

## Minutes for March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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**060931 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **March 24, 2003** at **10:00 a.m.** Les Wigen and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Chairman Finch was not in attendance.

**10:00 a.m. - Board Business.**

**D060931A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Brett Bosse and Bev Welch.

**D060931B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of item #3. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**060932 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 147242-147438 for \$399,466.36** approved.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001	Current Expense	61,456.93
102	Building & Development	721.07
103	Countywide Planning	1,122.34
104	Developmental Services	28,912.13
110	County Roads	34,323.92
112	Public Facilities Improvement	3,779.98
117	Boating Safety	55.00
118	Inmate Welfare	1,457.55
123	Paths & Trails	524.41
127	Drug Enforcement	627.18
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	2.46
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	45.18
139	"911" Emergency Service	35,103.97
142	Whitcom-911	22,650.81
320	Cap. Proj/Outside Sources (Bond)	771.05
400	Solid Waste	62,955.74
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	24,039.87
510	Photocopier Revolving	544.61
513	Communications Revolving	2,002.75
690	Clearing & Suspense	118,369.41

060933 4. March 17, 2003 minutes approved.

060934 5. A letter requesting reappointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was received from William Paul. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to reappoint Bill Paul to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring May 31, 2006.

060935 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a contract with SMK Construction Company, Inc. for the Courthouse HVAC system project.

060936 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a resolution revising the Whitman County equipment inventory limits from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**RESOLUTION NO. 060936**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE DOLLAR LIMIT TO ACCOUNT FOR THE WHITMAN COUNTY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners, State of Washington met in regular session March 24, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners, at the recommendation of the Regional State Auditor Examiner, set the dollar limit to account for the Whitman County Equipment Inventory; and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to adjust the amount for the Whitman County Equipment Inventory set October 25, 1993.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Whitman County shall inventory and account for all equipment that has a cost equal to or greater than \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars).

ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2003 and effective retroactive to December 31, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**060937** 8. Bev Welch explained that adoption of a cost allocation plan is required since the county receives state or federal grant funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a resolution adopting the cost allocation plan for fiscal year 2003.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**In the Matter of Adopting** )  
**the Cost Allocation** ) **RESOLUTION NO. 060937**  
**Plan for Fiscal Year 2003** )

WHEREAS, the General Fund provides services to various funds, departments, agencies, districts and municipal organizations in Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County, through its various departments and offices receives monies through grants from state and federal sources; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County has developed a cost allocation plan to identify indirect General Fund costs allocable to various county departments, agencies, districts, and municipal corporations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Whitman County Federal Central Services Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Rate proposal for fiscal year ending December 31, 2003 be adopted with Central Services Costs to be allocated to various departments as shown in Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each department shall use the Plan at the **16.25%** level as the basis for determining overhead costs for state and federal grant reimbursements, and services provided to other agencies, districts, and municipal corporations.

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

ATTACHMENT "A"

FUND <u>DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM</u>	Total <u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Not Allowable</u>	Indirect <u>Cost</u>	Direct Salaries & Wages	All Other Direct Costs
COMMISSIONERS LEGISLATIVE	\$ 205,449.51		\$ -	\$ 138,783.28	\$ 66,666.23
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 298,530.56	\$ 10,140.65	\$ 166,337.99	\$ 18,852.96	\$ 103,198.96
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	\$ 644,456.04	\$ 644,456.04			
ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 169,347.42		\$ 127,010.56	\$ 23,543.53	\$ 18,793.33
CLERK OF BOARD	\$ 37,860.94			\$ 30,180.00	\$ 7,680.94
RISK MANAGEMENT	\$ 716.12		\$ 716.12		
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$ 86,722.55		\$ 86,722.55		
HR - CIVIL SERVICE TESTING	\$ 1,945.00				\$ 1,945.00
HR - WELLNESS COMMITTEE	\$ 1,600.17		\$ 1,600.17		
SUPERIOR COURT	\$ 263,115.97			\$ 88,853.92	\$ 174,262.05
DISTRICT COURT	\$ 573,863.47			\$ 359,414.71	\$ 214,448.76
CLERK	\$ 120,165.98			\$ 86,337.00	\$ 33,828.98
TREASURER	\$ 250,100.83	\$ 44,942.67	\$ 205,158.16		
AUDITOR – Accounting	\$ 113,898.89	\$ 4,647.50	\$ 109,251.39		
AUDITOR - License & Recording	\$ 111,908.56			\$ 79,096.26	\$ 32,812.30
AUDITORS - Election Costs	\$ 235,330.98	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 75,739.67	\$ 153,091.31
ASSESSOR	\$ 291,736.63	\$ 3,823.98		\$ 198,974.63	\$ 88,938.02
PROSECUTOR	\$ 398,057.98			\$ 297,814.76	\$ 100,243.22
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	\$ 89,381.64			\$ 65,172.78	\$ 24,208.86
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 351,243.90		\$ 351,243.90		
SHERIFF	\$ 1,681,273.85			\$ 1,017,637.70	\$ 663,636.15
JUVENILE SERVICES	\$ 422,123.23			\$ 226,099.22	\$ 196,024.01
WEED CONTROL	\$ 71,269.58	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 41,892.93	\$ 26,876.65
AIRPORT	\$ 14,700.32	\$ 10,689.07			\$ 4,011.25
CORONER	\$ 48,075.46			\$ 23,632.32	\$ 24,443.14
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	\$ 99,967.89			\$ 35,628.00	\$ 64,339.89
HEALTH	\$ 999,271.17	\$ 110.00		\$ 642,865.09	\$ 356,296.08
PARKS & FAIR	\$ 479,804.34	\$ 11,843.32		\$ 236,626.71	\$ 231,334.31
INFORMATION SERVICES	\$ 238,173.67		\$ 238,173.67		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 8,300,092.65</b>	<b>\$ 739,653.23</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,214.51</b>	<b>\$ 3,687,145.47</b>	<b>\$ 2,587,079.44</b>

FUND	Total	Cost	Indirect	Direct	All Other
<u>DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Not Allowable</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Direct Costs</u>
SELF INSURANCE	\$ 44,322.89	\$ 44,322.89			
BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT	\$ 67,676.84			\$ 46,579.71	\$ 21,097.13
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING	\$ 143,746.42			\$ 103,001.32	\$ 40,745.10
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 458,263.51			\$ 23,862.37	\$ 434,401.14
MENTAL HEALTH	\$ 1,707,405.95	\$ 8,388.30		\$ 874,991.22	\$ 824,026.43
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	\$ 322,318.21			\$ 204,168.54	\$ 118,149.67
INDIGENT SOLDIER	\$ 4,473.27				\$ 4,473.27
COUNTY ROAD	\$ 7,836,140.18	\$ 1,778,549.30		\$ 1,978,015.69	\$ 4,079,575.19
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR-ANNIVERSARY FUND	\$ 1,471.51	\$ 1,471.51			
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00			
BOATING SAFETY	\$ 24,943.85			\$ 17,189.63	\$ 7,754.22
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$ 38,731.82			\$ 28,678.00	\$ 10,053.82
PATHS & TRAILS	\$ 26,771.49	\$ 8,823.08		\$ 12,795.08	\$ 5,153.33
PATHS & TRAILS - BILL CHIPMAN PATH	\$ 43,423.39	\$ 27,363.35		\$ 7,880.70	\$ 8,179.34
PATHS & TRAILS - BCPT-SPECIAL DONATIONS	\$ -				
DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING	\$ -				
TREASURERS M & O	\$ 1,836.45				\$ 1,836.45
DRUG ENFORCEMENT - QUAD-CITY TASK FORCE	\$ 271,417.54	\$ 46,554.07		\$ 69,778.29	\$ 155,085.18
CRIME VICTIMS/WITNESS	\$ 26,423.96			\$ 18,778.00	\$ 7,645.96
INTER-LOCAL DRUG FUND	\$ 34,145.00	\$ 31,645.00			\$ 2,500.00
AUDITOR'S DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 55,741.28	\$ 3,766.00		\$ 28,978.81	\$ 22,996.47
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - GENERAL	\$ 110,959.55	\$ 110,959.55			
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REV FUND - JUVENILE JUSTICE	\$ -				
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE - RESERVE	\$ -				
PROSECUTOR'S STOP GRANT	\$ 17,932.29	\$ 7,628.15		\$ 4,676.00	\$ 5,628.14
ELECTRIC MONITORING	\$ 8,791.75				\$ 8,791.75
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING	\$ -				
"911"EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$ 552,091.07				\$ 552,091.07
COURTHOUSE CLOCK	\$ -				
DEBT SERVICE - MARTIN HALL	\$ 46,234.60	\$ 46,234.60			
DEBT SERVICE - HARRISON BUILDING	\$ 26,207.24	\$ 26,207.24			

<u>FUND</u> <u>DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Not Allowable</u>	<u>Indirect</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Direct</u> <u>Salaries</u> <u>&amp; Wages</u>	<u>All Other</u> <u>Direct</u> <u>Costs</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS – GENERAL	\$ 61,369.80	\$ 61,369.80			
CAPITAL PROJECTS - ASSET ACQUISITION	\$ 19,924.26	\$ 19,924.26			
CAPITAL PROJECTS - INFRASTRUCTURE	\$ 12,655.23	\$ 12,655.23			
CAPITAL PROJECTS – COMPUTER	\$ -				
CAPITAL PROJECTS – PUBLIC SERVICE BLDG-ROOF	\$ -				
CAPITAL PROJECTS - WAWAWAI PARK	\$ -				
CAPITAL PROJECTS –EWAN	\$ -				
CAPITAL PROJECTS – AIRPORT	\$ 2,115.37	\$ 2,115.37			
CAPITAL PROJECTS - MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION	\$ -				
*SOLID WASTE	\$ 1,807,668.93	\$ 186,512.42		\$ 274,593.23	\$ 1,346,563.28
SOLID WASTE – RESERVE	\$ 1,153.25				\$ 1,153.25
**EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING	\$ 4,332,043.00	\$ 4,332,043.00			
***PHOTOCOPIER REVOLVING FUND	\$ 47,252.06	\$ 47,252.06			
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$ 7,241.20	\$ 7,241.20			
INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE REVOLVING	\$ 82,814.38	\$ 82,814.38			
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING	\$ 124,831.81	\$ 124,831.81			
FAMILY SERVICES CENTER REVOLVING	\$ 34,922.53	\$ 34,922.53			
ERNIE DIPPEL MEMORIAL FUND	\$ -				
ZAIDEE PARVIN MEMORIAL FUND	\$ -				
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR BUILDING FUND	\$ -				
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 26,735,554.53</b>	<b>\$ 7,823,248.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,214.51</b>	<b>\$ 7,381,112.06</b>	<b>\$ 10,244,979.63</b>

**Indirect Cost Rate** 17.43%  
**Whitman County Indirect Cost Rate** 16.25%

Note: the data used for this spreadsheet is the 2000 Whitman County Expenditure Summary (Schedule 5) for the Fiscal Year ended 12/31/00  
 this data was reconciled to the 2000 Annual Report prepared by Information Services Director and audited by the WA St Auditor's Office

- \* Solid Waste Total Cost is \$108,289.59 more than the \$1,699,379.34 balance on Schedule 5. The \$108,289.59 (credit) was a year-end accounting adjustment moving the capital outlay amounts into the balance sheet.
- \*\* E R & R total cost is \$1,693,040.53 more than the \$2,639,002.47 balance on Schedule 5. The \$1,693,040.53 (credit) was a year-end accounting adjustment moving the capital outlay amounts into the balance sheet.
- \*\*\* Photocopier Revolving is \$6,964.95 more than the \$40,287.11 balance on Schedule 5. The \$6,964.95 (credit) was a year-end accounting adjustment moving the capital outlay amounts into the balance sheet.

060938 9. A report required for closeout of the 02-64002-014 CDBG-PS grant was completed and returned to the Office of Community Development.

060939 10. A copy of the "Notice to Proceed" on the Courthouse window project sent to Galen L. Mertsching was received from the Facilities Management Department.

10:15 a.m. - Terry Snead.

060940 11. A letter was received from the County Road Administration Board seeking nominations for the "Engineer of the Year" award.

060941 12. Information pertaining to the distribution of mental health funds was received from Prosecutor Denis Tracy.

060942 13. The commissioners sent an email to members of the legislature seeking support for SHB 1274.

060943 14. The commissioners faxed a letter to DSHS opposing a proposed reduction of programs and services.

060944 15. Notice of the final closeout of CDBG contract #01-64021-055 was received from the Office of Community Development.

060945 16. Notice of the final closeout of CDBG contract #F-98-74098-055 was received from the Office of Community Development.

060946 17. A program management review conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Green Hollow Road project revealed that the County Engineer and his staff administered the project in accordance with the required procedures.

060947 18. Notice of a case filing issued by the Public Employment Relations Commission for the Sheriff's Association was received.

D060947A 19. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - **Tim Myers, Parks, Fair, and Facilities Management.**

Present: Brett Bosse and Terry Snead.

060948 Mr. Myers presented and requested extension of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail weed spray contract with ASAP. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to extend the weed spray contract with ASAP for 2003.

10:35 a.m. - **Recess.**

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Jean Wardwell, and Cheryl Morgan

**Action Items:**

**060949** 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the bid for two roll off containers be awarded to Cascade Container Fab., Company for a total bid amount of \$11,769.80 without tax.

**060950** 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the CRAB annual certification for calendar year 2002 be signed as presented.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D060950A** 3. The Director commented that the recent rainfall has not caused any problems to date.

**060951** 4. A copy of the annual construction report for 2002 was received.

**Planning Division:**

**D060951A** 5. Mr. Dunford remarked that the Planning Commission plans to hold a public workshop on April 16<sup>th</sup> regarding proposed cluster development language.

**11:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:30 a.m. - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Amendment Hearing.**

Present: Gary Kopf, Cheryl Morgan, Jean Wardwell, Mark Bordsen, and Dane Dunford.

**060952** Hearing convened by Commissioner Wigen followed by a statement and hearing instructions dealing with the proposed amendment. Comments were then accepted from the audience.

Gary Kopf voiced his support for the amendment because gravel, asphalt, and concrete batch plants are basic building elements. To eliminate this would cause a negative affect on the overall economy.

In response to a question raised by Cheryl Morgan, Mr. Bordsen explained throughout Whitman County there are a number of Heavy Commercial (HC) districts already in existence with the potential of zoning more. Proposed zones would have to go through a zone change hearing with the Planning Commission and then to the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed amendment simply returns the Code language to its previous status before the

Planning Commission began making amendments. The language was inadvertently struck from the Code and was not caught before the Planning Commission made their recommendations.

The Code currently allows for the establishment of a concrete and asphalt plant as well as mining and crushing as a conditional use in any HC district. If the Planning Commissions' recommendation had been adopted as presented by the County Commissioners, it would have eliminated the ability to mine and crush. This amendment simply returns the language to the Code. It would affect all heavy commercial and all heavy industrial zones because what can be done in the heavy commercial zones can also be done in the heavy industrial zones.

**11:40 a.m.** - Terry Snead.

Ms. Morgan was concerned about property degradation if these types of facilities are permitted or expanded by allowing too much in one area. She felt this type of amendment would violate another's private property rights by impacting and degrading their property if located near a residential area.

Mr. Bordsen reiterated there are many of these types of facilities throughout the county but most are located just outside a city/town. These facilities are usually used by people for agricultural chemical supplies, but they can be used for seed packaging, asphalt, and concrete plants. If this correction was not made, the county could be taking something away from the existing or potential uses. That would not be fair to the people who have already made investments in heavy commercial sites. Therefore, Mr. Bordsen recommended the Board return the language to the Code.

In regards to Ms. Morgan's concern about compatibility, Mr. Bordsen said any new heavy commercial zones must still go through review by the Planning Commissioner, SEPA review, both of which provide notice to the public and ultimately before the County Commissioners who create the zone. It is at those points that the public has an opportunity for input as to the impact of such a zone.

Commissioner Wigen spoke about the fact that all the houses and churches in Lacrosse were built from a rock and sand pit near the Pampa Pond area. Rock today is worth more than wheat or gold, it is a necessity for buildings and roads, and a part of our economy.

Ms. Morgan understood Commissioner Wigen's comments but said looking at it from the standpoint of an established residence for numerous years, from what she has seen, those property owners don't have much protection. To allow someone else to denigrate their quality of life or their property value for their own gains is a takings.

11:45 a.m. - Mike Osborne.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Wigen closed the public hearing and thanked those present for their participation.

Commissioner Partch said Ms. Morgan's comments are valid and well taken. Future proposals would be taken under consideration and adequate time allowed for public comments. In this particular case, they are just fixing something that was previously in place but inadvertently removed. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations for conditional use for mining and crushing from the heavy commercial districts.

The Board then considered the proposed amendments.

**Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the Board accept the Planning Commission's transmittal plus the modifications recommended by staff regarding Comprehensive Plan industrial and commercial element language, and the Zoning Ordinance amendments for Heavy commercial, Airport Commercial, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial Districts.

**ORDINANCE NO. 060953**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE, repealing the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system from the comprehensive Plan and Heavy Commercial zone approvals, clarifying zoning language in the four zoning district regulations to make screening and maintenance requirements consistent within these zones, and adding new permitted and conditioned uses within Airport Commercial, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial Districts.

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commission should be accepted and this action makes the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance consistent.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**11:50 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Lois Scholz and Diane Yettic, Athenaeum Club.**

**060954** Ms. Scholz said the members of the club were insulted by the letter they received from the commissioners regarding the "Forever More" sign on the front of the Courthouse. The letter read as follows:

"Dear Athenaeum Members:

Thank you for your letter of February 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the Courthouse "FOREVER MORE" sign. We discussed the Club's request at our February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and came up with the following options:

1. Leave the sign as is.
2. Insert a hyphen between the words "FOREVER" and "MORE" to read, "FOREVER-MORE".
3. Ask the Athenaeum Club to obtain estimates for the cost of rewording the sign and a method for funding the request.

Due to the County's financial position and depending upon the cost of the rewording, this project may not qualify as a priority item. As a community service project, the Club may want to entertain the idea of seeking donations for this project.

Please inform us of the Club's proposal at your earliest convenience."

The commissioners apologized adding it was not their intent to insult the club members.

Ms. Scholz said Colfax is trying to bring in business, but the county slogan is grammatically incorrect and a reflection on everyone in Whitman County. Inserting a hyphen would be even worse. The Athenaeum Club has been talking with carpenters about correcting the sign. Ms. Scholz thought this correction should be paid for with tax dollars because it is Whitman County's slogan. She understood that Commissioner Wigen estimated the cost at \$5,000.

Commissioner Wigen said he has never given the project a dollar figure because he has no idea what this type of correction would cost. He has spoken to some of the veterans who collected money and installed the sign in 1976. County funds were not used for the sign. He suggested Ms. Scholz contact some of the veterans about the sign.

Ms. Scholz still thought it was the Commissioners responsibility to correct the sign because it does not make a good impression when trying to attract business to Whitman County.

Commissioner Partch said he had not heard anything about the sign for 26+ years until the club members brought it to their attention this year. He didn't believe any prospective business would make their decision whether or not to locate in Colfax based on the Courthouse sign.

Ms. Scholz said a friend's husband was on the committee to get the sign corrected 28 years prior. The commissioners at that time said wait until the Courthouse is repainted because it would be too hard to match the paint. She understood the Courthouse is being repainted this year and a prime opportunity to correct the sign.

Commissioner Partch said what the commissioners were asking in their February 25<sup>th</sup> letter was in good faith. They were asking the club to obtain an estimate on the correction since the Athenaeum Club brought this matter to their attention. The sign was a gift and not an expenditure by the county.

Commissioners Wigen and Partch said the people they have spoken with don't understand the problem. Commissioner Partch wondered if the commissioners and club could work together on this.

Ms. Yettic said she was unaware this was a gift to the county which makes a difference. However, she would like to see the issue resolved. Not knowing the feeling of the club, she would like to have some people inspect the sign to see what could reasonably be done and then talk to some of the veterans. Once an estimate is sought the commissioners agreed to consider it. Commissioner Wigen also supplied the names of veterans for the members to contact for their opinion on changing the sign.

**2:00 p.m. - Information Services Building Bids.**

Present: Bev Welch, Dan Brown, Brandon Burch, Tom Miller, Bob Lothspeich, John Peterson, Dane Dunford, R.B. Olson, and Mike Harrison.

**D060954A** The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award on Monday, March 31, 2003.

R.B. OLSON Construction LLC, Pullman, WA	\$154,263.00 with tax
Duracom, Inc., Pullman, WA	\$213,015.72 with tax

**2:30 p.m. - Liquid Asphalt Bids.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer, Mark Storey, and 2 bidders.

**060955** The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award on Monday, March 31, 2003.

Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc., Post Falls, ID	\$306,876.00 with tax
Koch Pavement Solutions, Spokane, WA	\$351,757.40 with tax

**2:35 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D060955A** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **March 24, 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 31, **2003**. The foregoing action made this **24th** day of **March 2003**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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LES WIGEN, Vice-Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners