

Minutes for March 10th, 2003

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060876 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 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.

D060876A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, Mike Berney, Bob Lothspeich, and Kathy Lemon.

D060876B 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of item #3. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

060877 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 146507-146544, 146568-146600, and 146624-146775 for \$614,284.51 approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	18,591.09
102	Building & Development	435.27
103	Countywide Planning	243.74
110	County Roads	10,371.65
123	Paths & Trails	183.11
127	Drug Enforcement	5,000.00
137	Web Site Development	114.23
400	Solid Waste	2,459.08
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	11,693.55
690	Clearing & Suspense	227,926.01
ET	Electronic Transfer	337,266.78

060878 4. March 3, 2003 minutes approved.

060879 5. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the bill of sale selling the Whitman County Counseling Services inventory to Palouse River Counseling Center.

060880 6. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the warranty deed transferring the Whitman County Counseling Services building to Palouse River Counseling Center.

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060881 7. Warrants for the following amounts were issued to Palouse River Counseling Center in accordance with agreement #060707 dated January 27, 2003: \$246,836.24, \$52,237.88, and \$3,347.59.

060882 8. A warrant for \$400,000.00 was received from Palouse River Counseling Center for payment of the building, vehicles, and property (inventory).

060883 9. A letter requesting the county sell property to the Town of Oakesdale was received. Kathy Lemon explained at the time of county's foreclosure on this property (50'x 100'), there was \$9.36 in tax indebtedness, \$2.93 in interest, and \$270.00 in costs for the foreclosure totaling \$282.29.

Bob Lothspeich pointed out R.C.W. 36.35.150 allows the county to privately negotiate the sale of county property to another governmental agency thereby eliminating any advertising or public auction.

Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sell a county owned lot located next to Oakesdale Town Hall for \$282.29.

Kathy Lemon will contact the Town to request they process the paperwork legal transfer of the property.

060884 10. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to appoint Fran Martin, the current Public Health Director, also as the Emergency Services Director, retroactive to January 1, 2003.

060885 11. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the contract between Whitman County and Galen L. Mertsching for replacement of the Courthouse windows.

060886 12. A letter was received from David Soderstrom of Bainbridge Manufacturing, Inc. asking each county to do everything possible to help retain small businesses in rural communities.

060887 13. An email was forwarded to the House Rules Committee concerning the County Road Administration Board legislation (SSB 5527).

060888 14. An email was forwarded to the House Finance Committee concerning financial assistance for cities and counties legislation (HB 2098).

060889 15. A listing of liquor license establishments whose license will expire June 30, 2003 was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

060890 16. An executed copy of the intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement between Whitman and Pierce Counties was received.

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D060890A 17. The issue of whether or not Whitman County should join the Palouse Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) was tabled.

D060890B 18. The issue of whether or not to sell 2.38 acres of county property in the Town of Malden was tabled for further research.

D060890C 19. A letter supporting continued BECCA funding was also tabled.

D060890D 20. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Kelli Campbell, Human Resources Director.

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

060891 1. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a board order accepting the recommendation of the Human Resources Director to appoint John Peterson and Kelli Campbell as HIPAA Co-Compliance Officers for Whitman County.

060892 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign an application with the Department of Labor & Industries Retrospective Rating Pool at a less aggressive level.

10:40 a.m. - Mark Storey and Phil Meyer, Public Works Department.

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

Action Items:

060893 1. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the local agency agreement supplement for Endicott Road be signed as presented.

Maintenance Division:

D060893A 2. Mr. Meyers noted that Maintenance Districts 1 and 3 are currently hauling gravel from the Winona Rock Quarry.

10:55 a.m. - Recess.

12:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Susan Fagan, Fritz Hughes, Tom Lees, Jim DeVleming, Mike Thomason, Pullman Chamber of Commerce Representatives; Jacqueline Fagan, and Kaye Engel.

060894 21. Items discussed included funding/construction status for SR 270, Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee, Comprehensive Plan revisions, Pullman Chamber request regarding 3-year moratorium, and economic

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development/creating solid businesses for county residents. No action taken.

1:20 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Fran Martin.

060895 22. Items discussed included information on a cigarette sting operation and a WSAC Legislative Steering Committee update. No action taken.

2:30 p.m. - Recess.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Commissioner Wigen was not available.

Present: Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, Tim Myers, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, Judy McMurray, Dan Brown, and Mark Storey.

D060895A 23. The item of discussion pertained to bidding procedures. No action taken.

3:30 p.m. - Adjournment.

D060895B Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **March 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 **March 17, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **10th** day of **March 2003**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners