

Minutes for February 19th, 2002

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059269 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

10:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Board Business.

Present: Jennifer Snead and Chris Anderson.

D059269A 1. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of #1 and #2. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

059270-059272 2. Personnel board orders approved.

059273 3. Consideration of the 2002 BOCC/County annual dues tabled for further review.

059274 4. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch to sign a resolution supporting King County's position on I-747. The Chairman pointed out Asotin and Garfield Counties are doing the same; Columbia County has requested a copy for their consideration. He stated I-747 is going to be absolutely disastrous to the junior taxing districts according to a progressive layout on its effects over the next 5 years. It will not affect Whitman County because the county is already at its max.

Commissioner Wigen said one of the reasons he voted against the previous letter and the resolution today is the fact that rural western Whitman County (the people he represents) and rural King County voted against I-747. Seattle also wanted to breach the dams and favored I-695.

Chairman Partch hoped Commissioner Wigen will also inform the rural western Whitman County residents of the 5-year projection impacts I-747 will have on their junior taxing districts, i.e. libraries, cemetery, fire, emergency services, etc. that will be severely impacted. He felt it is the Board's obligation to help the junior taxing districts with this ill-thought initiative. Motion **carried**.

RESOLUTION NO. 059274

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the citizens of Whitman County voted down Initiative 747 in September 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that the effects of I-747 will be disastrous to our local junior taxing districts; and,

WHEREAS, King County believes this to be true in their county; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County and King County are the only two counties with the foresight to see the subsequent effects it would subject upon our counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, WHITMAN COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES to participate with King County in challenging the validity of I-747. Also, let it be known that Whitman County is under no financial obligation in this matter and can support this in name and purpose only.

Dated this 19th 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

059275 **5.** **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to reappoint Darlene Gillespie to a 3-year term on the Whitman County Developmental Services Board.

059276 **6.** A letter encouraging counties to urge their legislators to move forward with HB 2858 concerning Growth Management Hearings Boards review authority was received from the Jefferson County Commissioners.

059277 **7.** A letter requesting 2 new computers purchased from the Asset Acquisition Fund was received from Jim Kaufman, County Prosecutor. The request was forwarded to Information Services for follow up.

059278 **8.** Approval for total payment of \$40,000 from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration was received from J. Wade Bryant, Manager, Seattle Airports District Office for Whitman County Memorial Airport.

059279 **9.** A determination of significance and a request for comment on the scope of an EIS was received from the Department of Ecology with respect to the Watershed Planning Act.

059280 **10.** Information pertaining to close out of the 2001 CDBG-PS grant was received from the Office of Community Development. Information forwarded to the Community Action Center for follow-up.

059281 11. A copy of a letter sent to the Governor by Bill Lipe was received concerning I-695 backfill money.

059282 12. Information associated with Public Health contracting with a collection agency for unpaid accounts was received and reviewed.

059283 13. Chairman Partch signed a letter to Senator Hargrove supporting continued BECCA legislation.

059284 14. An executed copy of an agreement between Whitman Conservation District and the county was received.

059285 15. Notice of upcoming BLM meetings on an EIS to evaluate treatments that will enhance vegetation communities was received from the Department of Interior.

059286 16. Notice of a February 27th hearing by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to consider an electrical rate increase request filed by Avista Utilities was received.

059287 17. A request for annexation to Rural Fire District #6 was received. The information was forwarded to the Auditor's office for certification of petition signatures.

059288 18. Community Development block grant #01-64021-038 for Community Action's lead based paint program was signed by the Chairman and returned to the Office of Community Development. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the CDBG lead based paint grant contract.

D059288A 19. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:45 a.m. - Tim Myers and Tom Miller, Facilities Management.

059289 **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to accept the recommendation from Facilities Management to award the lighting project for the Courthouse, Jail, Public Service and Island Street buildings to the low bidder, Harrison Electric in the amount of \$143,430.80 including tax. According to Mr. Myers, the project will commence within 14 days of the notice to proceed and must be completed within 60 working days.

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

Present: Mark Storey.

Engineering Division:

059290 1. The Director indicated that the county should deed a small parcel of right-of-way on Front Street in St. John to the town in order for them to construct a new bridge as per their request.

Maintenance Division:

059291 2. Mr. Dunford presented documentation awarding the 2002 signs and sheeting quote through the small works roster to Zumar Industries, Inc. for \$6,169.55 without tax.

Planning Division:

D059291A 3. The Director mentioned the Planning Commissioner hearing scheduled for tomorrow to consider adding premix plants to the Corridor Zone.

Building Division:

059292 4. A revised Building Permit informational brochure was received from Mr. Dunford.

11:10 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Dick Brown, Administrative Services Director.

Present: Shirley Bafus, Randy Baldree, Eileen Roe, Mike Werner, Dane Dunford, Bev Welch, Tim Myers, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, Kelli Shrope, Marlynn Markley, Mike Berney, Fran Martin, Robin Cocking, Bob Lothspeich, Chad Connors, and Steve Tomson.

The following individuals contacted Administrative Services regarding their absence from today's meeting: Jim Kaufman, Peggy Wright and Doug Robinson.

059293 1. The 2001 - 13th month ending financial report provided by Mr. Brown.

13th Month 2001 Cash Balance - \$1,598,687

13th Month 2000 Cash Balance - \$1,504,337

13th Month 2001 Revenue - \$8,481,312 - 97.19% of budget.

13th Month 2000 Revenue - \$8,624,236 - 105.75% of budget.

13th Month 2001 Expenditures \$8,528,393 - 93.59% of budget.

13th Month 2000 Expenditures \$8,293,074 - 95.29% of budget.

059294 2. The January 2002 month ending financial report provided by Mr. Brown.

January 2002 Cash Balance - \$1,581,061

January 2001 Cash Balance - \$1,376,960

January 2002 Revenue - \$461,434 - 5.37% of budget.

January 2001 Revenue - \$406,910 - 4.87% of budget.

January 2002 Expenditures \$524,951 - 5.80% of budget.

January 2001 Expenditures \$537,540 - 6.12% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Mike Werner, Developmental Services Director.

059295 1. The Director advised the commissioners that the State Division of Developmental Disabilities is requesting a contract amendment to the 1999-2001 biennial agreement. County budget allocations not fully utilized are being asked to return the unused funds. Whitman County is being asked to reduce its 1999-2001 budget by \$1,342 from an \$814,000 allocation. The reason for the cut is because Whitman County is not receiving credit for some transition money because payment was withheld 2 years ago resulting in a \$4,000 surplus during the 1991-2001 biennium. The county had a contract with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) via a legislative mandate that DVR would provide services for transitioning high school individuals. Since this service was never provided, the Developmental Disabilities Board and Mr. Werner agreed DVR should not be paid the \$4,000 contracted amount. This occurred in 1999, the first year of the biennium. The state is very particular and does not allow money to be transferred from one year of the biennium to the next.

059296 A spreadsheet itemizing program cuts throughout the state was received from Mr. Werner.

059297 A letter was reviewed from the Department of Social and Health Services regarding amendment to the 2001-2003 biennium contract resulting from the distribution of transition dollars and the redistribution statewide of leftover dollars from the last biennium.

Mr. Werner suggested resolving this matter in such a way that it would not affect services. The county board and contractor did set aside \$4,100 in this biennium for training in 2003. He recommended \$1,342 of the \$4,100 be used to satisfy the 1999 cut.

059298 **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to amend the Developmental Services program agreement budget for 2001-2003.

059299 3. The Board agreed to sign a letter to Judy Allen and Dale Miller supporting Community Action's application to the Housing Trust Fund to serve eight residents of Whitman County who are developmentally disabled. Julie Simpson, Chair of the Whitman County Developmental Services Board and Mike Werner are also signatures on the support letter.

D059299A 4. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with Mr. Werner for discussion of personnel/contract negotiation matters until 2:10 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

2:10 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

2:10 p.m. - Fran Martin, John Skyles, Jackie Klossner and Robin Cocking.

D059299B 5. Mr. Werner explained 5 quotes were received for installation of a new telephone system at the county-owned Human Services building in Pullman. A 75%/25% cost share of \$6,400 between Palouse Industries and Whitman County would mean \$4,900 paid by Palouse Industries and \$1,500 paid

by Whitman County. This issue was tabled for further discussion and decision next week.

2:15 p.m. - Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin, John Skyles, Jack Klossner and Robin Cocking.

D059299C 1. Ms. Klossner provided a packet of information and a synopsis about the Whitman County Tobacco Prevention and Control Program she coordinates. Some of the areas she covered included: statistics, youth smoking, quit kits, partnerships programs, presenters, payroll stuffers, "Freedom from Smoking" classes, and nicotine replacement therapy.

Commissioner Finch objected to the fact that the onus is being placed on cigarette sellers for youth smoking when the onus should actually be placed on the buyers. He felt youth smoking would not be deterred until the legislature makes it a crime.

D059299D 2. Mr. Skyles talked about being anxious to advertise for the Environmental Health technical position. He explained 75% of this position would be paid by the CPG grant through the Department of Ecology. Ms. Martin said the position was approved by the Board and is included in the budget, but she is concerned about whether or not the position could be continued in 2003. The Director said she was delaying the hiring until the conclusion of the 2002 legislative session. The other recourse is to hire a temporary employee or grant funded position with the understanding, if the funding is depleted, so is the position.

D059299E 3. Ms. Martin also spoke about the nurse staffing shortages and Vital Records Clerk position.

D059299F 4. A brief influenza update provided by the Director.

D059299G 5. The Department is also working on end of the year reports.

D059299H 6. The Department of Health had several contracts with DSHS in the past for health services program, i.e. First Step, Alternate Response, and Childcare Provider training for the Work First program. The state will now be taking this money from the Work First program, which is money that was contracted through the local health departments to provide the services. By doing so, Ms. Martin said this would cost the state 2-3 times as much.

D059299I 7. Chairman Partch read the letter sent by the Board to Coroner Pete Martin recognizing him as the recipient of the 2001 Award of Excellence from the Washington Academy of Physicians' Assistant.

D059299J 8. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with Ms. Martin and Ms. Cocking for discussion of personnel matters until 3:00 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

3:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

3:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

Commissioner Finch was excused from the remainder of today's meeting.

059300 20. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to authorize the payment of Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **131740-132035** for **\$179,636.03** approved.

001	Current Expense	\$ 99,396.12
102	Building & Development	87.74
103	Countywide Planning	87.75
104	Developmental Services	676.07
105	Mental Health	26,749.96
107	Chemical Dependency	2,132.71
108	Indigent Soldiers	180.00
110	County Roads	2,363.71
118	Inmate Welfare	665.37
119	Emergency Services	60.00
123	Paths & Trails	379.24
127	Drug Enforcement	13,494.61
132	Auditor's Document Preserv.	1,835.66
138	Federal Equitable Sharing	1,053.52
139	"911" Emergency Service	16,513.35
300	Capital Projects	1,384.00
510	Photocopier Revolving	816.10
511	Unemployment Insurance	4,774.38
512	Industrial Insurance Revolving	37.26
513	Communications Revolving	4,780.28
521	Family Services Center Revolving	2,168.20

059301 21. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to approve the February 4-12, 2002 minutes.

3:35 p.m. - Recess.

D059301A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **February 20, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch, Commissioner and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Wigen is attending a meeting in Colton.

2:30 p.m. - Reconvene/Bev Welch, Information Services.

059302 1. Ms. Welch presented and recommended a new computer for the Sheriff's Department purchased from the Asset Acquisition fund. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to approve the asset acquisition request for the Sheriff's office.

D059302A 2. A brief discussion concerning the Prosecutor's computer requests held. Ms. Welch will make a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

2:50 p.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Mark Storey.

059303 1. The Director presented a resolution reducing the speed limit on a portion of the Pullman-Albion Road to 35MPH due to possible slide problems. Mr. Dunford commented this is an exercise on the side of caution. The Sheriff's office has been notified, as will the newspapers. Additional signage will also be installed. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign a resolution reducing the speed limit on a portion of the Pullman-Albion Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 059303

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a portion of a certain county road pursuant to RCW 46.61.415.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the speed limit for all vehicles be decreased to 35 MPH on the following County Road:

Pullman-Albion Road, No. 5500, from milepost 0.26 (Albion City Limit) to milepost 0.87.

ADOPTED this 20th day of February 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

3:00 p.m. - Kelli Shrope.

D059303A 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with Mr. Dunford and Ms. Shrope for discussion of personnel matters until 3:20 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

3:20 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.

D059303B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **February 19 and 20, 2002** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County

Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **February 25, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **20th** 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