

Minutes for February 13, 2006

Disclaimer: This is only a web copy of the Whitman County Commissioners' Monday Meeting Minutes. Official minutes may be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Commissioners office at (509)-397-6200.

065119 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 13, 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/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.) and Kelli Campbell (9:30 a.m.).

065120 1. Items discussed included SAC recommendation, sales tax exemption, McMurray recognition, records storage and personnel board orders. No action taken.

9:40 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Think Nguyen.

D065120A 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

065121 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **186963-186992, 187025-187055** and **187127-187285** for **\$614,958.83** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	73,877.99
103	Countywide Planning	114.08
104	Developmental Services	708.89
110	County Roads	1,756.78
111	CETC Building	28.53
118	Inmate Welfare	1,607.22
123	Paths & Trails	547.36
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	7,416.89
300	Capital Projects 300.010.001-Asset Acquisition	422.42
300	Capital Projects 300.010.003-Computer System	34,776.32
400	Solid Waste	10,957.11
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	212,744.86
690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000	270,000.38

065122 4. February 6, 2006 minutes approved.

065123-065133 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - John Henry.

BOCC MINUTES-02/13/06

065134 6. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice canceling the February 27th regular commissioner meeting.

065135 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter of agreement for Fountain Flying Service LLC flyovers in unincorporated areas of Whitman County during the 2006 growing season.

065136 8. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter to Gary Young of ACA Northwest, Inc. supporting an industrial park and non-mandated wind generation and other environmentally friendly energy projects.

065137 9. Whitman County Fire Protection District #11 submitted a resolution for inclusion on the county's small works roster.

065138 10. A copy of the staff report that will be submitted to the Pullman City Council on February 14th concerning the SR 270 corridor was received from John Sherman, City Supervisor.

065139 11. An executed copy of the DSHS General Terms and Conditions contract #0683-88594 was received.

D065139A 12. John Henry, a resident of Whitman County was present because of the article in the newspaper regarding commissioners' vehicles. First, he didn't realize there was a citizens committee that determined elected officials salaries. Secondly, He thought the automobile situation is an uncalled for expense. His solution to the problem is to cancel the vehicle order, start a carpool (motor pool) perhaps using old state patrol cars, old county cars, sign them out when needed and drive to and from work in private vehicles. He thought the carpool (motor pool) situation would be more prudent and the taxpayers would be delighted with their performance by using more discretion in that field. The Chairman thanked Mr. Henry for his comments stating they were duly noted.

D065139B 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Megan Doyle and Thinh Nguyen.

Action Items:

065140 1. Last week when the bids were being opened for the SUV's, Chairman Finch said Nelson GM Center submitted two bids at 2:09 p.m. By

BOCC MINUTES-02/13/06

rights the 2:00 p.m. bid for the SUV's should have been refused and not opened. Therefore, he apologized for his error.

Dane Dunford said Public Works reviewed all the bids. Unfortunately, the bid from Jess Ford's is non-responsive because the bid was not completed. As indicated, the SUV bid from Nelson GM Center arrived late and is therefore declared non-responsive. With that, Public Works is recommending the award of the three (3) SUV's to Paradise Ford.

Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion (Wigen abstained) and it **carried** that the bid for three (3) 2006, four wheel drive, mid size utility vehicles be awarded to Paradise Ford for a total bid amount of \$68,583.80 (without tax).

065141 2. The bids received from Jess Ford and Nelson GM Center for the sheriff's interceptor proved to be incomplete and therefore non-responsive. Public Works recommended the award to Paradise Ford.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the bid for one (1), new 2006, full size, four door sedan police interceptor be awarded to Paradise Ford in the total bid amount of \$22,280.88 (without tax).

065142 3. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Morasch Quarry and Stockpile Site lease be signed as presented.

Solid Waste Division:

065143 4. The 2006 annual Spring Cleanup is slated for April 10th-22nd in conjunction with Earth Day.

065144 5. Saturday, May 6th has been slated for Tire Amnesty Day at the Public Works shop in Colfax. This event is designed for the collection of residential rimless car/light truck tires only with a limit of 12 tires. Pre-registration is required by April 28th.

D065144A 6. A resolution formally adopting the wood waste program at the Transfer Station is forthcoming from Public Works.

Finance Division:

D065144B 7. Finance continues working on closing out year-end in Public Works.

Maintenance Division:

D065144C 8. The department continues to issue load limit permits as they have done over the past several weeks.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board.

Present: Megan Doyle and Think Nguyen.

065145 1. An overview of the salmon recovery projects awarded funding by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) last fall was discussed by Mr. Martin totaling \$1.4 million, a 65% market increase over the last five (5) grant rounds. He attributed this to the completion of the Salmon Recovery Plan. The projects funded include:

- Hofer Dam Fish Passage Barrier Removal on the lower Touchet River
- South Ford Coppel Creek Conservation Easement
- Touchet River Irrigation Ditch Consolidation
- Asotin Basin Fish Screens
- Curl Lake Fish Passage Barrier Removal on the Tucannon River
- George Creek Upland Sediment Reduction

The Snake River region (comprised of 5 counties) is a lead entity along with 25 other lead entities statewide. The Snake River region faired exceptionally well compared to the other 25.

D065145A 2. Their next step is to do the same prioritization of projects for submission to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for mitigation of impacts and dams funding. For the first time the Power Conservation Council is looking to our regional recovery board and our Salmon Plan to guide how they are going to invest their money in these five (5) county areas. They don't do that elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest. They typically have tribes and agencies come together for a merely technical prospective and prioritize projects. This year they have asked the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board to do that work for them. Of the \$160 million available, an estimated \$17 million will be directed to these 5 counties.

065146 3. A copy of a letter from Darcy and Verna Darver, owners of Darver Tackle in Starbuck, Columbia County, Washington was received from Mr. Martin. The Darver's benefit greatly when there is a salmon season. The Darver's included statistics of their annual gross revenue clearly depicting a significant increase in revenue during the Spring Chinook and Steelhead seasons. Mr. Martin said these statistics are very compelling because this store is located in a very unpopulated area. The Darver's message is people need to be able to fish for these types of fish and the catch quotas are extremely out of balance. They are asking for the policy makers to realign the catch quotas for consistency across the Columbia Basin.

D065146A 4. Mr. Martin said he was asked to attend a meeting in Portland with Judge Reddin on February 28th in consideration of the biological opinion of the four Snake River dams. This takes into consideration our Salmon Recovery Plan because it clearly demonstrates we can recover these fish in the absence of breaching.

BOCC MINUTES-02/13/06

D065146B 5. Mr. Martin requested Commissioner Wigen contact Representative Grant and Senator Hewitt to let them know we value the Governor's Salmon Recovery office, thereby requesting continued financial support.

D065146C 6. In closing, Mr. Martin said he would like to see more active involvement from the Palouse and Whitman Conservation Districts.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mike Berney.

D065146C 14. Items discussed included the GCBH Board structure. No action taken.

2:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D065146B Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **February 13, 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 **February 20, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of **February 2006**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners