

Minutes for March 6, 2006

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065173 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 6, 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: Tim Myers (9:30 a.m.)

065174 1. Items discussed included a TMDL letter, League of Women Voters letter, digital recording, Parks signs, WA-CERT, WRIA 56, BRATC membership, BOCC Choice Award and a Parks Department vacancy. No action taken.

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

Present: Don Henderson, Megan Doyle and Think Nguyen.

D065174A 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

065175 3. Claims/Payroll warrants for February 27, 2006 numbered **187662-187814** for **\$107,220.60** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	38,068.32
102	Building & Development	235.15
103	Countywide Planning	125.33
106	Extension Publications	52.50
110	County Roads	7,616.07
111	CETC Building	607.77
118	Inmate Welfare	759.42
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	95.19
129	House Bill 3900-CASA	83.43
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	10.28
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060	1,018.29
300	Capital Projects-300.010.001	2,827.16
300	Capital Projects-300.010.003	13,364.44
400	Solid Waste	1,070.67
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	1,207.62
513	Communications Revolving	176.56
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	10,515.57

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660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	29,386.83
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065176 4. Claims/Payroll warrants for March 6, 2006 numbered 187864-187933 for \$117,247.82 approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	42,819.56
102	Building & Development	720.52
103	Countywide Planning	714.90
106	CETC Building	18.30
110	County Roads	4,065.31
111	CETC Building	58.54
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	352.84
136	Electronic Monitoring	333.50
400	Solid Waste	2,503.82
410	Solid Waste Reserve	215.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	3,188.64
513	Communications Revolving	775.75
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	58,520.42
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	2,960.72

065177 5. February 21, 2006 minutes approved.

065178-065183 6. Personnel board orders approved.

065184 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an interlocal agreement amendment #3 with Spokane County for Regional Homeland Security Planning and Administration funding.

065185 8. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2006 Washington State Military Department Homeland Security contract #E06-064 for \$104,575 beginning October 1, 2004 through January 15, 2007.

065186 9. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an interlocal agreement with Spokane County for funding the Citizen Corp program.

10:10 a.m. - Don Nelson and John Henry.

065187 10. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to certify the 2005 county inventory (resolution 1/2).

RESOLUTION NO. 065187

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, R.C.W. 36.32.210 requires that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year file with the Auditor of the County a statement verified by oath showing for the twelve months period ending December 31st of the preceding year, a full and complete inventory of all capitalized assets kept in accordance with standards established by the State Auditor; and,

WHEREAS, a listing of Whitman County's capitalized assets as of December 31, 2005, was circulated to all county elected officials and department heads for review and certification; and,

WHEREAS, all county elected officials and department heads have reviewed and certified their respective inventories as of December 31, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Commissioners, that the attached listing(s) of Whitman County's capitalized assets as of December 31, 2005, represented as Attachment A to be correct, as we verily believe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to file said resolution and Attachment A with the County Auditor.

Dated this 6th day of March 2006.

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

The information below is in a summarized format. Detailed inventory information is available in the Commissioners' Office.

General Fixed Assets	COST
Land	362,115.50
Buildings	10,200,112.72
Office Furniture	5,000.00
Office Equipment	167,836.82
Data Processing Equipment	231,630.18
Maintenance/Shop	22,262.59
Vehicles	353,167.16
Road Maintenance Equipment	45,609.14
Communications	62,428.53

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Other	77,145.48
GFA Assets Total	11,527,308.12

Solid Waste

Land	641,285.81
Data Processing Equipment	5,350.00
Maintenance/Shop	101,054.22
Vehicles	81,421.45
Other	519,118.35
Solid Waste Total	1,348,229.83

Equipment Rental & Revolving

Land	3,497,828.09
Data Processing Equipment	14,984.17
Maintenance/Shop	32,515.78
Vehicles	4,420,459.99
Road Maintenance Equipment	6,219,158.14
Communications	38,778.81
Other	1,897,989.46
Equipment Rental & Revolving Total	16,121,714.44

Photocopier

Office Equipment	88,327.51
Photocopier Total	88,327.51

Communications

Communications Total	167,743.43
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065188 11. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to certify the 2005 county inventory (resolution #2 of 2).

RESOLUTION NO. 065188

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, G.R. Finch, Greg Partch and Les Wigen, the Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have examined the inventories as of December 31, 2005, as duly prepared and certified by the heads of various departments of Whitman County and find the same to be correct, as we verily believe.

Dated this 6th day of March 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

065189 12. The 2006 county dues requests were tabled to March 13th.

065190 13. Chairman Finch explained there seems to be some confusion or misunderstanding about the emergency communication 1/10 of 1% proposition. The commissioners authorized this issue to go on the ballot at the request of a rural fire district. The commissioners did not initiate the proposition.

Commissioner Wigen **moved** and Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion to sign a resolution supporting emergency communications proposition #1. Commissioner Wigen also reiterated the Chairman's comments.

065191 Commissioner Partch talked about the letter received from the Pullman League of Women Voters and their questions pertaining to:

- Consolidating this election with the school districts - not the county's choice
- Election costs - requesting entity was advised they would have to assume all election costs
- Information dissemination - up to the requesting entity
- Absentee ballot required postmark date - not relevant to this issue

Commissioner Partch went on to explain some of the Emergency Services equipment needed would allow all emergency responders to communicate with each other.

The commissioners then fielded inquiries from the audience regarding the proposition.

065192 A letter was received from Darin McKee seeking an explanation about the proposed proposition. Motion **carried**.

RESOLUTION NO. 065190

WHEREAS, Whitman County covers a large area, with many hills and valleys creating large geographic challenges to emergency communications; and,

WHEREAS, efficient and effective emergency communications is a vital requirement for police, fire and EMS services for all the citizens of this county; and,

WHEREAS, natural disasters in other parts of the country have pointed out the need for effective and efficient emergency communications and the cost in lives and material when such a system is not working well; and,

WHEREAS, the costs associated with constructing and maintaining an efficient and effective emergency communication system keep rising every year; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Whitman County Commissioners do hereby support Proposition No. 1 on the March 14, 2006 ballot authorizing a sales and use tax, in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, of one-tenth of one percent (10 cents for every \$100.00) dedicated for the sole use of financing, design acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

Dated this 6th day of March 2006.

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

065193 14. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a resolution writing off the Prosecutor's uncollectible accounts.

RESOLUTION NO. 065193

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on March 6, 2006 in regular session; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office has billed out copying costs to defense attorneys for their client's police reports, and a very small amount of those costs have not been paid; and,

WHEREAS, attempts have been made to collect the past due amounts of the total amount of \$67.70, but further effort will cost more than the amount due.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the listed amount be declared not collectable and removed from the accounting records of Whitman County Prosecutor accounts.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March 2006.

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

065194 15. As follow up to the Board's approval of February 6th, the 2006 Asbestos Abatement contract with Affordable Asbestos Abatement Company was signed upon **motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

065194A 16. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter to Treasurer Bob Lothspeich in response to the SAC/EAT recommendations.

17. The following grant application data forms signed:

065195 CTED Drug Task Force Indirect federal narcotics grant-\$144,859,
065196 WSP National Marijuana Initiative grant-\$23,500,
065197 USFW Parks & Recreation grant-\$31,250,
065198 DSHS-JRA/CJS grant-\$39,006,
065199 DSHS-JRA/CJAA grant-\$25,525,
065200 DSHS-JRA/HB3900 grant-\$12,481,
065201 DSHS-JRA/SSODA grant-\$9,023,
065202 DSHS-JRA/CDDA grant-\$10,230,
065203 DSHS-OJJPP grant-\$7,500,
065204 DSHS-JABG grant-\$11,111,
065205 AOC-CASA grant-\$10,000 and
065206 AOC-BECCA grant-\$34,003.

065207 18. An email was received from Doyle McClure regarding the commissioners' vehicles and travel.

D065207A 19. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

D065207B 20. Another opportunity was given to the members of the audience to ask questions or make comments. John Henry wondered if the

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commissioners' vehicles had arrived which they have not and Don Nelson inquired about the status of a conference call with the Board, Prosecutor and land use attorney that is still pending.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Think Nguyen and Megan Doyle.

Solid Waste Division:

D065207C 1. Staff continues advertising upcoming events such as Spring Cleanup and Tire Amnesty Day. Cindi Lepper will once again participate with Latah County on the annual Home & Garden Show at the Kibbee Dome. She is also working with both universities and the City of Pullman on Earth Day events.

Maintenance Division:

065208 2. Grader blades for 2006 were awarded through the Small Works Roster to Modern Equipment in Spokane for \$19,235 without tax.

11:10 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Dane Dunford and Mark Storey, Think Nguyen and Megan Doyle.

D065208A 21. Chairman Finch acknowledged that today is Megan's last day for covering the commissioners' meetings. He wished her the best with her new position and ventures in western Washington.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Bev Welch.

D065208B 22. Information Services staffing discussed. No action taken.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen and Think Nguyen.

D065208C 23. Public Works related items discussed. No action taken.

2:15 p.m. - Recess.

3:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

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D065208D 24. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until 5:00 p.m. for negotiation matters.

5:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

D065208E THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 7, 2006** at **8:00 a.m.** G.R. Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

8:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Joint Latah/Whitman County Commissioners (Moscow).

Present: Paul Kimmell, Jack Nelson, Tom Stroschein and Susan Peterson, Clerk

065209F 25. Items discussed included the Corridor, Rural Residential, WRIA, Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee and a water conference. No action taken.

10:00 a.m. - Adjournment.

D065209A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **March 6 and 7, 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 **March 13, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **7th** day of **March 2006**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners