

Minutes for January 27th, 2003

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060691 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **January 27, 2003** at **10:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D060691A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

D060691B 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

060692 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **144924** and **145298-145380** for **\$51,897.99** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	\$14,349.49
102	Building & Development	146.96
103	Countywide Planning	147.05
104	Developmental Services	313.56
105	Mental Health	5,288.74
107	Chemical Dependency	434.31
123	Paths & Trails	100.08
142	Whitcom	10,486.21
400	Solid Waste	7,458.61
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	1,805.15
690	Clearing & Suspense	11,000.05

060693 4. January 21, 2003 minutes approved.

060694-060700 5. Personnel board orders approved.

060701 6. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a mutual aid agreement with Latah County.

0607902 7. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to appoint Jon Kehne to a 5-year term on the Whitman County Rural Library Board of Trustees. A letter of thanks was forwarded to Ronald Webster who previously held this position.

060703 8. Ms. Cunningham explained the need for extension of an interfund loan to Lacrosse Parks and Recreation District #1. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize the extension an interfund loan to Lacrosse Parks and Recreation District #1 to November 2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 060703

Before The Board of Whitman County Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 27th day of January, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Lacrosse Parks and Recreation District #1 has requested an extension on an existing interfund loan; and,

WHEREAS, the extension requested will help alleviate a temporary cash flow hardship due to unexpected expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the requested extension moves the May 2003 payment to November 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the interfund loan is extended as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2003.

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

060704 9. Ms. Cunningham explained that Fire District #14 is requesting an interfund loan to cover the partial cost of a fire truck. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to authorize an interfund loan for Fire District #14.

RESOLUTION NO. 060704

Before the Board of Whitman County Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 27th day of January, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire District #14 has requested an interim interfund loan to cover the partial cost of a fire truck; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

WHEREAS, the interfund loan will be repaid in one payment, at an interest rate equal to the monthly average of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) of the State of Washington for the month immediately preceding the month during which the interfund loan is authorized, contingent upon Fire District #14 securing a loan for the entire \$35,000 from the **LOCAL** program; and,

WHEREAS, if Fire District #14 does not secure a loan from the **LOCAL** program, Whitman County will carry the loan for five years repaid biannually, with an interest rate of four percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$35,000.00 be loaned to Whitman County's Fire District #14 from the Whitman County Current Expense Fund, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2003.

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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

10:10 a.m. - Denis Tracy and Mike Berney.

060705 **10.** Certification of the Prosecutor's 2003 wages was forwarded to the State Treasurer as required.

060706 **11.** A proposed resolution and agreement pertaining to the spin-off of the Whitman County Counseling Services (WCCS) was before the Board for their review and action. Prosecutor Tracy summarized the resolution and agreement explaining that Mike Berney would take over the role as Director of this private nonprofit corporation no longer part of the county. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign a resolution transferring the Whitman County Counseling Services to a private nonprofit corporation known as Palouse River Counseling Center (PRCC).

The commissioners individually thanked all present and former elected officials, department heads, and staff members that worked on this project over the past several years.

Mike Berney thought this spin-off was handled in such a way that it makes sense to the citizens of Whitman County and is a win-win situation.

RESOLUTION NO. 060706

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, Washington, adopted on this 27th day of January 2003 Resolution No. 060706 finding that it is not in the best long-term interests of Whitman County residents to maintain the Whitman County Counseling Center (hereinafter WCCC), as a department of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board also finds that the services now provided by the County through the WCCC will be better provided by nonprofit, non-governmental private business(s); and,

WHEREAS, a private, nonprofit Washington corporation has been formed under the name Palouse River counseling Center (PRCC) and the initial Board of Directors and Officers of the newly formed corporation have been appointed, the County has determined that PRCC is qualified, competent, licensed, and available service provider for mental health and drug/alcohol counseling services for the residents of Whitman County, Washington; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners that the County and PRCC wish to enter into a written agreement whereby the provider of community mental health and chemical dependency services will be undertaken by the PRCC.

Dated this 27th day of January 2003 and effective the first day of February 2003 at 12:01 a.m.

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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060707 12. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the agreement between Whitman County and Palouse River Counseling Center.

The commissioners sent a letter to the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Board notifying that Board of their decision. The letter also stated that

Commissioner Partch would serve as the delegate and Commissioner Finch as the alternate representative for Whitman County on the GCBH Board.

10:25 a.m. - Tom Miller, Rob Reynolds.

060708 13. A letter addressed to Governor Locke regarding business regulations in Washington was signed by the commissioners and forwarded.

060709 14. The Chairman signed an intergovernmental agreement for administrative and fiscal services with Columbia County Health Department.

060710 15. An executed copy of an agreement between the City of Spokane and Whitman County for Household Hazardous Waste collection was received.

D060710A 16. The commissioners' pending list was reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Tom Miller, Facilities Management.

Present: Bob Reynolds, Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, and Sharron Cunningham.

060711 Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to publish a notice calling for bids for Courthouse windows.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey and Phil Meyer.

Action Items:

060712 1. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the local agency change order with KSC, Inc. for the Warner Bridge be signed as presented.

2. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the local agency agreements be signed as presented for:

- 060713** White Elephant Bridge,
- 060714** Farband Bridge,
- 060715** Staley No. 3 Bridge, and,
- 060716** Henderson Mill Bridge.

3. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the local agency federal aid project prospecti be signed as presented for:

- 060717** Henderson Mill Bridge,
- 060718** Farband Bridge,
- 060719** Staley No. 3 Bridge, and,
- 060720** White Elephant Bridge.

4. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that resolutions initiating county road bridge projects be signed as presented for:

060721 White Elephant Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 060721

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington

In the matter of initiating a county road bridge project designated as C.R.B.P. No. 6000-08.18(8), Project No. XFB33.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the White Elephant Bridge, County Bridge No. 6000-08.18 be improved as follows:

This contract provides for the replacement of White Elephant Bridge with a 32 foot wide, 120 foot long prestressed concrete girder bridge.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$119,000.00
Right-of-Way	1,000.00
Contract	<u>730,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$850,000.00

This project will be amended into the official adopted annual road program.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2004

ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2006

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

060722 Farband Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 060722

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington.

In the matter of initiating a county road bridge project designated as C.R.B.P. No. 9080-00.07(2), Project No. XFB32.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Farband Bridge, County Bridge No. 9080-00.07 be improved as follows:

This contract provides for the replacement of Farband Bridge with a 28 foot wide, 75 foot long prestressed concrete girder bridge.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$109,000.00
Right-of-Way	1,000.00
Contract	590,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

This project will be amended into the official adopted annual road program.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2004

ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2006

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060723 Staley No. 3 Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 060723

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington.

In the matter of initiating a county road bridge project designated as C.R.B.P. No. 9050-04.18(8), Project No. XFB31.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Staley No. 3 Bridge, County Bridge No. 9050-04.18 be improved as follows:

 This contract provides for the replacement of Staley No. 3 Bridge with a 28 foot wide, 75 foot long prestressed concrete girder bridge.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$109,000.00
Right-of-Way	1,000.00
Contract	<u>540,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$650,000.00

This project will be amended into the official adopted annual road program.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

 ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2004

 ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2006

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2003.

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060724 Henderson Mill Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 060724

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington.

In the matter of initiating a county road bridge project designated as C.R.B.P. No. 3300-01.05(2), Project No. XFB30.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Henderson Mill Bridge, County Bridge No. 3300-01.05 be improved as follows:

This contract provides for the replacement of Henderson Mill Bridge with a 28 foot wide, 140 foot long prestressed concrete girder bridge.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$ 119,000.00
Right-of-Way	1,000.00
Contract	<u>1,080,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,200,000.00

This project will be amended into the official adopted annual road program.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et. seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: June 1, 2003
ESTIMATED date of completing work: October 15, 2005

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2003.

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060725 **5.** **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to extend the contract to purchase "turn-key" Mack dump trucks from Andrews Equipment Service for calendar year 2003.

Planning Division:

D060725A **6.** The Engineer reported that the Department of Ecology (DOE) is looking at classifying water streams changing them to a use base system. DOE is conducting a workshop in Spokane tomorrow where Randy Baldree, Mark Bordsen, Mark Storey, and Jean Wardwell will attend and provide testimony. The Engineer commented, no matter how this changes, it will still affect livestock and farming in Whitman County. Commissioner Partch suggested Rob Buchert of Palouse Conservation District also be informed of this issue.

Finance Division:

060726 **7.** The Director presented a completed copy of the County Road Administration Board 2003 road levy certification and estimated revenue for Whitman County. The Sheriff's traffic enforcement report is not due to the County Road Administration Board until March.

11:20 a.m. - Jim Durfey.

D060726A **8.** Mr. Storey talked about the possibility of Whitman County being a small financial contributor to the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) in the range of \$2,000-\$4,000. His recommendation was based on the fact that PBAC is becoming more involved in interstate issues rather than just an Idaho issues. If Whitman County does not participate financially things will happen and the county will not be a part of the information or level of control. If PBAC does not have an agreement with all the agencies it is comprised of, it will hamper their efforts.

11:30 a.m. - **Jim Durfey, Washington State University, Agricultural Technology and Management Program.**

Present: Dane Dunford and Phil Meyer.

060727 Mr. Durfey met with the Board to open a dialogue with Whitman County for assistance. He asked that as vehicles or other equipment become obsolete or is damaged beyond the county's utilization, for the Board to consider the possibility of donating the equipment to WSU Agricultural Technology and Management Program. The equipment would provide a teaching tool for lab activities. All members were in favor of Mr. Durfey's request.

11:50 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Travis Anderson, Information Services.

060728 Mr. Anderson presented a request for a new desktop computer for Information Services at the delivered cost of \$2,372.00. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize the requested purchase.

1:15 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer.

060729 Ms. Lemon distributed copies of a petition for sale of 2.38 acres of county property in Malden. The county obtained this property in 1938 through the foreclosure process for \$.89. After checking with Public Works, that they have no objection to the sale of the property. This issue was tabled until February 10th allowing Commissioner Partch time to make an on-site inspection of the property.

2:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford (3:30 p.m.)

060730 17. The commissioners discussed pending items. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D060730A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **January 27, 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 **February 3, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **January 2003**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners