

Minutes for March 11th, 2002

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059356 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 11, 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. - Board Business.

Present: Alan Solan and Chris Anderson.

D059356A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

D059356B 2. Chairman Partch acknowledged that today as the 6-month anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United State.

10:05 a.m. - Evan Ellis.

D059356C 3. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of #3. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

059357 4. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **132521-132576, 132594-132632,** and **132655** for **\$654,528.07** approved.

FUND #	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
690	Clearing & Suspense	\$269,309.22
ET	Electronic Transfer	385,218.85

059358 5. March 4, 2002 minutes approved.

059359 6. Chairman Partch read a letter sent to the Port of Whitman County regarding the county's intentions to transfer ownership of the Whitman County Memorial Airport to the Port of Whitman County. Commissioner Finch pointed out this is all taxpayers money and he felt the taxpayers would get more bang for their buck by the transfer which he felt to be a very positive action. Commissioner Wigen concurred adding that the Port is the more appropriate entity to operate the airport. Chairman Partch concurred with his fellow commissioners. He added that the Port's industrial park is adjacent to the airport and it makes good sense for the Port to operate the airport as well as being beneficial tax-wise. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the Board of County Commissioners are in agreement that they would like to transfer the ownership of the Whitman County Memorial Airport to the Port of Whitman County. Specific details as to the transfer are yet to be worked out and paving of the road accessing the airport will be handled as a separate issue.

- 059360** 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to appoint James Hawkes, Beverly Welch, Terry Jeffries and Carol Towne to the Classification Committee with terms expiring June 1, 2004.
- 059361** 8. A memo was sent to all employees reminding them that the county's computer network and bulletin boards are intended for official county business only.
- 059362** 9. A letter was sent to Sheriff Tomson regarding the required paperwork process when hiring new employees.
- 059363** 10. The official transmittal for proposed amendments to the Highway/Waterway sections of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance was received. The commissioners will review the proposal this week and plan to set a date for hearing on this matter at their March 18th meeting.
- 059364** 11. A request was received from the Palouse Economic Development Council (PEDC) for 2002 membership dues in the amount of \$500. Chairman Partch said the request was not received in time to be considered with all other requests on March 4th. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to deny PEDC's request. A letter was returned to Mr. Thompson.
- 059365** 12. As requested, Mike Berney forwarded information concerning state approved community workshops sponsored by the Counseling Services Department.
- 059366** 13. A letter was received from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission regarding possible name changes for some State Parks in preparation of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Since some of the parks listed for name change consideration are also proposed for closure by the legislature, it was the Board's feeling this is an exercise in futility. A letter will be returned to the State Parks and Recreation Commission stating the same.
- 059367** 14. Governor Locke responded to the commissioners' letter concerning the proposed closure of the State Library.
- 059368** 15. Notice of the availability for Snow-Park (non-motorized winter recreation) and snowmobile funds was received from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. No action taken.
- 059369** 16. A listing of liquor licenses in Whitman County whose licenses will expire June 30, 2002 was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.
- 059370** 17. The 2002 income limits for all primary metropolitan statistical areas and non-metropolitan counties in Washington was received.
- 059371** 18. The 2002 agricultural burning delegation order No. 02AQER-3570 was received from the Department of Ecology. Due to some minor language

changes in the order by DOE a meeting was scheduled with representatives of the conservation districts for March 18th.

059372 19. A letter was sent to Terry Hammer correcting the expiration date for his recent appointment to the Planning Commission from January December 31, 2005 to January 2, 2006.

059373 20. Chairman Partch sent a letter to DSHS Secretary Dennis Braddock opposing the ten new quality improvement (mid-management) positions created shortly before the Governor's statewide hiring freeze.

21. Executed copies of the following WSDOT local agency agreement supplements was received for:

059374 Fitzgerald Bridge; and,
059375 Warner Bridge.

059375A 22. Commissioners' pending list reviewed. Commissioner Finch thought Harrison's should be responsible for replacing the broken window in the building they recently vacated.

10:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey.

Action Items:

059376 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to award the bid for crushing at the Pullman-South Quarry to Seubert Excavators for a total bid amount of \$174,400 without tax.

059377 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to award the bid for crushing at the Wilbur-Ellis Quarry to DeAtley Crushing for a total bid amount of \$154,500 without tax.

059378 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to execute the 2001 annual certification for the County Road Administration Board.

Maintenance Division:

D059378A 4. According to the Director, the road system will be pretty ugly as the roads thaw out again and take on more rain. There is not much the department can do; the roads are too soft and mushy to put equipment on them. The equipment would cause more damage to the roads than they would fix. If it freezes, it may allow the crews to get to a few bad sections in the morning, which is exactly what they will do, but it must be well frozen.

Solid Waste Division:

D059378B 5. Mr. Dunford reported Julie Fox, Recycling Coordinator, participated in the Home & Garden Expo at the Kibbie Dome this past weekend.

Ms. Fox shared a booth with Latah County Recycling where well over 500-600 visitors stopped at the booth for recycling information.

Engineering Division:

D059378C 6. The Director stated the Engineering Division continues to survey for the Endicott Road Phase IV project.

Finance Division:

D059378D 7. The Finance Department is working to clear up 2001 year-end. Mr. Dunford said he was anxious to see a current and accurate account analysis in the near future. Dick Brown was asked to look into this matter and later informed the Board and Mr. Dunford that he was assured by Dee Luft that the March account analysis would be complete.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Chad Connors, Juvenile Services Administrator.

059379 Mr. Connors presented professional service contracts with the University of Idaho Child and Youth Study Center to provide services to Whitman County high-risk youths under intensive supervision. The contract will be paid through the state Consolidated Juvenile Services program in the amount of \$7,500 for the contract period of April 1, 2002 thru June 31, 2003, coinciding with the biennial plan. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the professional services contracts with the University of Idaho Child and Youth Study Center.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Mike Werner and Bob Lothspeich.

059380 Discussion held involving the Space Allocation Committee and process. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Bob Ingalls, Jail Commander.

Present: Dick Brown.

059381 Discussion held involving trustees and trustee supervision. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D059381A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 12, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

9:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Workshop.

059382 Discussion held involving proposed revisions to the Highway/Waterway sections of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, lobbyist conference call, Rural Fire District #6, .08 funding, and the Pullman-Moscow Corridor. No action taken.

10:00 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Dane Dunford.

D059382A Discussion held involving the Lamont tower, Public Works Department 4 day 10-hour workweek, right-of-way transfer to St. John, Public Works letter to Auditor regarding claims payment, and Busch sales tax error. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Recess.

D059382B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 13, 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. - Board Business Continued/Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford and Mark Bordsen.

059383 Discussion held involving the proposed Highway/Waterway Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance amendments. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D059383A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **March 11, 12, and 13, 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 **March 18, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of **March 2002**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners