

Minutes for February 4th & 11th, 2002

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059229 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D059229A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jennifer Snead.

D059229B 2. Motion by Commissioner Jerry Finch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Les Wigen and **carried**.

059230 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 131311-131534 for \$157,790.24 approved.

001	Current Expense	\$79,978.98
102	Building & Development	235.33
103	Countywide Planning	650.06
104	Developmental Services	23.51
105	Mental Health	5,164.04
107	Chemical Dependency	499.94
110	County Roads	39,280.79
112	Public Facilities Improvement	6,814.41
118	Inmate Welfare	716.55
119	Emergency Services	1,090.50
123	Paths & Trails	96.60
127	Drug Enforcement	209.90
132	Auditor's Document Preserv.	101.66
137	Web Site Development	140.00
300	Capital Projects	812.12
400	Solid Waste	16,031.09
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	3,903.81
521	Family Services Center Revolving	2,040.35

059231 4. January 28, 2002 minutes approved.

059232-059234 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Chris Anderson.

059235 6. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a proclamation in honor of Eileen Wexler-Johnson.

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF EILEEN WEXLER-JOHNSON

WHEREAS, Eileen Wexler-Johnson was a longtime resident of Whitman County, a graduate of Washington State College, and raised a family in the Pullman area; and,

WHEREAS, Eileen Wexler-Johnson was very dedicated to Whitman County, giving of herself in many ways including the national political arena, Whelan Grange, Trinity Lutheran Church, Alpha Gamma Delta, Eastern Star, Pullman Senior Citizens, Cougar Boosters and a longtime member of the Council on Aging Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that Eileen Wexler-Johnson is recognized for outstanding service to her community and county.

Dated this 4th day of February 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

059236 **7. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to reappoint Joe Schmick, Rhoderick McIntosh, Dan Coonrad, Charles Oldenburg, David Stueckle, Larry Cochran, and Randy Baldree to 3-year terms on the Whitman County Coordinating Committee.

059237 **8. Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to reappoint the following individuals as Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Whitman County Coordinating Committee subcommittees.

SUBCOMMITTEE #1 - AGRICULTURE

Chairman-Joe Schmick
Vice-Chairman-Jeff Pittmann

SUBCOMMITTEE #2 - LIVESTOCK, TIMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS

Chairman-Rhoderick McIntosh
Vice-Chairman-Dan Coonrad

SUBCOMMITTEE #3 - CULTURAL RESOURCES, RECREATION, WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS

Chairman-Charles Oldenburg
Vice-Chairman-Carl Lautenschlager

**SUBCOMMITTEE #4 - LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION/MINING AND MINERALS,
PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Chairman-Don Nelson

SUBCOMMITTEE #5-WATER RESOURCES

Chairman-David Steuckle

Vice-Chairman-Cheryl Morgan

SUBCOMMITTEE #6 - AIR QUALITY

Chairman-Randy Suess

Vice-Chairman-Larry Cochran

SUBCOMMITTEE #7- RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION

Chairman-Randy Baldree

Vice-Chairman-Bryan Jones

059238 9. A request for support of a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution restoring our freedom to pray was received from Washington County, PA.

059239 10. Information pertaining to secure community transition facilities were received from the Office of Community Development.

059240 11. Information regarding 2002 Growth Management Act population projects was received from the Office of Financial Management.

059241 12. The 2002 Whitman County assessed valuations and tax levies were received from County Assessor, Joe Reynolds. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to accept the assessed county taxable valuation as presented, \$1,802,334,972.

13. Executed copies of the following local agency agreements were received from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

059242 Wassum Bridge;
059242A Judson Bridge; and,
059242B Pleasant Valley Bridge.

059243 14. A claim for damages filed by Bart J. Dearborn was acknowledged and forwarded to Dick Brown, Risk Manager.

10:45 a.m. - Bev Welch, Information Services Director.

D059243A Ms. Welch discussed the Computer Support Specialist position vacancy in the Information Services Department. Upon conclusion, the Board authorized Ms. Welch to refill the position.

11:05 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Joe Poire & Lisa Bostwick.

D059243B Mr. Poire introduced Ms. Lisa Gay Bostwick, the new Port of Whitman County Economic Development Director. Ms. Gay presented a letter to the Commissioners regarding ADO Assistance for the .08 process.

Action Items:

059244 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign the Wassum Bridge RAP project agreement, as presented.

059245 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the Wilbur-Ellis Quarry crushing project, as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 059245

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Wilbur-Ellis Stockpile Site, C.R.C.P. No. 136, Project No. XFC21.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

This contract provides for the stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

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 E.R. & R. 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	\$ 1,000.00
Inspection	\$ 6,000.00
Stockpiling	<u>\$173,000.00</u>
TOTAL ER&R FUND	\$180,000.00

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

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: February 4, 2002

ESTIMATED date of completing work: December 1, 2002

DATED this 4th day of February 2002.

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

059246 **3. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign, as presented, the Pullman South Quarry crushing project.

RESOLUTION NO. 059246

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Pullman-South Stockpile Site, C.R.C.P. No. 135, Project No. XFC20.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

 This contract provides for the stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

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11:30 a.m. - Kathy Lemon and Bob Lothspeich.

059247 1. The 2001 refund list was presented to the Board in accordance with RCW 84.69.020.

059248 2. A resolution indicating the uncollectible personal property taxes was received. Kathy Lemon mentioned that 97.59% of taxes had been collected. That is a very good percentage. Motion by Commissioner Finch seconded by Commissioner Wigen and carried to sign the uncollectible personal property taxes resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 059248

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of the approval of the Board of County Commissioners to cancel the following uncollectible personal property taxes, in accordance with R.C.W. 84.56.240,

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DEEMED BY Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer for the Whitman County Treasurer, that the taxes on the following parcels are uncollectible:

4-4390-00-09-06-0910	L Bar Products, Inc. Code 16 1992 tax	\$606.75 _____
Total:		\$606.75

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the above mentioned uncollectible personal property taxes be cancelled, as e are satisfied they are uncollectible.

Dated this 4th day of February 2002.

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ATTEST:

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Steve Tomson, Whitman County Sheriff.

Present: Don Anderson and Rita Konzal.

059249 1. Don Anderson made a request of the Commissioners to fill a part-time (not to exceed 79 hours a month) Corrections Officer position, due to the retirement of a full-time officer. If approved, this position would fulfill the requirement that two officers must be in the jail facility at all times and is cost effective than paying overtime. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to permit the Sheriff to advertise for a part-time Corrections Officer position.

D059249A 2. Ms. Konzal gave an overview of the changes needed in the updated Emergency Preparedness Plan, which has not been done since 1992. Terrorism is the issue, however the "all hazard" format will no doubt serve adequately. The State of Washington has received a \$750,000 grant from NASA for an earthquake GIS Program. However, a more powerful computer (paperwork has been filled out with Information Services) is needed to be able to run the software. The Plan will have to go through the hearing process to be adopted and then would be sent to the State for approval. Ms. Konzal noted that cities and towns should also be involved in this process.

059250 Not used.

2:30 p.m. - Sara Sue Cochran, Water Conservancy Board.

059251 1. The notice from the Department of Ecology regarding Sara Sue Cochran's term on the Water Conservancy Board due to expire July 16, 2002 was reviewed and tabled to February 19th.

059252 2. Discussed email from Department of Ecology about the process for increasing the composition of the Water Conservancy Board from 3-5 members. This requires advertising. The position requires 32 hours of training and 8 hours each year thereafter. The fee for the 32-hour training session is \$300 and the applicant must be willing to travel and stay wherever the training may be held in the State. This item was put on the pending list for further review.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

D059252A **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 5, 2002 at 9:45 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

9:45 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

D059252B Jim Potts weekly conference call received. No action taken.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

059252C THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for February 11, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Diana Dawson, Recording Clerk.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Reconvene/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Eunice Coker and Chris Anderson.

059253 15. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 131612-131649 for \$184,463.03 and warrants numbered 131537-131594 for \$83,591.87 approved.

001	Current Expense	\$184,463.03	\$83,591.87
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059254 Not used.

059255 16. Motion by Commissioner Wigen seconded by Commissioner Finch and carried to appoint Terry Hammer to the Whitman County Planning Commission with a term expiring February 11, 2005, based on the recommendation of the Planning Committee Membership Subcommittee. A letter of approval was sent to Mr. Hammer.

059256 17. Letter to Randall McLachlan regarding Planning Commission vacancy filled and thanking him for his interest and that his application will be kept on file.

059257 18. A letter was sent to Chad Atkins, Washington Department of Ecology requesting a meeting with the Whitman County Coordinating Committee.

059258 19. Eunice Coker of the Treasurer's office was present to explain the need for a revised investment resolution. Motion by Commissioner Finch seconded by Commissioner Wigen and carried to approve the investment resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 059258

OF

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee in conjunction with the County Administrator, has determined the current investment practices employed by the Solid Waste Fund (400.400.000) should be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, this request was made as the result of declining interest rates and the subsequent loss of interest income to the Current Expense Fund; and,

WHEREAS, a policy of investing Solid Waste Fund excess funds by the County Treasurer as residual cash would allow the Treasurer by R.C.W. 36.29.020, to pay the interest of the investment to the Current Expense Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that effective January 1, 2002 the Whitman County Solid Waste Fund excess funds should be invested by the County Treasurer as residual cash; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution revises Whitman County BOCC resolution number 059219.

DATED this 11th day of February 2002.

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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059259 **20.** A letter received from Dave Brittell, Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the 30-day public review of the Peregrine Falcon.

059260 **21.** A letter received from Dr. Terry Munther, Superintendent of Educational Service District 101 regarding the District's resolution No. 01-02-10 dated January 24, 2002 from Rosalia School District increasing the amount of the debt service levy for 2002 from \$0 to \$285,000.00.

059261 **22.** A letter received from M. Kathleen McBride, Department of Social and Health Services regarding Whitman County's \$10,000 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant. The information was forwarded to Chad Connors, Juvenile Services.

059262 **23.** A memo received from the City of Pullman Mayor Mitchell Chandler and City Supervisor John Sherman regarding state backfill funding. The letter asks for support for the I695 backfill funding from county and cities.

059263 **24.** A second letter was received from Mayor Chandler regarding the Scenic and Heritage Byways project presently being looked at by the Public Works Department. This item was put on the pending list for later review.

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

Present: Mark Storey.

Action Items:

059264 1. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to publish the public notice for no spray.

059265-059266 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for both the Wilbur-Ellis and Pullman South crushing projects

059267 3. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the WSDOT local agency agreement supplement for Darden Bridge be signed as presented.

Maintenance Division:

D059267A 4. Dane Dunford gave a brief update regarding the gravel roads. There will be weight limits put on many roads. The roads are going to be terrible and nothing can be done at this point to repair.

D059267B 5. Mr. Dunford read an article published in last weeks Gazette regarding a mudslide that trapped several Public Works employees 50 years ago. Dane shared pictures he found 18 years ago of this incident.

11:10 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Tim Myers and Tom Miller, Facilities Management.

Present: Several bidders.

D059267C The following four bids for new lighting in county buildings were received, opened and read aloud.

Bidder	Total	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Power City Electric Spokane WA	\$182,083.00	\$92,365.00	\$155,479.00
Pick Electric Spokane, WA	\$183,708.71	\$61,493.40	\$133,335.77
Strom Electric Troy, ID	\$157,638.00	\$75,766.00	\$122,958.50
M & M Harrison Colfax, WA	\$143,430.80	\$69,294.40	\$109,536.80

Alternative 1 is for the Courthouse only.

Alternative 2 is for the Courthouse and Public Service Building only.

11:40 a.m. - Dick Brown.

Mr. Myers asked if the Board would need a working session to go over what the alternative options detailed. This was referred to Mr. Brown for determination of how much money was in the budget and which option could be taken at this time. Staff will make a recommendation February 19, 2002.

11:45 p.m. - Recess.

3:30 p.m. - Whitman County Library Board of Trustees.

Present: Leslie Miller, Linda Fletcher, Anna-Maria Shannon, and Ron Webster, and Kristie Kirkpatrick, Library Director and Peggy Bryan.

059268 The Whitman County Library Board of Trustees made a courtesy visit. A copy of the Library's 2001 report was distributed to each member and reviewed.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D059268A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 12, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Diana Dawson, Recording Clerk.

9:00 a.m. - BOCC Workshop.

D059268B Jim Potts weekly conference call received. Other business discussed involved .08 funds. No action taken.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Gary Hunt, County Negotiator.

Present: Dick Brown and Kelli Shrope.

D059268C Motion by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with the above individuals for discussion of negotiation matters until 2:30 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

2:30 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.

D059268D Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **February 4, 5, 11 and 12, 2002** 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 19, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **11th** day of **February 2002**.

ss/ JERRY FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners