

Minutes for May 9, 2005

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063942 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **May 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Tim Myers and Sharron Cunningham.

063943 1. Items discussed included space allocation, Pullman's sales tax sharing reply, computer system RFP, budget overview and job description. No action taken.

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

Present: Lorraine Fulfs, Chris Wells, J.D. Marker and Tammy Lewis.

D063943A 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

063944 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **176365-176460** for **\$240,293.14** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	30,554.94
102	Building & Development	267.83
110	County Roads	2,318.38
119	Emergency Services	1,202.21
123	Paths & Trails	1,760.26
127	Drug Enforcement	1,956.21
300	Capital Projects	464.83
400	Solid Waste	9,098.15
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	190,925.26
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,070.96
513	Communications Revolving	674.11

063945 4. May 2, 2005 minutes approved.

063946-063951 5. Personnel board orders approved.

063952 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a letter supporting Community Action Center's housing rehabilitation grant as presented.

063953 7. An email was received from Dave Garcia regarding county parks parking permits. The email was forwarded to the County Parks Board for consideration and to Mr. Garcia notifying him of the same.

063954 8. A response to the commissioners' letter sent to the Department of Ecology concerning e-waste was received from Kristen Dorwin.

063955 9. An executed copy of DSHS contract #0563-70885 working capital advance for Developmental Services was received.

D063955A 10. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Developmental Services Providers.

Present: Eric Hoyle, Lorraine Fulfs, Chris Wells, Megan Doyle, Mike Werner, Tom Nest Tammy Lewis and Tim Myers.

D063955B The following RFQ's for Developmental Services providers were received, opened and read aloud.

RFQ

CARES Community Access and Person to Person

Palouse Early Learning Services-Child Development,
Industries Prevocational Services,
Group Supported Employment, and
Individual Supported Employment

Mike Werner indicated because of the state budget uncertainty, he didn't know what allocations Whitman County will receive so that is why they requested RFQ's. Once the providers are selected, negotiations will begin. There is also the possibility of extending the current contracts. The Advisory Board will review the RFQ's for recommendation of award at a later date.

10:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Alan Thompson, Mark Bordsen, Tim Davis, Cindi Lepper, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

Action Items:

063956 1. A notice calling for bids for the White Elephant Bridge was received. Authorization was previously granted.

063957 2. The Chairman presented the Director with the annual certificate of Good Practice for 2004 issued by the County Road

Administration Board. Mr. Dunford said this certificate is very important and allows the county to assist the small cities/towns.

063958 3. The Chairman reconvened the hearing for the proposed Samuel Wilks Road vacation. Mark Storey presented his report recommending the vacation. There being no comments from those in attendance, the Chairman adjourned the hearing.

063959 Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to vacate and abandon a portion of the old Samuel Wilks Road be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to Vacate)	
and Abandon a Portion of the Old Samuel)	
Wilks Road located Northerly of County)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>063959</u>
Road No. 5100, the South Palouse River)	
Road, in Section 19, Township 16 North,)	
Range 44 East, W.M. in Whitman County,)	RESOLUTION VACATING
Washington)	

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon a portion of said Samuel Wilks Road on the 4th day of April, 2005.

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

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 2nd and 9th days of May 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 Samuel Wilks Road is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the portion of the old Samuel Wilks Road located Northerly of County Road No. 5100, the South Palouse River Road, in Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 44 East, W.M., in Whitman County, more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the Samuel Wilks Road being replaced by the Carey Change in the Wilks Road and lying outside the existing County road right of way be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 9th day of May 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

063960 4. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution of intent to vacate and directive to County Engineer regarding old right-of-way on the Bowen Road be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Intent to)
Vacate and Abandon a Portion of)
the Bowen Road Located Outside)
of the new right of way for the)
Bowen Road No. 4120, in Section)
27, Township 19 North, Range)
39 East, W.M. in Whitman County,)
Washington)

RESOLUTION NO. 063960

INTENT TO VACATE AND DIRECTIVE
TO COUNTY ENGINEER FOR REPORT

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners considers useless, for the public, a portion of the Bowen Road located Northeasterly and lying outside of the new right of way of County Road No. 4120, the Bowen Road, in the Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 39 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, known as the Bowen Road, and based on RCW 36.87.010 it is hereby declared the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, to vacate and abandon said Bowen Road.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.87.040, before a final decision can be reached on said vacation, the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the proposed vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of the Bowen Road located Northeasterly and lying outside of the new right of way of County Road No. 4120, the Bowen Road, in the Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 39 East, W.M., in Whitman County, more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the Bowen Road being replaced by a new alignment for C.R.B.P. 4120-00.12(2) Wassum Bridge Replacement Project, recorded in the Whitman County Engineers office, and lying outside the new

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County road right of way from Engineers station 10+69.06 (B.O.P.) to 16+34.89 (E.O.P.) as shown on said bridge replacement plans, is preliminarily found to be of no use to Whitman County and that the vacation of said road may be in the best interest of Whitman County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.87.040 the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the issue of vacating said portion of the Bowen Road.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Board.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 9th day of May 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

063961 5. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of hearing to vacate old right-of-way on the Old Bowen Road.

063962 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution of intent to vacate and directive to County Engineer regarding right-of-way on the Green Hollow Road be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Intent to)
Vacate and Abandon a Portion of)
the Green Hollow Road No. 4400)
and McGrady Road No. 4410 lying)
outside of the new right of way)
for said Green Hollow Road,)
McGrady Road and the Blackwell)
Road No. 4470, in Section 5 and 8,)
Township 17 North, Range 43 East,)
W.M. in Whitman County, Washington)

RESOLUTION NO. 063962

INTENT TO VACATE AND
DIRECTIVE TO COUNTY ENGINEER
FOR REPORT

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners considers useless, for the public, a portion of the Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road lying outside of the new right of way of County Roads No. 4400, 4410 and 4470, the Green Hollow Road, McGrady Road and Blackwell Road, in Section 5 and the Northwest quarter of Section 8, all in Township 17 North, Range 43 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, and based on RCW 36.87.010 it is hereby declared the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, to vacate and abandon said Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.87.040, before a final decision can be reached on said vacation, the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the proposed vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portions of the Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road lying outside of the new right of way of County Roads No. 4400, 4410 and 4470, the Green Hollow Road, McGrady Road and Blackwell Road, in Section 5 and the Northwest quarter of Section 8, all in Township 17 North, Range 43 East, W.M., in Whitman County, Washington, more particularly described as follows: All that portion of the Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road being replaced by a new alignment for C.R.P. 4400-6 Green Hollow Road Project, recorded in the Whitman County Engineers office, and lying outside the new County road right of way, as shown on said road construction plans, is preliminarily found to be of no use to Whitman County and that the vacation of said road may be in the best interest of Whitman County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to RCW 36.87.040 the Whitman County Engineer shall investigate and prepare a report on the issue of vacating said portions of the Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Board.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 9th day of May 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
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Les Wigen, Commissioner

063963 7. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing to vacate right-of-way on the Green Hollow Road.

063964 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to close the Fox Road be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 063964

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of closing a certain county road/bridge pursuant to R.C.W. 47.48.010;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following road/bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic: County Road No. 0120, the Fox Road at milepost 0.44, beginning May 16, 2005 until completion of the replacement of the Fox Bridge, which is estimated to be May 20, 2005.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

063965 9. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of road closure for the Fox Road.

Planning Division:

063966 10. The Planner presented the official transmittal for the Riverview Subdivision (Van Houten) preliminary plat. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set a decision regarding the Riverview Subdivision preliminary plat to be held in this room at 11 a.m. on May 16, 2005.

063967 11. The Planner presented the official transmittal for the proposed Cherf rezone from agricultural district to cluster residential district (CRD) #7. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the decision on amending the Whitman County

zoning map for the proposed Cherf rezone changing 25.037 acres of land from agricultural district to cluster residential district be held in this room at 11:15 a.m. on May 16, 2005.

Solid Waste Division:

D063967A 12. Cindi Lepper reported on the very successful Tire Amnesty Day collecting 3,175 tires equaling approximately 32 ton. Only the towns of Lamont and Uniontown did not participate. Much positive response was received throughout the day. Tire Depot of Polson, Montana will transport the tire from the Colfax Shop on Tuesday. According to the Coordinator, collection totals seemed to be about the same as in 2004.

D063967B 13. The Director said Ms. Lepper was surprised to receive an award last week while attending a recycling conference in Yakima. Ms. Lepper explained Whitman County was nominated for recycler of the year for the program she created with the Lacrosse High School Environmental Science Club. They felt the program was innovative. They liked the school/county collaboration and felt it is a way to resolve problems with school recycling in rural areas. One of the county road supervisors living in Lacrosse stops at the school to collect recyclables on his way to the Public Works office in Colfax. The students actually load the recyclables. The Environmental Science Club passed the recycling information on taught by Cindi Lepper to the elementary school students. They also personalized the collection containers with their school mascot. The commissioners congratulated Cindi for her award and a job well done.

063968 14. Tim Davis, Transfer Station Operations Manager provided information about the Spring Cleanup, another well-received program. Empire Disposal provided roll-off containers to several of the participating small towns. The totals were down this year over 2004. He thought part of the reason is the fact Pullman held a citywide cleanup the last weekend of the county's spring cleanup filling 14 roll-off containers brought to the Transfer Station later in the week.

D063968A 15. Mr. Davis reported that the pilot wood waste project brought in 24 tons of material the first month. He also thought this would be another well-received program.

Engineering Division:

D063968B 16. Mark Storey reported paving is not taking place on the Palouse Cove Road due to the weather. The situation will be reevaluated on Wednesday.

D063968C 17. The department is currently out to bid on the Peterson and White Elephant Bridges.

Maintenance Division:

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063969 18. The Pullman Shop equipment storage building was awarded to Mike's Pole Barns of Clarkston through the small works roster process for \$18,420 without tax.

11:35 a.m. - Voter Registration Database.

Present: Eunice Coker, Brandon Birch, Kris Bunch, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

063970 The following RFP's for a voter registration database were received, opened and read aloud.

RFP

DFM \$115,600.00 for software and 5 years of support - Scored 78.25

DIMS \$ 67,074.08 for software and 5 years of support - Scored 109.50

The Auditor said she had an opportunity to review the proposals and recommended the RFP be awarded to DIMS.

063971 Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the recommendation for award of the RFP for the DIMS program.

The Auditor will request the vendor fax signed proposed contracts to Brandon Birch, Kris Bunch and Denis Tracy followed by hard copies to her for review prior to the Board's final approval.

11:55 a.m. - Recess.

1:05 p.m. - Mike Berney, Mike Werner and Tim Myers.

063972 1. Mike Berney said the DSHS general terms and conditions contract covers 3 aspects of contracts that flow through the county; Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Services. However, the contract is not available today. A group of prosecutors in the state continue to negotiate with DSHS about the "hold harmless" clause within the general terms and conditions. The current language unfairly burdens and places more risk on counties than there should be.

Mr. Werner added this document must be in place before contracts for specific aspects can be signed. He suggested setting another meeting on May 31st in hopes the contract would be ready.

D063972A 2. The Chairman informed Mr. Berney, since his organization uses the Elberton Ropes Course more than others, the course is scheduled to close July 1, 2005 due to budgetary constraints. Mr. Myers agreed to arrange a meeting with the pertinent parties to develop a plan.

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D063972B 3. Mr. Berney updated the commissioners on the series of reviews and licensing visits Palouse River Counseling Center has recently undergone.

1:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

063973 11. Tim Myers presented the annual spray contract for the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail (BCPT) with ASAP Spray, the same contractor used for the past 3 years for the same amount of \$4,200. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** moved to approve the annual weed spray contract for the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail with ASAP Spray.

1:30 p.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Fran Martin (1:30 p.m.), Sharron Cunningham (2:00 p.m.) and Dane Dunford (3:00 p.m.).

D063973A 12. Items discussed included Public Health related issues and working hours. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

D063973B 13. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 4:00 p.m. for a personnel issue.

4:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

6:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

D063973C 14. The commissioners attended the Quad Counties meeting in Pomeroy. Items discussed included a visit by representatives of Walla Walla Community College and legislative issues.

8:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D063973D Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **May 9, 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 **May 16, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **9th** day of **May 2005**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners