

## Minutes for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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**062399 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **April 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.** Les Wigen, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Kelli Campbell.

**062400 1.** The vacant administrative services position discussed. No action taken.

**10:05 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Tammy Lewis.

**D062400A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**062401 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **161357 and 161379-161494** for **\$57,490.42** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	19,026.58
102	Building & Development	728.53
103	Countywide Planning	356.55
110	County Roads	7,830.95
118	Inmate Welfare	20.88
119	Emergency Services	254.72
127	Drug Enforcement	1,873.71
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	8,417.83
137	Web Site Development	2.40
400	Solid Waste	3,236.65
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	5,935.84
510	Photocopier Revolving	520.29
690	Clearing & Suspense	9,085.49

**062402 4.** March 29, 2004 minutes approved.

**062403-062405 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

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062406 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign a letter to Berg Andonian, Inc. authorizing the agency to quote the county on long-term care insurance for LEOFF I members.

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**062407** 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch to approve the Town of Albion law enforcement contract. Commissioner Partch noted in discussed with the Sheriff, the Board is in agreement provided existing personnel and existing vehicles are used to fulfill this contract. The Board encourages the Sheriff to work with our communities and the Tekoa and Albion contracts are a good step forward. Hopefully, the county will be able to continue providing this service in the future. **Motion carried.**

**062408** 8. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the Juvenile Justice grant application for \$7,500.

**062409** 9. The Chairman signed a letter to Catherine Bartholomew, Washington State Military Department confirming Patti Von Barga as the Whitman County E911 Coordinator for Whitman County.

**062410** 10. Linda Rolfe of DSHS, Developmental Disabilities responded to Mike Werner's concerns regarding the proposed "County Services Working Age Adults" policy.

**062411** 11. An executed copy of WSDOT local agency agreement #LA5688 for the Almota Road received.

**062412** 12. An executed copy of the Whitcom Communication and Dispatch Services agreement was received.

**D062412A** 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:30 a.m. - 2004-2005 Legal Printing.**

Present: Gordon Forgey and Tammy Lewis.

**062413** A combined bid was received from the Whitman County Gazette/Moscow-Pullman Daily News to provide 2004-05 legal printing services in the amount of \$9.01 per column inch. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to award the 2004-2005 legal printing bid to the Whitman County Gazette/Moscow Pullman Daily News for \$9.01 per column inch.

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

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

Present: Mark Storey and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

062414 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish the ad for the professional services roster.

062415 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to publish the ad for the small works roster and vendor's list.

062416 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish the ad for the no spray program.

062417 4. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to publish the public notice of completed day labor projects.

062418 5. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the resolution initiating a county road crushing project designated as Doneen Quarry be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 062418**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

In the matter of initiating a County Road Crushing Project designated as Doneen Quarry, C.R.C.P. No. 139, Project No. XFC30.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Road Crushing Project be completed as follows:

This contract provides for the stockpiling of aggregate for county road maintenance purposes.

This project is hereby declared to be a public necessity and the County Engineer is hereby ordered and authorized to report and proceed thereon as by law provided (RCW 36.75.050, 36.80.030, 36.80.070)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriation from the official adopted E.R. & R. fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION</b>
Engineering	\$ 2,000.00
Inspection	\$ 8,000.00
Crushing & Stockpiling	\$175,000.00
TOTAL ER&R FUND	<u>\$185,000.00</u>

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the crushing and stockpiling is to be accomplished by contract in accordance with RCW 36.77.020 et seq.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: May 1, 2004  
ESTIMATED date of completing work: June 30, 2004

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Les Wigen, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

**062419**     **6.**     **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to publish the notice of call for bids for manufacturing and stockpiling of rock at the Doneen Quarry.

**Engineering Division:**

**062420**     **7.**     An executed copy of the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee interagency agreement was received.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D062420A**   **8.**     Districts 1 and 3 finished hauling rock last week on the west side of the county; later in the week a considerable amount of work will be done on the North Palouse Road; 2 crack seal machines is scheduled to arrive in May; various bridge work is being done around the county; and replacement of a wooden bridge at SR 195 and Cashup Flats will begin June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**11:15 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:25 a.m. - Tim Myers, Parks, Fair, and Facilities Management Director.**

Present: Roger Marcus and Glenn Vaagen.

**062421**     Mr. Myers said last year a call for bids to pave the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail was conducted. The bids received were higher than the Committee felt could be expended for the project. The scope of the project has since been sized down and they are now ready to again call for bids. Mr. Myers reminded the Board funding for this project is derived from the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail budget. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of call for bids for paving the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail.

**11:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**1:30 p.m. - Karl Johanson, Council on Aging & Human Services.**

**062422** Mr. Johanson proposed Whitman County take the lead in attempting to remove Region 13 from the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) bidding process and to have the contracts again awarded to COAST. This role would be somewhat different than simply supporting COAST's attempt. Removing the broker portion of the bid means the loss of a \$130,000/year contract for a \$550,000/year overall contract. Using the standard multiplier of seven, the administrative contract has a local economic value of over \$900,000/year in Whitman County. The initial contract is for three years renewable for two more years and can be extended even longer, causing just the administrative portion of the contract to be worth \$4.5 million over five years. If the commissioners agree, Mr. Johanson would draft the necessary letter for their signatures.

Mr. Johanson also talked about another key undertaking that could be included in the initial proposal. A state law passed in 2002 allows county commissioners to create a "County Special Needs Transportation Authority". Currently Garfield County is the only county to create such an authority. This Authority cannot tax without a vote of the people, but it does provide sufficient structure that the legislature proportionately granted funds directly to it in 2003 when it passed the 10-year highway and transit funding package. The Whitman County Special Needs Transportation Authority (WCSNTA) could in turn designate COAST as its official agent. Once this structure was in place the scope of funding and services would be used by the legislature to determine the amount of matching funds. This scenario and structure would not conflict with state funding for Pullman Transit. It is a mechanism Mr. Johanson has worked hard on for ten years to help create and he thought it was time Whitman County exercised this option. Two advantages in forming an Authority would include the county receiving administrative fees, and, if COAST were the designated agent, COAST would have access to the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool. This particular issue will be further discussed in a workshop.

Commissioner Partch **moved** to submit a letter to DSHS Secretary Dennis Braddock regarding the MAA bidding process. Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried**.

**2:00 p.m. - Fran Martin, Public Health/Emergency Management Director.**

**062423** 1. Ms. Martin was concerned with proceeding with a contract with Rich Levensgood for development of the Whitman County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, Phase 2. Based on all information received, she has written Mr. Levensgood instructing him to cease and desist any further work on the plan. She has also advised him orally to turn back over to her any information gleaned or products produced in the name of Whitman County. In the meantime, she investigated other resources and recommended advertising for requests for statements of qualifications for the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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John Ufford, State Emergency Management representative has informed Commissioner Finch and her that he understands Whitman County is making an honest effort to complete this process and therefore extended the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting the plan to the state for review. The November 1, 2004 FEMA deadline is still a firm date.

**Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to authorize publishing for statements of qualifications for the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**D062423A 2.** Ms. Martin met with Ted Weatherly, Chief Hanson, Chief Wilkens, and Brett Myers to discuss the Palouse Regional Hazardous Materials Team. The main purpose of the meeting was to ensure a clear understanding about the hazardous materials equipment these agencies gained via the county through a Homeland Security grant. Agencies receiving any of this equipment understand they must serve Whitman County according to the criteria and protocol.

**D062423B 3.** The Director pointed out that the evacuation plan and procedures need to be distributed and signed off by each department confirming that they understand the process.

**2:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Mike Berney (2:30 p.m.) and Chris Ellis, Ken Niles, and Gary Enzler (3:30 p.m.).

**062423CA 14.** Items discussed included Medicaid cutbacks and fire district issues. No action taken.

**4:30 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D062423D** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **April 5, 2004** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **April 12, 2004**. The foregoing action made this **5th** day of **April 2004**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner  
ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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LES WIGEN, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners