

## Minutes for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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**060751 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 10, 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.**

**D060751A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**D060751B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda less item #B3. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**060752 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **145615-145660, 145679-145711, 145725-145814** for **\$771,246.78** approved.

| FUND | FUND NAME                     | AMOUNT      |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 001  | Current Expense               | \$51,888.76 |
| 102  | Building & Development        | 290.73      |
| 103  | Countywide Planning           | 81.32       |
| 104  | Developmental Services        | 246.92      |
| 110  | County Roads                  | 702.37      |
| 112  | Public Facilities Improvement | 145.26      |
| 118  | Inmate Welfare                | 13.04       |
| 123  | Paths & Trails                | 27.45       |
| 127  | Drug Enforcement              | 6,010.92    |
| 132  | Auditor's Document Preserv.   | 6,260.10    |
| 400  | Solid Waste                   | 16,040.86   |
| 501  | Equipment Rental & Revolving  | 4,840.70    |
| 510  | Photocopier Revolving         | 587.95      |
| 511  | Unemployment Insurance        | 4,082.41    |
| 513  | Communications Revolving      | 135.37      |
| 690  | Clearing & Suspense           | 2,477.62    |
| E    | Electronic Transfer           | 399,813.58  |

**060753 4.** February 3, 2003 minutes approved.

**060754 5. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a resolution opposing the consolidation of the County Road Administration Board with two other state agencies.

**RESOLUTION NO. 060754**

BEFORE THE BOARDS OF ASOTIN, COLUMBIA,  
GARFIELD, WALLA WALLA, AND WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Boards of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, and Whitman County Commissioners met on Monday, February 3, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Boards of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla and Whitman County Commissioners are responsible for operating and maintaining the below listed centerline miles of rural roads and county bridges; and,

|              | <b>Road<br/>Miles</b> | <b>County<br/>Bridges</b>                 |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| Asotin       | 398                   | 18 (Over and under 20' in length)         |
| Columbia     | 507                   | 324 (Over and under 20' in length)        |
| Garfield     | 456                   | 37 (Over 20' in length)                   |
| Walla Walla  | 962                   | 197 (Over and under 20' in length)        |
| Whitman      | <u>1914</u>           | <u>320</u> (Over and under 20' in length) |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4237</b>           | <b>896</b>                                |

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington is proposing to merge the three agencies, the County Road Administration Board (CRAB), the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) in his 2003-2005 budget proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Boards of County Commissioners question not only the wisdom of the Governor's proposal, but the purported savings to be generated; and,

WHEREAS, the County Road Administration Board provides possibly the highest degree of regulatory oversight of any board in the state, including a "Standards of Good Practice" certification program contained in W.A.C. 136-12 through 136-70.

WHEREAS, these are probably the most efficient and cost-effective boards in the State; and,

WHEREAS, the counties in the State of Washington are opposed to such consolidation; and,

WHEREAS, this would seriously impact the counties ability to maintain our roads and bridges as is currently being done through the joint oversight and selection process of the CRAB.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Boards of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, and Whitman County Commissioners that they are in opposition to any consolidation of the CRAB; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Boards of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, and Whitman County Commissioners resist any attempt by the

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Governor to bring about any such detrimental changes to our County Road Administration Board.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

10:05 a.m. - Kathy Lemon.

**060755** 6. Kathy Lemon was presented for the commissioners' decision concerning the petition by Lester LaFleur requesting the county sell 2.38 acres of property in Malden.

Commissioner Partch shared pictures and reported on his visit to the property. He noted the property was logged 10 years prior by Gene Henning who thought he owned the land until last week. Mr. Henning has been taking care of this property for many years. It was later pointed out to him by Kathy Lemon that he actually owned a mirror image parcel of land directly east of the county's parcel. After much discussion, Commissioner Partch recommended the property not be sold at this time to allow them time to visit with the County Prosecutor and determine a more accurate value for the property. The other members concurred.

If and when the property is sold it was suggested, in addition to the required legal advertising, that the Treasurer's Office notify all adjacent landowners, the Town of Malden, and post notices in the area.

**Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to deny the petition of Lester LaFleur for the sale of 2.38 acres of county property in Malden.

**060756** 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to appoint Dorothy Talley to a two-year term on the Classification Committee filling the Management-Non-represented position.

**060757** 8. The commissioners signed a letter to Senator Larry Sheahan in support of his efforts to keep the Southeastern, Washington state parks open.

**060758** 9. Notice of a request for a special occasion liquor license filed by Guardian Angel/St. Boniface Home & School Association was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board. The commissioners returned the notice voicing no objections.

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**060759** 10. An inquiry regarding representation on the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Board was received from Julie LaPierre, Administrative Assistant. The commissioners responded that Commissioner Partch will serve as the designated representative and Mike Berney will serve as the alternate.

**060760** 11. A copy of a response by Mark Bordsen to Jack D. Patrick, Ephrata, WA was received regarding water rights, exempt wells and the Supreme Court decision.

**060761** 12. A letter concerning the commissioners' petition to intervene in the matter of the Naylor Farms water permit #87-10022 was received from Robert L. Lemke, Vice President and Director of Naylor Farms.

**060762** 13. Notice of the funding availability for Criminal Justice Treatment services was received from the Department of Social and Health Services. The Law & Justice Committee will be apprised of this funding opportunity.

**060763** 14. The Chairman signed a department form with regards to DSHS Contract #0183-44531 that expires June 30, 2005.

**060764** 15. U.S. Senator Patty Murray responded to a letter from Commissioner Partch concerning the closure of Southeastern Washington state parks.

**060765** 16. An executed copy of Office of Community Development block grant public service contract #03-64003-014 for Community Action Center programs was received.

**10:30 a.m. - Courthouse Windows Bid Opening.**

Present: Tom Miller, Tim Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds, Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, and one bidder.

**D060765A** 1. The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Galen L. Mertsching  | \$64,979.40 w/tax |
| Klassic Construction | \$54,524.15 w/tax |
| Steve's Glass        | \$58,671.95 w/tax |

**060766** 2. Mr. Reynolds presented the commissioners with packets of the proposed gazebo that will be constructed using the \$25,000 grant from Wilbur-Ellis. Commissioner Wigen **moved** to formally accept the \$25,000 grant from Wilbur-Ellis and looked forward to seeing the new structure at the Fairgrounds. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch who thanked Mr.

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Reynolds for his hard work in obtaining this nationwide competitive grant. Motion **carried**.

**11:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Kelli Campbell and John Peterson.

**060767 16.** Items discussed included reclassification of a position, parent trust declaration, I-790, accounting of .08 funds, personnel law workshop, joint Whitman and Latah County meeting, Naylor Farms letter, two proposed county policies, Space Shuttle proclamation, WSACE letter, and Central Ferry mail delivery. No action taken.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**1:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop Continued.**

Present: Mike Werner.

**D060767A 17.** Developmental Services related items discussed. No action taken.

**2:00 p.m. - Albion Main Street Project Courtesy Bid Opening.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks and 4 bidders.

**060768** The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. The Town of Albion will make the award.

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Steelman-Duff, Inc. | \$156,163.10 |
| Poe Asphalt         | \$148,183.40 |

**2:15 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D060768A** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **February 10, 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 18, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **10th** day of **February 2003**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. FINCH, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners