted following Open Meeting Laws as needed. At least one week's notice will be given for all meetings. The Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.
- B. **Public Access:** All meetings shall be open to the public. Provision shall be made for public comment at each meeting. Approved meeting minutes shall be available to the public upon request. Meeting minutes shall be approved by a quorum of the members.

C. **Quorum:** At least 50 percent of the committee members constitute a quorum. A simple majority of a quorum present may take action, make decisions, and make recommendations.

Section 5 Recommendations

The Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the Whitman County Commissioners on a quarterly basis or more often as needed. CETCAC will advise on matters within their scope and charges as provided for in CETCAC by-laws.

Section 6 Amendments

To the extent that such an amendment would not conflict with the by-laws, they may be amended or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted, by two-thirds of a voting quorum and a letter of approval from the Whitman County Commissioners.

Section 7 Savings Clause

Should any portion of these by-laws be declared unconstitutional or otherwise contrary to law, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these by-laws.

Dated this 23rd day of January 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

065035 3. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt the CETC fees.

**RESOLUTION NO. 065035
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 Whitman County assumed ownership of the Community Education Training Center (CETC) Building from the Port of Whitman County (Resolution No. 064807, dated December 5, 2005); and,

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners recognize the need to establish a fee schedule for use of the CETC building; and,

WHEREAS, charging for the rental of these facilities are a part of the responsibilities of the Community Education Training Center Advisory Committee (CETCAC); and

WHEREAS, these fees will allow for the appropriate billings of fees as a result of the services provided; and

WHEREAS, the CETCAC has reviewed the fee schedule and recommends its approval by the Whitman County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners that the attached Community Education Training Center fee schedule be adopted and is effective as of this date.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER
2006 FEE SCHEDULE**

EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS:

REGULAR CLASSROOM \$25.00
COMPUTER CLASSROOM \$25.00
LARGE ROOM Minimum of \$25.00 for up to 25 people;
 Additional people will be \$1.00 per person.

Minimum of 2 hour cleaning cost @ \$25.00 per hour.

EQUIPMENT USAGE: \$10.00 per event

SOCIAL EVENTS LARGE:

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LARGE ROOM Minimum of \$25.00 for up to 25 people;
Additional people will be \$1.00 per person.

Minimum of 2 hour cleaning cost @ \$25.00 per hour.

KITCHEN \$50.00

If the facility needs set up time for a large decorated event a daily rate can be established for the extra days.

065036 4. Ms. Martin presented a list of 6 names representing 4/5 of an 11-member committee. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept Don Schmick, Ron Wachter, Bob Lothspeich, Sharron Cunningham, Bob Reynolds and Fran Martin as members of the CETCAC. Ms. Martin requested authorization to allow the initial members the opportunity to stagger their appointments from 1 to 3 year terms as addressed in the bylaws. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the request.

065037 5. The commissioners signed a personnel board order for the CETC.

10:55 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey and Thinkh Nguyen.

Action Items:

065038 1. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to extend the grader bid between Whitman County and Western States.

065039 2. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for three four-wheel drive mid-size utility vehicles.

065040 3. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for one full size police cruiser.

Maintenance Division:

D065040A 4. General maintenance works continues. Load limits are still in effect. Some permits are being issued on a week-by-week basis.

Administration Division:

D065040B 5. As reported previously, more notices calling for bids for various equipment and projects will be submitted to the Board over the next several months.

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11:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Administrative Services.

Present: Bev Welch, Joe Reynolds, Janet Schmidt, Pete Martin, Fran Martin, Kelli Campbell, Denis Tracy, Dane Dunford, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Marlynn Markley, Bob Reynolds, Peggy Wright, Tim Myers, Eileen Roe, Mark Storey and Thinkh Nguyen.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Eunice Coker and Kim Kopf.

065041 The December 2005 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

December 2005 Cash Balance - \$1,592,460

December 2004 Cash Balance - \$1,315,996

December 2005 Revenue - \$9,438,661 - 94.14% of budget.

December 2004 Revenue - \$8,833,095 - 97.38% of budget.

December 2005 Expenditures \$9,394,779 - 92.49% of budget.

December 2004 Expenditures \$9,251,917 - 92.67% of budget.

11:55 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Berney, Palouse River Counseling Center/Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH) Regional Support Network (RSN).

065042 1. The GCBH was notified January 5, 2006 that it was 1 of 8 (out of a possible 14) RSN's found to be in substantial compliance with the Mental Health Division's RFQ.

D065042A 2. The interlocal agreement that created GCBH is set to expire April 2006. The document can be renewed/extended by a majority vote of the GCBH Board of Directors for a length of time of their choosing. On 12/21/05 a copy of the interlocal agreement and GCBH bylaws was forwarded to the Whitman County Commissioners and the Prosecutor. The Prosecutor is not recommending any changes to the document at this time. The interlocal agreement is an action item for the January GCBH Board of Directors meeting. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to renew/extend the GCBH interlocal agreement for 10 years.

D065042B 3. The State's new expectations/requirements related to GCBH answering telephones (more like an insurance company) and the number of new staff anticipated at the Regional Office makes the current phone system essentially obsolete. Regional Office staff developed an RFP and received 5 responses. A Committee reviewed a summary of the proposals and recommends the Board approve the purchase of a new system for

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approximately \$54,000. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the purchase of a new phone system for GCBH.

D065042C 4. The Inpatient Savings Model is being updated. According to Mr. Berney, we, in the community portion of the system are the gatekeepers for some psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations. The state estimates we will hospitalize a certain number of people. If fewer people are hospitalized a savings is experienced. GCBH has actually had some savings over the years and those savings have been transferred into other community programs. The update to the model will not affect Whitman County because usage has been at the expected level or below. However, one area in the RSN that has used or exceeded hospitalizations is the Tri-Cities. In the past everyone shared in the savings based on size. The state is now requiring the Tri-Cities to show the GCBH office a detailed plan for getting their numbers in line at the expected level before they can spend their share of the dollars.

D065042D 5. Legislative priorities/concerns include:

- Medicaid rates \$ smoothing - WA requesting additional funds
- Short-term hospitalizations - huge impact on eastern WA
- ITA filing fees - reviewing methods to handle these filings

D065042E 6. No formal report has been received yet for Palouse River Counseling Center's Mental Health licensing visit.

D065042F 7. The Regional Administrator notified the Director that DSHS would like to add approximately \$5,000 to the 2003-05 Chemical Dependency contract requiring a future contract amendment.

2:00 p.m. - 2006 Tire Bids.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and Todd Wagner.

065043 The following bid for tires was received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bid and make a recommendation for award on January 30th at 11 a.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Tire Distribution Systems, Inc., Spokane, WA	\$ 6,983.00 w/o tax

2:05 p.m. - Recess.

2:15 p.m. - 2006 Oil and Grease Bids.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Thinh Nguyen and Jess Scurry.

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065044 The following bids for oil and grease were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award on January 30th at 11 a.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Busch Distributors, Inc., Moscow, ID	\$22,693.99 w/o tax
Petroleum Distributing Company, Inc., Spokane, WA	\$20,150.49 w/o tax
Thunderbird Corp., Spokane, WA	\$22,691.45 w/o tax
Mountain Oil Company, LLC, Walla Walla, WA	\$29,339.27 w/o tax

2:20 p.m.- Recess.

2:35 p.m. - Sheriff Brett Myers.

Present: Denis Tracy and Think Nguyen.

065045 Whitman County Sheriff's Office is a part of the Quad Cities Drug Task Force. Part of the grant requirement is that everything must be updated as much as possible. The interlocal agreement has not been updated since 1993. Therefore, the Sheriff presented a revised interlocal agreement for authorization. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the interlocal agreement.

2:40 p.m. - Fran Martin, Public Health/Emergency Management.

Present: Denis Tracy, Brett Myers, Fran Martin, Sharron Cunningham and Think Nguyen.

065046 Denis said this issue refers to the possible sales tax proposition on an upcoming ballot to fund emergency communication facilities. RCW 82.14.420 authorizes the county legislative authority to place on a county ballot a 1/10 of 1% sales tax proposition to be used for emergency communications. The Board has considered a proposal initiated by the rural fire districts asking them to place this proposition on the ballot.

Mr. Tracy understood the Board's initial willingness to do so and has drafted a resolution calling on the auditor to place this proposition on the ballot. Before the election takes place and since Whitman County is a Whitcom partner, the statute requires Whitcom to sign a statement that they understand this ballot proposition is going to be placed on the ballot. Whitcom met last week and discussed this issue. The other 2 Whitcom partners, WSU and the City of Pullman, would like a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the 3 agencies. Whitcom would then acknowledge the ballot proposition, thereby allowing the county to put the proposition on the ballot. If an MOU is not signed, it could hold up the process. Mr. Tracy also drafted an MOU and stated if acceptable, the next step would be for the Chairman of Whitcom (Greg Partch) to call an emergency meeting. The county commissioners' deadline for meeting the

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March 27th election ballot deadline is January 27th. The MOU can come after this deadline but must be completed before the election.

Whitcom's concerns:

- If passed by the voters, the use of this money must be used for emergency communication related items (the statute doesn't restrict this to just fire districts). It can be used for any type of emergency communication, both infrastructure and operation of that infrastructure, i.e. the Tekoa mountaintop repeater or even the Whitcom operators salaries.
- WSU and Pullman want to make sure the county won't use these funds as a source of revenue to pay its 1/3 share of the county's obligations under the Whitcom agreement. They believe the majority of the taxes received from this new proposition would probably be derived from the City of Pullman and they want to make sure that the entire benefit of this package doesn't go to just Whitman County as a whole.

The MOU they would like notes:

- The interlocal agreement establishing Whitcom wasn't meant to govern the use or distribution of the funds that would be generated by this sales tax.
- That the county would decide how to use the funds generated by the sales tax and
- That Whitcom is eligible to apply for funding for various projects from the funds generated by the proposal. Whitcom is not guaranteed the funding, but they could apply for it.
- The county commits to not using the funds generated by the sales tax proposal for its current obligations under the interlocal agreement.

WSU and Pullman are essentially in agreement with the MOU. It appears Whitcom is willing to acknowledge that this proposition can be placed on the ballot.

- Other issues were timing and that a plan be put in place for how the money would be spent if the proposition is approved. Fran Martin developed a plan, however Pullman would like more detail.

According to Ms. Martin, the plan details that the funds would go through the Department of Emergency Management and a 10-member board (Communications Oversight Board) that would oversee the funds. Other than knowing that the Emergency Management Board wants to hire a consultant to pull together the countywide emergency communication equipment, general countywide infrastructure, prepare a long-term plan and transition from wide band to narrow band, she has no idea what type of funding requests might be received in the future. Next year the Emergency Management Board would begin reviewing requests.

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Commissioner Partch **moved** and Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion to adopt the resolution as presented for emergency management with the understanding this measure could be withdrawn from the ballot if the other Whitcom members have concerns.

Commissioner Wigen clarified the rural fire districts of Whitman County brought this issue to the Board for inclusion on the ballot. The people of Whitman County need to know the commissioners did not initiate this action.

Commissioner Partch concurred and added the requesting entities have agreed to pay for all fees associated with placing this issue on the ballot and no cost would be borne by Whitman County.

Prosecutor Tracy reiterated this money would not be used for general county government expenses. It is earmarked for emergency communication infrastructure and being able to hire a consultant to repair and maintain the infrastructure. Motion **carried**.

RESOLUTION NO. 065046

WHEREAS, Whitman County covers a large area, with many hills and valleys which create large geographic challenges to emergency communications; and,

WHEREAS, efficient and effective emergency communications is a vital requirement for police, fire and EMS services for all the citizens of this county; and,

WHEREAS, natural disasters in other parts of the country have pointed out the need for effective and efficient emergency communications and the cost in lives and material when such a system is not working well; and,

WHEREAS, the costs associated with constructing and maintaining an efficient and effective emergency communication system keep rising every year; and

WHEREAS, the County's revenue has not kept up with the rising costs; and,

WHEREAS, the County is required to maintain a balanced budget.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners deems a budgetary emergency to exist, and as provided for in RCW 29A.04.321

HEREBY RESOLVES to call a special county election, to coincide with the upcoming election on March 14, 2006 and the County Auditor is requested to place a proposition in substantially the following form on that ballot, to be voted upon by the voters of Whitman County:

SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1

Emergency Communications System and Facilities

The Whitman County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution No. 065046 concerning a proposition to authorize a sales and use tax, in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, of one-tenth of one percent (10 cents for every \$100.00) to be used solely for financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities, as authorized by RCW 82.14.420. Should this proposition be:

[] Approved

[] Rejected

Dated this 23rd day of January 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

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

Present: Dane Dunford and Mark Storey.

065047 16. Items discussed included Public Works related issues, WSAC centennial request, quarterly regional breakfast meeting and the need for a CETC workshop. No action taken.

3:40 p.m. - Adjournment.

D065047A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **January 23, 2006** 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 30, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **23rd** day of **January 2006**.

ss/ Greg PARTCH, Commissioner
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners