

## Minutes for March 21, 2005

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**063627 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 21, 2005 at 8:50 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**8:50 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Sharron Cunningham and Bev Welch (9:00 a.m.) and Kris Bunch (9:30 a.m.).

**D063627A 1.** Items discussed included a Whitcom issue and WSU's request to connect to the county's server for internet purposes. No action taken.

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

Present: Tammy Lewis, Megan Doyle, Adam Roberts and Kris Bunch.

**D063627B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**10:05 a.m. - Bob Lothspeich.**

**063628 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **174698-174848** and **174992** for **\$256,733.60** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	58,950.65
102	Building & Development	307.83
103	Countywide Planning	556.70
104	Developmental Services	4,252.80
110	County Roads	19,294.10
112	Public Facilities Improvement	15,105.81
114	Bulk Purchasing	2,228.22
118	Inmate Welfare	348.10
123	Paths & Trails	172.78
127	Drug Enforcement	185.15
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	12.75
142	Whitcom-911	59,466.66
400	Solid Waste	72,846.28
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	18,885.39
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,285.85

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513	Communications Revolving	2,834.53
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063629 4. March 14, 2005 minutes approved.

063630-063636 5. Personnel board orders approved.

063637 6. Adam Roberts indicated Information Services recently acquired responsibility for the photocopiers and associated budget. They are looking at different options for placing copiers in the county and in the process created a list of all county copiers, their age and use. The Sheriff's Office would like to replace their copier, which is one of the three oldest machines in use. Mr. Roberts used the small works roster to obtain replacement quotes.

As a cost savings measure, these copiers have a feature that allows them to also act as a computer printer and is much cheaper to print with these than some of our printers. Replacing a copier in the Sheriff's Office will eliminate one printer. Mr. Roberts distributed the following information.

- 063638 Xerox \$7,874.00 (Dealer-Xerox) Cost per page \$0.0129
- 063639 Minolta \$6,395.00 (Dealer-ABC) Cost per page \$0.0092
- 063640 Canon \$7,595.00 (Dealer-Ikon) Cost per page 40.0104
- 063641 Average monthly maintenance costs claim comparison.
- 063642 Maintenance contract pricing comparison.

Rather than using the old copier as a trade-in, Mr. Roberts recommended moving it to another area with less use, which is Administrative Services, thereby replacing the second oldest copier in the county's system. Administrative Services current copier could be considered for trade-in or disposal.

Mr. Roberts recommended awarding the quote to the lowest bidder, Minolta for \$6,395.00. Although the county has mostly (Ikon) Canon copiers, they could save \$1,000 by purchasing the Minolta. All machines are warranted through maintenance contracts.

10:15 a.m. - Bev Welch.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to purchase one Minolta copier (Photocopier Revolving Fund) for the Sheriff's Office based on Information Services recommendation.

Mr. Roberts also pointed out a data base has been created to track all copiers, printers and maintenance calls to aid in future equipment purchases.

Ms. Welch said she is currently auditing the photocopier fund to determine if the \$.05/copy fee charged to all departments could be reduced.

Her main reason for stopping by was to compliment Adam Roberts and Kris Bunch. Both gentlemen have been doing an outstanding job. Their response time is incredible, they provide good, quality work and she has received numerous compliments about both technicians' work ethics and the fact they get the job done right the first time. The commissioners all agreed.

**063643** 7. Chairman Partch stated Stevens County has asked us to refinance the Martin Hall bond.

Commissioner Finch noted Stevens County was represented at the last Martin Hall meeting and asked members of the consortium to consider refinancing the bond. Stevens County would save much money and be removed from the legal responsibility of the bond. The Martin Hall consortium was put together by Stevens County and this is somewhat of a payback. Whitman County did indicate unless we saved 5% on the actual bond offering would not proceed. Even if this resolution is adopted, if Whitman County doesn't experience at least a 5% savings on the day the bond is refinanced, we will not move forward. This would actually save Whitman County \$40,000 during the term of the bond.

Chairman Partch visited with Jack McLaughlin, the bonding attorney who handled the original bond advised there was no problem with Whitman County signing the proposed resolution even if Whitman County chooses not to refinance.

Bob Lothspeich mentioned if the Board does proceed with this, the county would not have any other opportunity for an early pay out. Commissioner Finch clarified, an early pay off would have to take place December 2006 otherwise the bond must go to term. Commissioner Partch said the early pay out was considered but they didn't feel the county would have the funds to pay off the bond at that time anyway.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to move ahead with the Martin Hall bond refinancing issue, but only in the event Whitman County saves 5% or more on the reissue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 063643**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 050388; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBSTITUTE BOND; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

WHEREAS, Whitman County, Washington (the "County"), is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington;

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WHEREAS, the County and eight other counties (collectively the "Members") entered into an Amended and Restated Interlocal Juvenile Detention Facility Agreement (Martin Hall), as amended, in August of 1996 (the "Agreement"), to provide for the joint acquisition, renovation, operation and maintenance of Martin Hall for use as a "juvenile rehabilitation center" (the "Martin Hall Project");

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County (the "Board") on November 4, 1996 ("Resolution No. 050388") the Board found that the Martin Hall Project would increase the County's ability to detain and treat dependent, wayward and delinquent children, and thereby promote the health, welfare and safety of the County's residents;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized and empowered by chapters 13.16, 36.67 and 39.46 RCW to issue, sell and deliver its limited tax general obligation bonds to finance juvenile detention facilities for dependent, wayward and delinquent children;

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.340 authorizes the Members to participate in agreements pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW to jointly expend funds for the construction, improvement and expansion of juvenile justice facilities;

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388 the Board found it desirable for the County to jointly expend funds with the other Members for the Martin Hall Project;

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388 the Board found it necessary for the County's share of the Martin Hall Project costs to be financed as the County did not have cash on hand to make such expenditures;

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388 the Board found that the County's costs would be reduced if one of the Members issued bonds to finance the Martin Hall Project, and that such reduction in costs would benefit the County's residents and taxpayers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 165-1996, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Stevens County (the "Stevens County Board") on December 10, 1996, Stevens County issued its "Stevens County Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 1996" in the original principal amount of \$6,000,000 (the "1996 Stevens County Bonds");

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388 the Board found it necessary that a portion of the 1996 Stevens County Bonds be repaid by the County in order for the expenditures of the proceeds of the 1996 Stevens County Bonds to represent a "joint expenditure" of funds within the meaning of RCW 82.14.340;

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WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 050388 the Board authorized the issuance and delivery to Stevens County of its "Limited Tax General Obligation Bond (Martin Hall Project)" in the original principal amount of \$555,540 (the "Bond") to acknowledge its obligation to pay a portion of the Martin Hall Project costs:

WHEREAS, Stevens County reserved the right to redeem the outstanding 1996 Stevens County Bonds maturing on December 1 in the years 2007 through 2016, inclusive, in whole or in part at any time, on or after December 1, 2006, at the price of par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption;

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Stevens County Board has determined that it will be financially advantageous to the Members and result in a savings to the Member's taxpayers to defease, pay, redeem and retire all or a portion of the 1996 Stevens County Bonds maturing on December 1 in the years 2007 through 2016, inclusive, by the sale, issuance and delivery of refunding bonds;

WHEREAS, the issuance of such refunding bonds by Stevens County requires that Resolution 050388 be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it in the County's best interest to amend Resolution 050388 so that Stevens County may issue such refunding bonds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:**

**Section 1: Definitions**

Words not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in Resolution No. 050388.

**Section 2: Amendment to Defined Term in Resolution No. 050388**

The definition of "Stevens Bonds" contained in Resolution No. 050388 is hereby amended to provide as follows (double-lined words to be inserted):

"...that Stevens County issue up to \$6,000,000 of its limited tax general obligation bonds (as originally issued or hereafter refunded pursuant to their terms, the "Stevens Bonds") to finance the Martin Hall Project..."

**Section 3: Amendment to Section 1 of Resolution No. 050388**

Section 1. of Resolution No. 050388 is hereby amended to provide as follows (~~interlineated~~ words to be deleted):

"Section 1. To represent the County's pro rata share of the costs of financing the Martin Hall Project, a general obligation bond (the "Bond") in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto (and by reference incorporated herein) is hereby authorized to be issued and delivered to Stevens County, Washington. The Bond shall be dated the date of the Stevens Bonds, shall mature on the final maturity date of the

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Stevens Bonds, shall be in a principal amount equal to 9.259% of the aggregate principal amount of the Stevens Bonds, and shall bear interest in an amount equal to 9.259% of the interest initially due in each year on the Stevens Bonds, ~~subject to adjustment if the County elects to redeem a portion of the Bond prior to its maturity,~~ payable on the same dates as interest on the Stevens Bonds is payable. The principle of the Bond will be payable, in part, on the same dates as principal of the Stevens Bonds is payable in an amount equal to 9.259% of the principal initially due in each year on the Stevens Bonds, ~~subject to adjustment if the County elects to redeem a portion of the Bond prior to its maturity.~~ The Bond shall not be transferable by Stevens County."

**Section 4: Amendment to Section 2 of Resolution No. 050388**

Section 2 of Resolution No. 050388 is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety as follows:

"Section 2. The Bond is not subject to redemption prior to maturity."

**Section 5: Substitute Bond**

The Chair, the Clerk and such other officers of the County as may be appropriate, and Lukins & Annis, P.S., the County's Bond Counsel, are each hereby severally authorized and directed to execute a substitute bond for the Bond in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, an Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G and any and all other certificates and documents and do any and all things determined necessary or appropriate to consummate the amendments of Resolution No. 050388 set forth in this Resolution.

**Section 6: Other Sections of Resolution No. 050388 Unaffected**

Except as set forth in this Resolution, all the provisions of Resolution No. 050388 shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 7: Ratification**

All actions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the Board and the County's employees with respect to the adoption of this Resolution are hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

**Section 8: Repealer**

All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, and shall have no further force or effect.

**Section 9: Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on March 21, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

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**C E R T I F I C A T E**

I, Maribeth Becker, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, duly held at the regular meeting place thereof on March 21, 2005, of which meeting all members of such Board had due notice and at which a majority thereof was present; and that at such meeting such resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof: 3  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original resolution on file and of record in my office; that such resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at such meeting; and that such resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County on March 21, 2005.

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Maribeth Becker, Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WHITMAN COUNTY

LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (MARTIN HALL PROJECT) WHITMAN COUNTY, Washington (the "County"), a political subdivision duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received, promises to pay to STEVENS COUNTY on the following dates the following amounts of principal of and interest on this Bond, all as provided for in Resolution No. 050388, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on November 4, 1996, as amended by Resolution No. 063643, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 21, 2005 (as so amended, the "Resolution"):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
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**SEE ATTACHED**

This Bond matures on December 1, 2016, and is issued in the principal amount of **\$ SEE ATTACHED**.

This Bond is not subject to redemption prior to its maturity.

This Bond shall not be transferable by Stevens County.

This Bond is a limited tax general obligation of the County. The full faith, credit and resources of the County have been pledged to pay the principal of and interest on this Bond, subject to the limitations on such pledge set forth in the Resolution.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED that this Bond is issued pursuant to and in strict compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington now in force, and the ordinances and resolutions of the County, specifically the Resolution, and that all acts, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond have happened, been done and performed.

This Bond is issued in substitution for a bond numbered 1, entitled "Whitman County Limited Tax General Obligation Bond (Martin Hall Project)," dated December 17, 1996, in the original principal amount of \$555,540.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whitman County, Washington, has caused this Bond to be executed by the signature of the Chairman of its Board of County Commissioners, attested by the signature of the Clerk of its Board of County Commissioners, and impressed with the seal of the Board of County Commissioners on March 21, 2005.

ATTEST:

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

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Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

**063644**     **8.** The county was requested by the Town of Oakesdale to appoint their mayor pro tem as their regular mayor due to the council exceeding the 90-day appointment period. Upon expiration of the council's appointment period, the county commissioners are charged with making an appointment. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Russ Rickett as the Town of Oakesdale mayor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 063644  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners has received a letter dated March 8, 2005 from Russ Rickett of Oakesdale, WA; and,

WHEREAS, the letter states that the Mayor of Oakesdale resigned in September of 2004, and more than 90 days elapsed after that resignation without the town council filling the vacancy, and the town council now requests that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners appoint Russ Rickett to the position of Mayor of Oakesdale, WA; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 42.12.070 provides the authority for the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners to comply with the Town of Oakesdale's request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints Russell W. Rickett to the position of Mayor of the Town of Oakesdale, Washington, to hold that position until such time as provided for in RCW 42.12.070 (6).

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2005 and effective upon signatures as of this date.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**10:30 a.m. - Park and Recreation Ordinance.**

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Present: Tim Myers, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**063645** The Chairman convened the hearing for proposed revisions to the Park and Recreation ordinance and requested a staff report.

Tim Myers, in his staff report noted this issue was part of the 2006 budgeting process because the county was faced with difficult financial times primarily due to the passage of state initiatives. In trying to be creative to keep the county parks open and continue services, a fee for services is the most reasonable solution. The proposed revision allows for charging a day use parking fee at the county parks.

No comments received from those in attendance nor were any written comments received for or against the proposal. The Chairman closed the hearing.

The fee is \$2/day at Kamiak Butte, Klemgard and Wawawai County Parks. There is also an option to purchase an annual parking permit for \$20/year January 1, thru December 31 per vehicle.

Chairman Partch said during the budget process, Tim looked into this possibility with the Park and Recreation Board and this proposal is based on their recommendation to the commissioners.

Commissioner Wigen indicated he has spoken with the other commissioners and Tim. In the past he supported the horses, dogs on leashes, fire prevention, noise pollution and enforcement issues at the parks, but he could not support a \$2 parking fee. It was his opinion the fee would reduce the amount of visitors to our parks.

Tim hoped they would reevaluate the parking fee if in the future they can find other means of generating revenue to offset costs. This wasn't something the Park Board or Park staff wanted to do, but rather something they had to do.

Commissioner Finch couldn't argue with Commissioner Wigen's point, but at the same time, he understood that we must begin to pay for some of the services provided. As a child, he remembered purchasing pool passes in Pullman, so this concept is not something new.

Chairman Partch said 2 years ago Pullman was considering closing all their parks. The Pullman residents imposed a tax on themselves by creating a Park and Recreation District to support the services. That tax is far greater than \$2 for Pullman property owners. He didn't particularly like the idea either, but as Tim stated, Whitman County has lost revenue as a result of initiatives passing. They had to make the choice of keeping a park open or not. Without this, the Board would have to look very seriously at closing one or more parks and since this was a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board, he was going to honor that recommendation.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion to approve revisions to the Whitman County Park and Recreation ordinance Chapter 2.12. Commissioners Finch and Partch voted aye and Commissioner Wigen voted nay. Motion **carried**.

At the offering of Tim Myers, Commissioner Finch purchased annual parking pass #1 and Commissioner Partch purchased pass #2.

The Chairman suggested a fund be created for parking permit donations for individuals that cannot afford the fee.

**ORDINANCE NO. 063645**  
**Whitman County Ordinance Chapter 2.12**  
**Whitman County Park and Recreation**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED** that Whitman County Ordinance Chapter 2.12, Park and Recreation is amended as follows:

**Chapter 2.12 Park and Recreation**

**Sections:**

- 2.12.010 Public recreation defined.
- 2.12.020 Board -- Creation and composition.
- 2.12.030 Board -- Term of members.
- 2.12.040 Board -- Removal of members.
- 2.12.050 Board -- Powers and duties.
- 2.12.060 Purpose.
- 2.12.070 Definitions.
- 2.12.080 Park hours.
- 2.12.090 Animals in parks.
- 2.12.100 Disturbance by animals prohibited.
- 2.12.110 Horseback riding in designated areas only.
- 2.12.120 Motor vehicles -- Parking in designated areas only.
- 2.12.130 Motor vehicles -- Operation in designated areas only.
- 2.12.140 Trail use.
- 2.12.150 Teasing, annoying, feeding of any animal prohibited on park property.
- 2.12.160 Refuse restrictions.
- 2.12.170 Firearms and weapons permitted in designated areas only.
- 2.12.180 Fireworks.
- 2.12.190 Sales -- Permission of Director required.
- 2.12.200 Amplified music and public address systems.
- 2.12.210 Fires.
- 2.12.220 Camping area.
- 2.12.230 Violation of park rules unlawful.
- 2.12.240 Enforcement methods in County parks.
- 2.12.250 Severability.
- 2.12.260 Parking-- Rules.

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2.12.270 Parking -- Enforcement.

2.12.280 Parking -- Permits.

2.12.290 Parking -- Fines, Sanctions, and Appeals.

**2.12.010 Public recreation defined.** "Public recreation" wherever used in this chapter means and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, all public recreational activities in or upon playground, athletic fields, camps, recreation centers, swimming pools, public buildings, parks and other suitable places, or other public lands used, owned, controlled, or operated by the county either within or without its political boundary and the activities in or upon them, and the use of the same for recreational activities to be conducted thereon.

**2.12.020 Board -- Creation and composition.** A park and recreation board of the county is created, shall hereinafter be called "the board," and shall consist of seven members, to serve without compensation, who shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.

**2.12.030 Board -- Term of members.** For the appointive positions on the Whitman County park and recreation board the initial terms shall be two years for two positions, four years for two positions, and six years for the remaining three positions, plus the period in each instance to the next following June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, the term for each appointive position shall be six years and end on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2.12.040 Board -- Removal of members.** Any appointed county park and recreation board member may be removed by a majority vote of the county commissioners either for cause or upon the joint written recommendation of five members of the county park and recreation board. Vacancies on the county park and recreation board shall be filled by appointment, made by the board of county commissioners for the unexpired portions of the terms vacated.

**2.12.050 Board -- Powers and duties.** The Whitman County park and recreation board:

- A. Shall elect its officers, including a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, and such other officers as it may determine it requires;
- B. Shall hold regular public meetings;
- C. Shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a written record of its meetings, resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which record shall be a public record;
- D. Shall initiate, direct, and administer county recreational activities, and shall select and employ a county park and recreation director, and such other properly qualified employees as it may deem desirable;
- E. Shall improve, operate, and maintain parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities, together with all structures and equipment

- useful in connection therewith, and may recommend to the board of county commissioners acquisition of real property;
- F. Shall promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations deemed necessary in the operation of parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities, and may recommend to the board of county commissioners adoption of any rules or regulations requiring enforcement by legal process which relate to parks, playgrounds, or other recreational facilities;
  - G. Shall each year submit to the board of county commissioners for approval a proposed budget for the following year in the manner provided by law for the preparation and submission of budgets by elective or appointive county officers;
  - H. May, subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners, enter into contracts with any other municipal corporation, governmental or private agency for the conducting of park and recreational programs;
  - I. Shall have any other powers and duties that may be granted to county park and recreational boards by the legislature.

**2.12.060 Purpose.** This chapter is declared to be an exercise of the police power of the county for the public peace, health, safety and welfare and its provisions are to be liberally construed. The park areas, playgrounds, activity centers and other facilities of the parks of the county are established by law for public recreation purposes. The primary purposes of such facilities and parks are for the accommodation of the public as a whole and secondary for the recreational activities of community groups or other groups consistent with the use of such facilities by the public as a whole.

**2.12.070 Definitions.** The terms herein used unless clearly contrary to or inconsistent with the context in which used shall be construed as follows:

- A. "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road and in upon or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs, motor scooters, jeeps, or similar type of four-wheel-drive vehicles and snowmobiles, whether or not they can be legally operated upon the public highways.
- B. "Park" means and includes all county parks, park drives, parkways, park museums, bathing beaches and play and recreational grounds owned and controlled by Whitman County.
- C. "Park Board" means the Whitman County Park Board as established and created by RCW 36.68.
- D. "Person" means all natural persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, clubs and all associations or combination of persons whenever acting for themselves or by an agent, servant, or employee.
- E. "Trail" means any path or track designed for use of pedestrians,

bicycles, in-line skates, or equestrians, and which is not of sufficient width, nor graded or paved with concrete, asphalt, gravel, or similar substance, so as to permit its use by standard passenger automobiles, or other right-of-way specifically designated and posted for non vehicular use.

**2.12.080 Park hours.** It is unlawful for any person to be in a public park when it is closed, other than park personnel and those overnight camping in approved campground areas. A park is considered closed to public use other than regular posted hours of operation as determined by the Parks' Director. Park hours of operation shall be posted on the property. Parks may be closed due to emergencies or to protect the park and park visitors as determined by Park's Director and posted on site.

**2.12.090 Animals in parks.** Dogs or other household pets may be exercised in county parks providing they are on a leash or carried by the person owning or having custody of the animal. It is unlawful to allow or permit any domesticated animal to run at large in any county park except in designated areas or as may be permitted for special occasions by the parks' Director. The person owning or having custody shall be responsible for any mess created or caused by their animal.

**2.12.100 Disturbance by animals prohibited.** No person shall allow his dog or other pet or domestic animal to bite or in any way molest or annoy other park visitors. No person shall permit his dog or other pet or domestic animal to bark continuously or otherwise disturb the peace and tranquility of the park.

**2.12.110 Horseback riding in designated areas only -- Not to endanger others.** No horses shall be permitted in any county park except where designated and posted to specifically permit such activity.

- A. In such areas as may be designated and posted for horseback riding, no person shall ride any horse or other animal in such a manner that might endanger life or limb of any person or animal and no person shall allow such horse or other animal to stand in such area or any other area of the park unattended or insecurely tied.

**2.12.120 Motor vehicles -- Parking in designated areas only.** No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, boat trailer. Or other vehicle, shall park such vehicle in any county park area, except where the operator is using the area for a designated recreational purpose and the vehicle is parked in a designated parking area. No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any county park area after closing time, except when camping in a designated area. Any vehicle found parked in violation of this section may be towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.

**2.12.130 Motor vehicles -- Operation in designated areas only.** No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any county park area unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use. Subject to the provisions of this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a county park area except on roads, streets, highways, parking lots, or parking areas; provided, that traveling upon such roads, streets, highways, parking lots, or parking areas has not been prohibited by proper posting and provided that the parks' Director, or his designee, may give written authorization for the operation of a motor vehicle at any place within a county park when such vehicle is operated in furtherance of county business.

**2.12.140 Trail use.** Unless otherwise posted, it is unlawful to use bicycles or other similar wheeled vehicles on unpaved trails and posted paved trails, with the exception of wheelchairs and strollers. Further, it is unlawful for any person to travel on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable a prudent under the existing conditions and having regard to actual and potential hazards. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with others who are complying with the law and using reasonable care. Travel at speeds in excess of fifteen miles per hour on a walking, bicycling, hiking, and in-line skating trail, unless otherwise posted, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section. Travel at speeds fifteen miles per hour or less shall not relieve the rider from maintaining control of themselves and their equipment, and from the duty to ride with due regard for the safety of all persons.

**2.12.150 Teasing, annoying, feeding of any animal prohibited on park property.** It shall be unlawful for any person in any park, in any manner to tease, annoy, disturb, molest, injure, kill, throw stones or projectiles of any kind at, or to strike with any stick or weapon, any animal, bird, fowl, or fish. It shall be unlawful for any person in any park to feed any wild animal, bird, fowl or fish except as may be authorized by the parks' Director.

**2.12.160 Refuse restrictions.** It is unlawful to deposit any refuse, not generated in parks, in designated receptacles.

**2.12.170 Firearms and weapons permitted in designated areas only.** No person, other than law enforcement officers acting in their official capacity, shall carry any firearm, nor shall any person discharge across, in, or into any park area a firearm, bow and arrow, or air or gas weapon, slingshot or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or damaging or destroying any public or private property, except in such area and under such circumstance as the parks' Director may designate.

**2.12.180 Fireworks.** It is unlawful to shoot, fire or explode any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedo or explosive of any kind in any park unless a written permit has been obtained from the parks' Director.

**2.12.190 Sales -- Permission of Director required.** It is unlawful to sell refreshments or merchandise in any park without the written consent of, or a concession contract with the parks' Director or his designee.

**2.12.200 Amplified music and public address systems.** It is unlawful to operate a powered public address system or amplified music speaker system or other means of amplifying sound at any park areas without a written permit from the parks' Director.

**2.12.210 Fires.** It is unlawful to build any fire, except in devices designed to contain such fires. Fires are allowed only in designated areas using approved devices provided therefore. No fire will be allowed during posted "No Fire Season" as determined by park's Director.

**2.12.220 Camping area.** It is unlawful for any person to camp in any park except at places set aside for such purposes and so posted, except as may be permitted for special occasions by the parks' Director.

**2.12.230 Violation of park rules unlawful.** It is unlawful to violate or fail to comply with any park rule or regulation duly adopted by the Whitman County Park Board and codified by the Board of County Commissioners.

**2.12.240 Enforcement methods in County parks.**

- A. Violation of the park rules may be a civil infraction.
- B. Enforcement of these provisions shall be consistent with applicable law, including RCW 36.68.080.
  - 1. Infraction Penalty. The Parks and Recreation fine shall be set as listed in IRLJ 6.2 subsection b unless otherwise specified. Repeat violations of any code shall double the fines.
  - 2. Loss of Park Privileges. In addition to any prescribed penalty, any person failing to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the loss of park or recreation facility use privileges and ejection from the County Park, associated marine park area or recreation programs. The length of time of ejection shall be determined by the Director at his/her discretion not to exceed twelve months.
- C. The provisions of this section may be enforced by any sworn member of the Whitman County Sheriff's Department, and departments with mutual aid agreements with Whitman County Sheriff's Department, and any Park Ranger/Operations Coordinator of the Whitman County Parks, Fair, and Facilities Management Department, and any other person designated by the Director of the Whitman County Parks, Fair, and Facilities Management Department.

**2.12.250 Severability.**

The section, subsection, clause, phrase, or work in this ordinance or in the supporting Policy and Purpose or any provision adopted by reference therein are severable and, if any is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining ordinance, Policy and Purpose, or any provision adopted by reference therein shall not be affected thereby.

**2.12.260 Parking -- Rules.**

- A. Knowledge of parking regulations. It is the responsibility of all individuals parking within Whitman County Parks to read and fully understand these regulations. Lack of knowledge of these regulations will not be accepted as grounds for dismissal of citations.
- B. Emergencies. The Director of Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management shall have authority to suspend, modify, or repeal any or all provisions in this chapter in the event of an emergency, disaster or other like contingency. Such action shall be limited in duration and scope to meeting the dangers of the contingency.
- C. Free Parking. The Director of Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management shall have the authority to suspend any or all provisions in the Chapter in order to provide for a free parking day or weekend in order to promote park visitation.
- D. Severability. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter or its application to other persons or circumstances is unaffected.
- E. Definitions. The definitions in this section are applicable within the context of these regulations.
  - 1. Motor Vehicle. All motor-driven conveyances except wheelchairs.
  - 2. No parking zone. Any area specifically marked and/or signed as a no parking zone. Such areas include, but are not limited to areas with adjacent curbs or trails painted yellow.
  - 3. Park/parking. This refers to the placement or standing of a vehicle, with or without a driver in attendance, and with or without the engine running.
  - 4. Parking permit. A vinyl, plastic, or paper instrument sanctioned by Whitman County that is displayed from a vehicle and authorizes parking in Whitman County Parks.
  - 5. Service vehicle. A vehicle used to provide a service for Whitman County, a tenant or contractor of Whitman County (e.g. a Whitman County owned vehicle or a privately-owned vehicle providing service to Whitman County with business identification displayed).

**2.12.270 Parking -- Enforcement.**

- A. Enforcement authority. Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management Operations Coordinators, additional staff as assigned by Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management Director and the Whitman County Sheriff's Department and departments with mutual aid agreement with Whitman County Sheriff's Department are charged with the impartial enforcement of these regulations. Enforcement personnel have authority to issue parking citations, to impound vehicles, and to control access to areas.
- B. Times of enforcement. Parking regulations are subject to enforcement at all times.
- C. Motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycles. (1) The general traffic regulations applicable to motor vehicles apply equally to motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycles. Motorcycles, mopeds or bicycles may not be driven on trail system unless posted otherwise. Owners of motorcycles and mopeds are responsible for all violations. Bicycles are allowed to park in bicycle racks. There is no fee associated with parking a bicycle in a bicycle rack within Whitman County Parks.
- D. Liability. Whitman County assumes no responsibility for the care and protection of any vehicle or its contents at any time the vehicle is on Whitman County property.

**2.12.280 Parking -- Permits.**

- A. Issuance and use of permits. Day use parking permits are available at all County parks with parking fees. Fee boxes are located adjacent to parking areas and in campgrounds. Annual parking permits are available at the Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management Office or on site from Park Ranger when available.
- B. Replacement permits. The permit holder has a responsibility for removing annual parking permits prior to selling or trading a vehicle. The identifiable remnants of the original permit must be presented to Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management to receive a free replacement. Persons failing to comply with this requirement shall pay the cost of a new permit.
- C. Window replacements. When a permit-bearing window is replaced the permit replacement fee will be waived if remnants of the original permit are presented to Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management Department.
- D. General. Whitman County will issue permits for designated fee parking areas. Any vehicle parked in a Whitman County park fee areas must clearly display a current permit.
- E. Permits - Form and display. All permits must be displayed in the approved position on the vehicle with permit numbers visible. Permits not displayed in accordance with the provisions of this section are not valid, and vehicles displaying them improperly are subject to citation.
  - 1. Day parking permits must be displayed on dashboard of vehicle

- in a manner as being able to be easily seen from the outside.
2. Annual parking permits must be affixed to rear window of vehicle. Decals must be mounted completely by means of their own adhesive (not by tape).
  3. Motorcycles and mopeds: Motorcycle and moped annual permits must be mounted completely by means of their own adhesive and prominently displayed on the left rear side of the vehicle or on top of the rear tail light. Day Parking Permits must be displayed "in plain view" on motorcycles and mopeds.
- F. Disability permits. Whitman County strongly supports the provision of disability parking spaces within fee parking areas for people of disability. Daily and annual parking permits are available at the established fee. A State issued Disabled Parking Permit must be displayed when parking in disability parking spaces within Whitman County Parks.
- G. Permit Fees.
1. Schedules for parking fees, parking fines and sanctions, and the effective date thereof will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval by motion. Fee schedule will be reviewed on a regular basis.
  2. Payments: Fees for annual parking permits may be paid at the Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management office by cash, check or money order. Fees for Day Parking Permit will be deposited in fee boxes located adjacent to parking area. Only cash or bankable check will be accepted in fee boxes. The County's standard charges will be assessed for non-sufficient fund checks.

**2.12.290 Parking -- Fines, Sanctions, and Appeals.**

- A. Violations, fines, and sanctions.
1. Violations and fines: Parking violations will be processed by the Whitman County District Court Office. Fines must be paid at Whitman County District Court or other authorized locations. Schedules for parking violations, fines, and sanctions are posted in the Whitman County Parks, Fair and Facilities Management office and on the Whitman County Parks and Recreation website and at the District Court Office.
  2. Reduction of fines: Fines for violations in subsection (1) of this section paid within twenty-four hours will be reduced by one-half. Eligible violations received on Friday, Saturday or Sunday can be paid on the following Monday to satisfy the twenty-four hour requirement. Mailed fines must be postmarked within twenty-four hours to receive the one-half reduction.
  3. Alternative to fine: Fines for violation is subsection (1) of this section may be waived if within seven (7) days of citation, proof of purchase of an Annual Parking Permit is provided to Whitman County District Court office.
- B. Appeals procedure.
1. Appeal to district court: A person may appeal to district

court. The application for appeal to district court shall be in writing and must be filed with district court within ten calendar days after citation is issued.

Dated this 21st day of March 2005 and effective upon signatures as of this date.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**10:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Randy and John Scholz, Stan Gfeller, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**Action Items:**

**063646** 1. The Chairman reconvened the hearing for the proposed vacation of the Steptoe Bridge calling on the Engineer to review his additional research.

An air photo of the Steptoe Bridge was distributed in response to a question about other access to the land serviced by this bridge. The photo shows land ownership, the location of the Steptoe Bridge and two existing bridges on the Blackwell Road. The NW 1/4 section is owned by Gfeller's and the other quarter sections are owned by Scholz'. No owner would be landlocked by abandoning this bridge.

The Steptoe Bridge used to be on the main county road that crossed the creek, made a turn to the east traveling to the community of Steptoe. In the 1880's the original road was constructed with this bridge in its current location. A map was distributed showing original location of the road then known as Stephens Road. In 1907 Stephens Road was extended and became known as McCroskey Change next to the railroad and creek. In 1934 neither one of the alignments were used. The road, as it is now located, was constructed along the south side of the old railroad. In 1940 everything north of the railroad line was abandoned. A copy of the

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abandonment paperwork for both Stephens Road and the proposed change north of railroad distributed.

In answer to the question about whether or not the road serviced an old house shown on the air photo, there are no records of the county ever adopting or obtaining the right-of-way for the road beyond the bridge and up the house. The road merely crossed the bridge then turned NE to the community of Steptoe.

The engineer also distributed photos of what the bridge looks like today to get an idea of what kind of condition the bridge is under today and also showing 2 areas the farmers could access their land if the bridge was abandoned and/or removed and possible residential access. When asked, Mr. Storey said Whitman County would provide written documentation for access to the Gfeller and Scholz property.

Mark spent time working on the hydraulics calculating as liberally as possible using two different methods, the federal flood requirements and WSDOT. He essentially came up with the same answer as he did 2 years prior. He has both the design and Fish and Wildlife's letter refusing the proposed design for the twin pipes (culverts). He also went through the geometry and it would be physically impossible, given the rules he must follow today to install a single pipe. Mr. Storey understood and shares the property owner's frustration, but unfortunately as an agency, he can't do anything other than what the rulebook allows.

In summary, the reason for seeking to abandon this bridge is due to the county's liability and replacement expense. It is an old wood bridge in poor condition at best. Weight limits have continually been reduced because it is not suitable for heavy loads. It can't be replaced with a single pipe, so the only other alternative is to replace the existing bridge with another bridge. The bridge is not on the county's transportation system. It is on a non-county road that only services 2 property owners. He understood the property owner's position, but pointed out the expense associated with replacing the bridge. This particular bridge is used more for private access than for public transportation and there are other alternatives to the access point than this bridge now offers.

The engineer asked that the air photos not be mistaken for an official certified survey. In order to determine property lines, a full survey would need to be conducted because the lines on the air photo are too close to call.

Stan Gfeller said his first preference is a bridge, but that appears to be unreasonable. His second choice is to remove the existing bridge and clean the channel. Not removing the bridge will create flooding problems for him when there is high water because the bridge can't handle it. The water backs up and damages his farmland.

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Mark Storey said when inspecting the bridge a few years prior he could see where the water had left the channel and damaged Mr. Gfeller's land and agreed the bridge probably does present a flood hazard. If the bridge were removed, it would improve the hydraulics. If the bridge were replaced, the new bridge would have to be much higher to meet floodplain requirements.

John Scholz was concerned about access to his property, but if the county will provide written documentation for access his concerns would be addressed and Mr. Storey said that could be easily accomplished.

Tammy Lewis questioned ownership if the bridge was abandoned and the engineer replied that is not the county's legal responsibility to determine. If the landowners want to define ownership they would need a survey. Normally the county road defines ownership, but since this is not a county road, it is more difficult to define.

Dane Dunford interjected, it would be the county's intent to remove the bridge and its liability if abandoned. If the landowners were in agreement as to whose land the bridge sits on and they wanted the bridge, the county would need a legal document drawn up so that person assumes liability for the bridge.

Stan Gfeller asked if removed, would the channel be cleared to remove some of the sediment to prevent flooding. Mark Storey responded, prior to the county removing a bridge, they must apply for a permit listing all intended plans, but the state may not write the permit authorizing all requested plans. Dane Dunford replied that the immediate channel to the bridge would be taken care of.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the hearing.

Commissioner Wigen appreciated the landowners working with the Public Works Department and staff's time spent on this issue.

As Risk Manager for the county, Commissioner Finch said the county is becoming more cognizant of these liability issues. Therefore, he was in favor of abandonment.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to vacate Steptoe Bridge be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the Matter of the Intent to ) **RESOLUTION NO. 063646**  
Vacate and Abandon an Approach )  
Bridge located Northwest of )  
County Road No. 4470, the Black- )

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well Road, in the NW ¼ of Section ) RESOLUTION VACATING  
11, Township 17 North, Range 43 )  
East, W.M. in Whitman County, )  
Washington )

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon said Steptoe Bridge on the 14th day of February 2005.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve portions of said Steptoe Bridge for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of said Steptoe Bridge.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 7th day of March 2005, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of said Steptoe Bridge is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that said Steptoe Bridge, Bridge No 4450-00.00 be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 7th day of March 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**063647** 2. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of day labor projects.

**063648** 3. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the annual certification for calendar year 2004 for CRAB be signed as presented.

063649 4. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the contracts between Whitman County and Motley-Motley for demolition of the 110 East Island Street (county building) in Colfax be signed as presented.

063650 5. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to send letters of appreciation to Dan Bruce, Tim Danaher and Bob Heitstuman for their work on the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee.

063651 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to send Jay Miller, Gerald Gilchrist, David Morgan and Louis White letters of reappointment to the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee. All appointments will expire 12/31/06.

**Solid Waste Division:**

063652 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to establish a wood waste pilot project at the Transfer Station for 6 months beginning April 1, 2005.

**RESOLUTION NO. 063652**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of a "Wood Waste Recovery" pilot project.

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Operations Manager, in an effort to reduce wood waste permanently landfilled, and divert clean, separated wood waste to grind and ship as "hog fuel" to be used in the production of energy,

AND, WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Operations Manager wishes to provide an incentive to contractors and the general public by reducing the dumping rates for clean, separated loads of pallets, lumber, plywood, chipboard, etc.,

AND, WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the benefit of reducing the amount of wood waste currently being landfilled.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Whitman County will conduct a pilot "Wood Waste Recovery" project for a duration of six (6) months, that will be evaluated at the end of the six month trial period, and either eliminated or extended as a long-term program at the solid waste facility.

AND, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whitman County Solid Waste Facility shall reduce rates for the clean wood waste to \$20.00 per ton, with a minimum charge of \$10.00 per load, to be dumped in a separate location at the Landfill facility for grinding and hauling.

ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2005. (Effective April 1, 2005.)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**063653** 8. Ascent GIS of Spokane, WA was awarded the small works roster quote for GeoExpress 5.0 with MrSID software in the amount of \$4,695.00 without tax.

**D063653A** 9. The annual CAP report is being completed. This report does not require the commissioner's signatures.

**Administrative Division:**

**063654** 10. On behalf of all Public Works Department employees, the Director presented the 2004 Public Works annual report.

**11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Administrative Services Director.**

Present: Bev Welch, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Chad Connors, Tim Myers, Denis Tracy, Dane Dunford, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Peggy Wright, Marlynn Markley, Eileen Roe, Megan Doyle and Tammy Lewis.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Mike Werner.

**063655** The February 2005 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

February 2005 Cash Balance - \$691,393

February 2004 Cash Balance - \$922,125

February 2005 Revenue - \$732,715 - 7.54% of budget.

February 2004 Revenue - \$734,389 - 8.10% of budget.

February 2005 Expenditures \$1,450,856 - 14.57% of budget.

February 2004 Expenditures \$1,433,771 - 14.36% of budget.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

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

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Present: Dane Dunford, Evon Jones and Mark Bordsen.

**D063655A 9.** Items discussed included Building and Planning Division issues. No action taken.

**2:00 p.m. - Carothers Road/Landfill Road Overlay.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Tim Davis, Julie Banks and one bidder.

**063656** The following bid for the Carothers Road/Landfill Road overlay project was received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bid and make a recommendation for award on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT W/TAX</b>
Poe Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$94,657.40

**2:05 p.m. - Board Business Continued.**

**063657 10.** A letter was forwarded by the Board to the Department of Ecology regarding Whitman County's concerns about e-waste.

**11.** The following Pullman-Moscow Corridor comment letters were received from:

- 063658** Kelly Cassidy, Pullman, WA
- 063659** Robert N. Grunewald, Pullman, WA
- 063660** Margorie B. Grunewald, Pullman, WA
- 063661** Margorie B. Grunewald, Pullman, WA
- 063662** Stephen and Melissa Hines, Moscow, ID
- 063663** Robert and Leila Luedeking, Pullman, WA
- 063664** Margaret Paden and Joe Ford, Pullman, WA
- 063665** Palouse Trail Committee, Colfax, WA
- 063666** Gary Kopf, Pasco, WA
- 063667** Glenn Aldrich, Seattle, WA
- 063668** Michael and Debra Alperin, Viola, ID
- 063669** Bill Bonte, Moscow, ID
- 063670** Cynthia Nichols, Moscow, ID
- 063671** Mayor Marshall H. Comstock, City of Moscow, ID

**063672 12.** An executed copy of the agreement with the Department of Revenue for collection of harvesters timber tax was received.

**063673 13.** Letter received from David Soderstrom, Bainbridge Mfg., Inc. regarding Washington State economic development.

**063674 14.** Letter received from the Department of Ecology regarding water quality issues in the Palouse River watershed.

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**063675** 15. Email received from Senator Bob Morton's office advising that the Governor officially declared a statewide drought emergency for Washington State.

**063676** 16. Letters were sent by email to US Representative Cathy McMorris and US Senators Cantwell and Murray voicing concerns about the President's proposal to eliminate funding in 2006 for the Community Services Block Grant program.

**063677** 17. Letters were sent by email to US Senators Cantwell and Murray urging support of S338, Smith-Bingaman amendment related to Medicaid services.

**063678** 18. Chairman Partch signed a letter to the Office of Community and Rural Health expressing his support for recruitment/retention of a dentist for the Whitman County Health Department/Palouse Health Center.

**D063678A** 19. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**2:15 p.m. - Recess.**

**D063678B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 23, 2005** at **2:00 p.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Tim Myers and Mike Werner.

**D063678C** 20. Item discussed was the future of Developmental Services. No action taken.

**3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D063678D** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **March 21** and **23, 2005** 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 28, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **23rd** day of **March 2005**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner  
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners