

Minutes for May 27th, 2003

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061200 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **May 27, 2003** at **9:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

061200A 1. Items discussed included the Island Street Building, JPAC II, and NACo dues. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business Continued/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mike Werner, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

D061200B 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

061201 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **149420-149570** for **\$257,514.79** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	50,981.01
102	Building & Development	97.64
103	Countywide Planning	197.14
104	Developmental Services	28,926.97
110	County Roads	5,728.61
118	Inmate Welfare	177.13
123	Paths & Trails	276.31
127	Drug Enforcement	607.54
320	Cap. Project/Outside Sources (Bond)	107,976.60
400	Solid Waste	21,716.13
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	40,543.31
510	Photocopier Revolving	286.40

061202 4. May 19, 2003 minutes approved.

061203-061206 5. Personnel board orders approved.

061207 6. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a quit claim deed transferring tax title property from Whitman County to the Town of Oakesdale for \$282.29.

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10:05 a.m. - Gary Libey, Hillary Hamm, and Mike Parrish.

061208 7. Chairman Finch read a letter from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee (BRATC) after their second evaluation of four 2003 economic development grant proposals. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen to accept the recommendations of the BRATC as follows:

City of Pullman	\$ 80,000	South Grand Avenue Sewer Extension
Rosalia Chamber/Commerce	\$ 45,000	Visitor's Resource/Interpretive Center
City of Palouse	\$ <u>11,500</u>	Heritage Park Restroom/Town Square
Total	\$136,500	

Commissioner Wigen expressed his appreciation for the committee's hard work. He believed extension of the Pullman sewer system is a plus for future economic development. All the projects are worthwhile and he supports them.

Commissioner Partch concurred that the committee has worked very hard, did a good job, and should be commended. They discovered some areas of improvement that will be incorporated for next year. **Motion carried.** Letters were sent to all applicants notifying them of the commissioners' decision.

061209 8. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign an amendment to the Risk Pool interlocal agreement.

061210 See 10:45 a.m.

061211 9. The Board sent letters to Alex McGregor and Ron Wachter advising them that the access to the Port of Central Ferry will be improved in 2004 in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Transportation project.

061212 10. A letter was received from David Soderstrom, VP Bainbridge Mfg., Inc. regarding the ever-increasing constrictions set upon American business, thereby losing businesses to overseas competition.

061213 11. A copy of a letter sent to the Planner was received from the Pullman-Moscow Airport Manager regarding a building permit application by Lloyd and Sharon Macy.

061214 12. Emails were sent to 5th Congressional District members Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, and George Nethercutt urging their support to restore local government flexible spending money in the Senate-passed tax bill.

061215 13. A letter was forwarded to the Public Works Director regarding the demolition of a building in Farmington.

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061216 14. An executed copy of the WSDOT local agency agreement supplement #LA4756(1) for the Endicott Road was received.

061217 15. An executed copy of the 2003 E911 operational contract amendment #C was received from the Washington Military Department.

D061217A 16. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Bev Welch, Information Services Director.

Present: Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, Hillary Hamm, and Mike Werner.

Commissioner Wigen briefly excused himself from the meeting.

061218 Ms. Welch submitted contract change orders for the Information Services Building remodeling project. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to accept the change orders for the Information Services Building remodeling project totaling \$220.

10:45 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Bobo Brayton, Eileen Brayton, Brett Bosse, Tammy Lewis, Hillary Hamm, Mike Werner, and Gary Libey.

061210 17. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign a proclamation honoring Mr. Bobo Brayton. Commissioner Wigen made the presentation to Mr. Brayton and all commissioners expressed their appreciation to the former WSU baseball coach, as did Mike Werner.

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

WHEREAS, Charles "Bobo" Brayton led the WSU Cougar baseball program from 1962-1994; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Brayton led the Cougars to 21 league titles and 1,162 wins over 33 seasons; and,

WHEREAS, Bobo is the winningest coach in Cougar sports and ranks 14th nationally among NCAA Division I baseball coaches; and,

WHEREAS, uniform #14 worn by Coach Brayton will be officially retired on May 24, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, as Bobo's dedication to WSU baseball, the fans, and the love of the game -

WE NOW THEREFORE PROCLAIM Tuesday, May 27, 2003 as:

"Bobo Brayton, Legend of the Palouse"

day in recognition and thanks from the people of Whitman County.

Dated this 27th day of May 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

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

Present: Mark Storey, Hillary Hamm, and Tammy Lewis.

Action Items:

061219 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to award the Pullman-Albion Road slide bid to S.A. Gonzales in the total amount of \$84,070.

061220 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the resolution to initiate the county road project for Steptoe-Cass Street be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 061220

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a county road project designated as C.R.P. No. 2275-2, Project No. XFR31.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Steptoe-Cass Street, County Road No. 2275, from milepost 0.00 to milepost 0.15 be improved as follows:

Construct a multiple course bituminous surface treatment on the gravel road.

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)

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

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$ 500.00
Contract	\$ <u>5,060.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,560.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 1.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by county forces in accordance with RCW 36.77.065 and WAC 136-18.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: July 1, 2003

ESTIMATED date of completing work: September 1, 2003

ADOPTED this 27th 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

061221 **3. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the resolution to initiate county road project for the Sand Road be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 061221

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the matter of initiating a county road project designated as C.R.P. No. 9060-3, Project No. XFR30.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sand Road, County Road No. 9060, from milepost 0.00 to milepost 0.66 be improved as follows:

Construct a multiple course bituminous surface treatment on the gravel road.

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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 county road fund budget and based on the County Engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering (PE & CE)	\$ 1,000.00
Contract	<u>\$20,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$21,200.00

This project was included in the official adopted annual road program as Item No. 1.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction is to be accomplished by county forces in accordance with RCW 36.77.065 and WAC 136-18.

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: July 1, 2003

ESTIMATED date of completing work: September 1, 2003

ADOPTED this 27th 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

061222 4. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to publish the day labor notice for Sand Road, Steptoe-Cass Street and Endicott Road.

061223 5. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the resolution to initiate the 2003 sealcoating project be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 061223

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington.

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In the matter of initiating an agency forces county road project designated as 2003 Sealcoating, C.R.P. No. 2150 ET AL, Project No. XFL03.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Selected Countywide Roads be improved as follows:

Preleveling and Sealcoating approximately 14 miles of County Roads using CMS-2P Emulsified Asphalt and ½"-¾" Crushed Screenings.

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 road fund budget and based on the county engineer's estimate is hereby made in the amounts and for the purposes shown:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION
Engineering	\$ 500.00
Maintenance	<u>\$140,000.00</u>
TOTAL (Road Fund)	<u>\$140,500.00</u>

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: July 1, 2003

ESTIMATED date of completing work: September 15, 2003

ADOPTED this 27th 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

Administrative Division:

061224 6. An executed copy of the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee well monitoring agreement was received from the Director.

Solid Waste Division:

D061224A 7. Due to Latah County's problems with their loader, grinding of the Whitman County compost pile at the Transfer Station has been postponed.

Engineering Division:

D061224B 8. The Union Center Quarry shot was completed last week. They are now ready for the crusher that should be available in 1-2 weeks.

D061224C 9. State Bridge representatives met with Mark Storey, Randy Black and the Director last week concerning the Four Mile #5 Bridge on Parvin Road off Highway 27. This is an approximate \$400,000 project that will be constructed in 2007-2008. A small match will be required for this project through the County Road Administration Board.

Maintenance Division:

D061224D 10. Crews will be working this week on sealing the county parking lots on Wednesday (lot next to City Hall and behind the Corrections Building and Thursday (lot behind the Public Service Building). All traffic will be kept out of the parking lots on these days. The same practice will take place again when the crews install the hot mix in mid-late June.

11:15 a.m. - Tim Myers and Tom Miller, Facilities Management.

Present: Bob Reynolds and Tammy Lewis.

061225 1. Tim Myers noted that the Courthouse HVAC contractor has completed or has brought equipment on-site for over one-half of the project, and are therefore entitled to the second of four payments. The contractor is still within the 120-day perimeter. A change order for \$6,718.00 mainly for additional abatement services was presented to the Board. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve the change order with SMK Construction Co., Inc. for the Courthouse HVAC system. Mr. Miller will work with the contractor on scheduling all crane work that must take place during regular business hours for the HVAC units that will be installed on the roof.

D061225A 2. Tom Miller stated the Courthouse windows project is 95% complete. He will inspect all the windows and then meet with the contractor.

061226 3. In 2001, the commissioners authorized \$12,000 from the capital improvement project fund to repair the cracks and paint the lower portion of the Courthouse and Weed Department Building. To date, Mr. Miller said he has spent approximately \$3,500. Not all work was completed in 2001. The Courthouse was recently completed for \$1,076. He thought there should be enough funds remaining from the original 2001 award to paint the Information Services Building (after the remodeling is completed), the north end of the Public Service Building, and the Island Street Building.

Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to authorize \$1,076.00 to be paid from the CIP program budget to complete the

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Courthouse painting project. The commissioners agreed not to paint the Island Street Building at this time.

061227 4. Mr. Miller sent out an email about the county parking lots being closed this week for crack sealing. This work was approved in 2002.

D061227A 5. Mr. Myers advised the Board that the 25 year old main water well pump at Wawawai Park will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$3,900 including parts and installation. They will continue using this pump until it fails. This was previously a budgeted item, but is not at this time. If the pump must be replaced this year, the Parks Department will need to request a budget amendment.

11:40 a.m. - Recess.

1:05 p.m. - Flood Ordinance Hearing on Proposed Amendments.

Present: Mark Bordsen.

061228 Hearing convened by Chairman Finch and Mark Bordsen was asked to summarize the proposed amendments.

Mr. Bordsen said the purpose of today's hearing is to present to the public the proposed changes to the ordinance dealing with flood hazard and to gather any public comments. There being no one in attendance and unless the Board objected, Mr. Bordsen suggested dispensing with review of the proposed changes.

He pointed out the changes were submitted to Theodore Olson, DOE Flood Manager. Mr. Olson is comfortable with the changes and willing to accept what is being offered, some of which are different from what he originally requested.

Chairman Finch closed the hearing noting the Board will render a decision on Friday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m.

1:15 p.m. - Tom Miller.

D061228A Mr. Miller stopped in regarding the notice from the Department of Labor & Industries about repairs to one of the county elevators. Mr. Miller said the repairs have been completed. The county's elevator contractor, Shindler Elevators, has been in contact with the state. The elevator has been inspected and the paperwork sent back to the state.

1:20 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin and John Skyles.

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D061228A 1. According to Ms. Martin, health officials have determined there are now two types of SARS virus, the acute, serious form and a mild form making it difficult for health providers to make a clear identification of a SARS case. The latest bulletin today reports every location that has had a case of SARS deems the virus ongoing. Toronto, Canada thought they had the virus controlled, but it is now appearing in health care workers. The Center for Disease Control and World Health Organization are saying Toronto, Canada is back on the on-going mode with respect to SARS cases.

Whitman County is prepared for dealing with the virus and worked with WSU over graduation weekend regarding out of country visitors and the procedure to follow if someone became ill.

D061228B 2. Whitman County Public Health is trying to rule out one active case of Tuberculosis. The initial tests conducted came back negative. They are now waiting for the results of the culture tests. Until Tuberculosis has been ruled out, the individual must remain at home.

D061228C 3. There have been many cases of Pertussis in our bordering counties and one case in Whitman County involving a 9-week old baby not yet immunized. However, the entire family had not been immunized. Luckily, there were no secondary contact cases.

D061228D 4. In looking at the Small Pox vaccine, it now appears a person may have immunity for many more years than previously thought. Various reports indicate the immunization is effective from 20-40 years. The government has not been actively pushing health care workers to be immunized. Nevertheless, Whitman County has a plan ready covering pre-exposure events, post-exposure events, and actual treatment of cases.

D061228E 5. The Department just completed writing a plan on how Whitman County would use the National Stockpile of Medications in Washington to treat any communicable disease.

D061228F 6. All appendices to the Whitman County Bioterrorism Plan are supposed to fold in nicely with the County Comprehensive Plan. Within the next 90 days a tabletop demonstration will be conducted on the Bioterrorism Plan to insure everyone understands their responsibilities.

D061228G 7. The department is gearing up for the end of the school year. Contracts and addendums have been issued to the school districts to determine what their needs are for the 2003-2004 school year. This will determine Public Health's staffing pattern in the fall.

Within the Senate bill, money was allocated for the nurse core through the Superintendent of Public Instructions. If that remains, Ms. Martin thought the department would be able to function well with what they have. If funding is cut, she may have to considered reduced hours in the schools.

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D061228H 8. Michael Baker has been hired as the new Environmental Health Technician and will begin next week. Mr. Baker will be working with the food program.

D061228I 9. Each county is being given \$15,000 to set up the structure for a firewall and to maintain it and produce the networking so that health information can be exchanged without breaching any confidentiality. Dan Brown from Whitman County Information Services (IS) will meet with a state IS member on June 4th. They will then visit Whitman County's health partners (Columbia and Garfield Counties) to review their infrastructures. The plan is if all 3 counties pool their money, the firewall could be built and maintained in Whitman County because the other counties don't have the required level of expertise. Public Health has been paying for Mr. Brown's schooling and travel to obtain certification to assist the other two counties. Ms. Martin hoped the Board agreed with this plan because pooling the funds will allow all three counties to have a "state of the art" fire wall and information system. With the fire wall, information system, and the new network server, all the counties will benefit greatly. The commissioners voiced no objections.

D061228J 10. Asotin County was included in the A-B-C grant for 0-5 year olds and the Rural Health Foundation and Dental Access grant for 6-18 year olds. Asotin County was forwarded a copy of both grant applications. They are also included in the Tobacco Partnership. As of this date, Asotin County has not responded to any of Whitman County's notices.

D061228K 11. The Garfield County Health Department Administrator has resigned. Whitman County will offer them an interagency agreement, the same as was previously done for Columbia County, to provide administrative and nursing director services.

D061228L 12. A tobacco compliance check of 12 Whitman County establishments was conducted and all passed. A certificate of compliance will be given to each establishment.

061229 13. Ms. Martin distributed copies of the 2002 Washington State Public Health Improvement Plan.

D061229A 14. Mr. Skyles commented that the pool program work is forthcoming.

D061229B 15. John Skyles continues to monitor the West Nile Virus (WNV) and will be setting up the first trap in Garfield. Tekoa, Oakesdale, and Rosalia are other concerned WNV mosquito areas. A resident brought in a box of dead Great Horn owls that had been nesting in her yard. The owls will be checked for WNV.

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D061229C 16. Mr. Skyles received a complaint that someone is allegedly building a dam across Rock Creek at Rock Lake. This particular individual has permission to irrigate out of the lake but he has no permit to dam it. The complainant has pictures of his flooded pasture and well as a result of the damming. The complaint was referred to DOE who will investigate.

D061229D 17. Fran Martin agreed to visit with Judy Allen about the status of promoting a presentation on "Facing the Future". The presentation will probably be delayed until this fall. Commissioner Partch said each group he has talked with is willing to contribute to the cost of the presentation. Chairman Finch indicated he advised Ms. Allen that the county would probably cover the difference in presentation fees after all other possibilities are exhausted.

D061229E 18. Dane Dunford is working on getting the county's "Storm Ready County" signs installed on the state highway.

D061229F 19. Ms. Martin hoped to bring Dave Burns of Spokane County Homeland Security and Mark of Whitcom to the June 17th Board of Health meeting to talk about the county's Public Health Comprehensive and Bioterrorism Plans.

2:55 p.m. - Recess.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford and Mark Bordsen (3:00 p.m.) and Eunice Coker and Debbie Hooper (4:10 p.m.).

061230 18. Items discussed included joint planning, election reform, and ideas to increase revenues/decrease costs, election reserve fund, and petty cash fund. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Recess.

D061230A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **May 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, and Les Wigen, Commissioner, and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Partch is attending a Transportation Improvement Board meeting.

9:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Flood Ordinance Amendment Decision.

Present: Mark Bordsen.

061231 The decision on proposed Flood Hazard revisions was before the Board. At the request of the Chairman the County Planner provided a staff report. Mr. Bordsen presented a cover letter outlining the commissioners'

official action. The Findings of Fact have been revised based on the public hearing.

061232 Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to adopting the Findings of Fact.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENTS)
TO THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING)
ORDINANCE REGARDING FLOOD HAZARD)
REGULATIONS, AS REQUIRED BY THE) MOTION AND RESOLUTION
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE)
OF WASHINGTON, THE BOARD ADOPTS)
THE REVISIONS AS SHOWN IN THE)
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FROM THE)
ZONING ORDINANCE)**

AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE BOARD ON THIS MATTER, AND UPON MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried by a vote of 2 ayes to 0 nays, the Findings of Fact for the proposed FLOOD HAZARD AMENDMENTS TO THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE were adopted on May 30th, 2003.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Whitman County was notified that an update of the county ordinances regarding land use in flood hazard areas is needed. Mr. Theodore M. Olson, P.E., Flood Plain Management for Department of Ecology, has assisted the Whitman County Planning staff in determining what part of the Zoning Ordinance regarding flood hazards needed revision.
2. Two sections of the Zoning Ordinance contain language regarding development and flood hazard. These are the definitions (Chapter 19.03) and the chapter specifically about flood hazards (Chapter 19.50 Flood Management Overlay District [FMO]). Rather than repeal these and adopt an entirely new ordinance, the decision was made to revise the existing language. The proposed amendments that will satisfy FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) have been reviewed by Mr. Olson, who found them acceptable.
3. Whitman County has controlled development in flood hazard areas since 1984. The flood maps used by the County were published in 1980 (Flood Insurance Rate Maps, otherwise known as FIRM). The amendments proposed for adoption are due to federal decisions of how local ordinances must read.

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4. There are significant benefits of applying flood hazard information with regards to proposed development.
5. One benefit is the fact that knowledge of flood hazard areas and review of development permits keeps development from being built in low areas that are liable to flood. This is simply a smart decision, because it prevents damage to property and loss of life.
6. A second benefit is that the flood hazard regulations require that a professional engineer licensed in the State of Washington will review any flood plain filling that would reduce flood plain capacity. This requirement assures that action by any party will not negatively affect a neighbor's land by causing floodwaters to rise due to a reduced flood plain capacity. This provision protects existing property rights.
7. The County's implementation of the flood hazard regulations keeps Whitman County as a Community within the national Flood Insurance Program operated by FEMA. This makes flood insurance available to Whitman County, its cities and towns, and all of its residents. This means that those residents who happen to live within a flood hazard area can obtain a subsidized premium for flood insurance. There are such developments within our cities and towns because the structures were built prior to the survey and printing of flood maps and before the adoption of ordinances. Participation in the federal program also allows Whitman County to be eligible for federal disaster aid should a flood-related disaster be declared here.
8. Although flood events seem to be quickly forgotten after a few years, they can be significant. The high waters of the 1996 flood event did extensive damage to Whitman County roads and bridges. FEMA reimbursed Whitman County almost a half a million dollars for the repair of that damage. This federal assistance would not have been available had the county not been in compliance with the federal requirements regarding flood hazard regulation.
9. Therefore, although it is a federal mandate to adopt the changes required, the benefit to do so is significant. This is not quite an unfunded mandate, because although county government must pay the cost of implementation, there are significant and continuing benefits to property owners, and potentially significant benefits when future natural disaster occurs.
10. Although the Whitman County Planning Commission typically processes zoning amendments, in this case the decision was made to have the Board of County Commissioners hold the public hearing. This is because there is very little flexibility regarding what must be adopted. In addition, the Planning Commission has been and continues to focus on other proposed significant proposals for land

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use amendments. The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. There was no public comment on these proposed amendments.

11. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance (DNS) was issued for these proposed amendments on May 8, 2003. To date, no comments have been received.
12. The actual amendment language is shown in the attached Zoning Ordinance chapters: new language is underlined and language to be removed is struck (~~striketrough like this~~).
13. These Zoning Ordinance amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

061233 Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** that the amendments to the Flood Hazard regulations within the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance be approved. (The attachments to the ordinance are available in the Commissioners' Office.)

ORDINANCE NO. 061233

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, adding and revising language in two chapters that describe flood hazard requirements. These changes add definitions, include limitations and protections for certain uses, such as critical facilities and recreational vehicles, and modify some code language. These changes are consistent with the requirements from the federal government (Federal Emergency Management Agency) as represented by the Washington State Department of Ecology. These amendments are also consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT ORDERED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the staff recommendations, after the Board's public hearing and adoption of Findings of Fact.

These amendments to Chapters 19.03 (Definitions) and 19.50 (Flood Management Overlay District (FMO) are passed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, on the 30th 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

9:15 a.m. - Adjournment.

D061233A Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **May 27** and **30, 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 **June 2, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **30th** 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