

Minutes for May 5th, 2003

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061106 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **May 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D061106A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, and Kelli Campbell.

D061106B 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

061107 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 148561 and 148585-148631 for \$55,544.60 approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	14,866.53
102	Building & Development	140.26
103	Countywide Planning	229.54
110	County Roads	1,185.73
112	Public Facilities Improvement	2,002.66
117	Boating Safety	202.00
410	Solid Waste Reserve	1,532.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	262.17
690	Clearing & Suspense	4,258.49

061108 4. April 28, 2003 minutes approved.

061109-061117 5. Personnel board orders approved.

061118 6. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the HIPAA agreement between Whitman County and the LEOFF I Disability Board.

061119 7. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to adopt the 2003 Whitcom budget.

061120 8. An email was received from Gary Behymer of Almota Elevator Company asking the commissioners to acknowledge Marine Gunnery Sergeant Russell Scott Cederburg and/or servicemen/women in some fashion after their time spent in the combat zone.

Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a proclamation declaring Gunnery Sergeant Russell Cederburg, Jr. a Whitman County **"HERO OF FREEDOM"**.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, thousands of our brave military troops were called to action by the President of the United States to free the Iraqi people from a dictators oppression; and,

WHEREAS, many of the troops came from the great State of Washington from all walks of life, both active and reservists; and,

WHEREAS, several from Whitman County have put their lives and their families lives on hold to take part in Iraqi freedom; and,

WHEREAS, one of our own, Gunnery Sergeant Russell Cederburg, Jr. was severely injured while taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners and the people of Whitman County want to wish Sergeant Cederburg, Jr. God's speed in his recovery and thank him for defending the freedoms we take for granted daily.

WE NOW, THEREFORE, ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION DECLARING GUNNERY SERGEANT RUSSELL CEDERBURG, JR. A WHITMAN COUNTY:

"H E R O O F F R E E D O M"

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

061121 9. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a proclamation acknowledging May as Older Americans Month in Whitman County.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

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WHEREAS, we begin a new chapter in the history of humankind, previously unimaginable numbers of people are growing to an advanced age in America and, indeed, the world.

WHEREAS, the implications and profound impact of human longevity upon virtually every facet of our lives is staggering.

WHEREAS, the lead story of the 21st century is the gift of longevity, which offers many challenges and opportunities in a rapidly changing political, economic and social landscape-not just here in the United States, but all over the globe.

WHEREAS, older Americans are volunteering in record numbers for home and community based services, nutrition programs, mentoring school children, and counseling older persons on legal, financial and insurance issues, to name just a few. In recognition of the millions of older volunteers the theme for this year's Older Americans Month 2003 is "What We Do Makes a Difference".

WHEREAS, we continue to honor the tradition begun in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy set aside the month of May to honor our country's older Americans, and every President since then has continued this great tradition.

WHEREAS, it is a specific time designated for creating an awareness and relaying the message that there are federal, state, and local programs designed to keep people independent and motivate them to seek out those programs that can be of assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED that during the Month of May we come together to honor the contributions of older persons past, present and future, and; that we the undersigned celebrate the contributions of older Americans every day of the year.

G.R. Finch
May 5, 2003

Greg Partch
May 5, 2003

Les Wigen
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061122 **10.** The commissioners signed a letter to the City of Colfax confirming the \$70,000 award of county .08 discretionary funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the letter.

061123 **11.** A copy of a letter sent to the County Planner was received from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Manager opposing any building permit for Duane Mickelson until the required approvals from the FAA are received. Whitman County has followed all rules, therefore a permit was issued Friday.

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061124 12. Information was received from the Community Action Center regarding the new human services and related resources GIS mapping and database systems. A fee of \$50 will be assessed to any agency wishing access to the system. This item tabled to May 12th.

061125 13. Notification of Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Graedel's resignation effective April 30, 2003 was received. The Board indicated Commissioner Graedel would be sorely missed.

D061125A 14. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Julie Fox, and Tammy Lewis.

Action Items:

061126 1. Chairman Finch presented the Director with the 2002 County Road Administration Board certificate of good practice.

061127 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the RAP project agreement for Staley #3 Bridge be signed as presented.

061128 3. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the RAP project agreement for White Elephant Bridge be signed as presented.

061129 4. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the RAP project agreement for Judson Bridge be signed as presented.

061130 5. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the RAP project agreement for Almota Road be signed as presented.

061131 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize the publishing of a call for bids for the Endicott Road project as soon as the necessary paperwork is received.

Solid Waste Division:

D061131A 9. The 2-week spring cleanup program brought in 210 tons of material equating to 9 trailer loads. In 2002 158 tons was collected. This is a well-received program and will also take place one week in the fall.

061132 7. Julie Fox reported on the great success for the "Tire Amnesty Day". Staff received 26-1/2 tons of used tires to be recycled. Everyone

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who participated was given information about recycled tires. Mr. Dunford thought the county would be requested to hold additional tire amnesty days in conjunction with spring cleanup for a number of years to come depending on the county's recycling funding level. Ms. Fox said the Department of Ecology supports tire recycling and paid for 75% of the cost involved leaving a balance of \$800 for the county.

061133 10. Ms. Fox also reported on the "Magic of Recycling" show involving over 1600 Whitman County students. All students were given pencils made from recycled currency. A copy of the Whitman County 2003-2004 Recycling Directory was also provided to the students.

11:30 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - John Livingston and Ken Holmes, Representatives of the National Weather Service (NWS) in Spokane.

Present: Fran Martin, Barney Waldrop, Emily Adams, Carl Thompson, Kelli Campbell, John Peterson, and Brett Bosse.

061134 Whitman County, along with the cities of Pullman and Colfax were personally recognized by the National Weather Service for working together to meet or exceed National established uniform guidelines for dealing with hazardous weather events designated as "Storm Ready Communities". In doing so, this reduces flood insurance rates in Whitman County by 25 points.

Fran Martin expressed her appreciation to all those who aided in this designation. Likewise, the commissioners thanked Fran Martin for her hard work.

2:00 p.m. - Union Center Crushing Project.

Present: Dane Dunford, Everett Kroll, Gary Cochran, Mark Cochran, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, and Mark Storey.

061135 The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award later today.

BIDDERS	AMOUNT
DeAtley Crushing Co.	\$296,800.00
Seubert Excavators	\$158,365.00
Shawnee Rock	\$190,120.00

2:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

061136 15. Items discussed included .08 appeals, May 29th WSAC Eastern District meeting, AWC meeting in Spokane, upcoming planning meeting, and CAC GIS fee request. No action taken.

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2:45 p.m. - Union Center Crushing Project.

Present: Mark Storey.

061137 Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the bid for crushing at Union Center be awarded to Seubert Excavators for \$158,365.00.

4:50 p.m. - Adjournment.

D061137A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **May 5, 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 **May 12, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **5th** day of **May 2003**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners