

**Minutes for June 6, 2005**

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**064062 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Wigen is attending the U.S. House Committee on Water and Power Oversight Field Hearing.

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

Present: Monty Kammerzell (9:30 a.m.).

**064063 1.** Mr. Kammerzell discussed a 6-year road program project. No action taken.

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

Present: Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**D064063A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**064064 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **177334-177347** for **\$7,262.58** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	5,335.87
102	Building & Development	99.47
123	Paths & Trails	47.62
400	Solid Waste	207.60
660	Whitcom-General-000	616.50
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-001	955.52

**064065 4.** May 31, 2005 minutes approved.

**064066-064068 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**064069 6.** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution revising the Whitman County Parks and Palouse Empire Fair/Facilities Management Departments petty cash funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 064069**  
**OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need to change pre-existing Petty Cash amounts and custodians within the Whitman County Parks Department and the Palouse Empire Fair/Facilities Management Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Parks Department would like to decrease the **current amount of \$200.00 down to \$100.00 and make Janel Goebel the Custodian**; and,

WHEREAS, the Palouse Empire Fair/Facilities Management Department would like to increase the **current amount of \$50.00 up to \$200.00 and make Terry Jeffries the Custodian**; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND AUTHORIZED that the Whitman County Parks Department's Petty Cash fund 001.000.000.111.70.04 shall be decreased to \$100.00 and be maintained by Janel Goebel and that the Palouse Empire Fair/Facilities Management Department's Petty Cash fund 001.000.000.111.70.06 shall be increased to \$200.00 and maintained by Terry Jeffries.

Done this 6th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**064070** 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution revising the countywide petty cash funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 064070**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, recognizes the need and requirement of regulating the various petty cash/cash drawer/revolving accounts in all county funds; and,

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WHEREAS, the responsibility for the various petty cash/cash drawer/revolving accounts must be entrusted to specific individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following are the revised petty cash/cash drawer/revolving accounts for Whitman County:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	FUND NO.	BARS CODE	CUSTODIAN	PURPOSE
Public Health, Colfax	\$70.00	001.000.000	111.70.020	Robin Cocking	Front Desk/Petty Cash
Public Health, Colfax	\$140.00	001.000.000	111.70.021	Judy Roberts	Front Desk/Cash Drawer
Public Health, Colfax	\$50.00	001.000.000	111.70.022	Pauline Anderson	Cash Drawer
Public Health, Pullman	\$100.00	001.000.000	111.70.023	Shannon Hatley	Petty Cash
Public Health, Pullman	\$70.00	001.000.000	111.70.024	Shannon Hatley	Cash Drawer
Public Health, Pullman-EH	\$50.00	001.000.000	111.70.025	Marge Crowder	Envir. Health Cash Draw
Public Health, Pullman	\$99.00	001.000.000	111.77.026	Shannon Hatley	Petty Cash/Postage
Prosecutor	\$100.00	001.000.000	111.77.09	Sonya Miller	Petty Cash/Postage
Prosecutor	\$100.00	001.000.000	111.70.09	Sonya Miller	Petty Cash
District Court	\$96.00	001.000.000	111.77.03	Kristina Cooper	Petty Cash/Postage
District Court, Colfax	\$50.00	001.000.000	111.70.03	Kristina Cooper	Cash Drawer
District Court, Pullman	\$50.00	001.000.000	111.70.031	Virginia Walker	Cash Drawer
Parks & Rec.-Colfax	\$100.00	001.000.000	111.70.04	Janel Goebel	Petty Cash
Parks & Rec.-Fairgrounds	\$25.00	001.000.000	111.70.04	Craig Danielson	Cash Drawer
Parks & Rec.-Kamiak Butte	\$25.00	001.000.000	111.70.04	Roger Marcus	Cash Drawer
Parks & Rec., Wawawai	\$25.00	001.000.000	111.70.04	Bart Dearborn	Cash Drawer
Auditor, Auto Licensing	\$400.00	001.000.000	111.70.05	Eunice Coker	Cash Drawer
Auditor, Legal Filing	\$100.00	001.000.000	111.70.052	Eunice Coker	Cash Drawer
Auditor, Elections	\$200.00	001.000.000	111.77.05	Debbie Hooper	Petty Cash/Postage
Auditor	\$5,000.00	001.000.000	111.00.10	Eunice Coker	Revolving
PEF/Facilities Management	\$200.00	001.000.000	111.70.06	Terry Jeffries	Petty Cash
Clerk	\$50.00	001.000.000	111.70.13	Shirley Bafus	Cash Drawer
Superior Court	\$33.00	001.020.000	111.77.20	Eileen Roe	Petty Cash/Postage
Sheriff, Drug Task Force	\$30,000.00	127.140.000	111.77.01	Brett Myers	Revolving
Sheriff	\$400.00	001.000.000	111.77.01	Brett Myers	Revolving
Public Works	\$150.00	110.400.000	111.70.10	Judy McMurray	Petty Cash
Solid Waste	\$300.00	400.400.000	111.70.17	Ruth McGillic	Cash Drawer
Treasurer	\$900.00	999.000.000	111.70.11	Donna Poland	Cash Drawer
Treasurer, Advance Travel	\$15,000.00	999.000.000	111.00.21	Lana Cloaninger	Revolving

Signed this 6th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**064071** 8. A letter was received from Sheriff Myers in response to the commissioners' 2005-06 budget letter of May 16th. This issue will be discussed in workshop.

**064072** 9. A letter was received from Robert N. Grunewald regarding permit fees at the county parks. This issue will be discussed in workshop.

**064073** 10. Recommendations for 2005 elected officials salaries was received from the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials via the County Auditor.

**064074** 11. A postcard was received from Rosemary L. Waldrop of Pullman voicing her support for the Parents Television Council's (PTC) nationwide campaign to win "Cable Choice" for families and asking the commissioners to do the same. Chairman Partch noted the commissioners have no control over cable television. Commissioner Finch pointed out that should be handled through the City of Pullman's franchise with the cable company. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to decline responding as requested for the reasons stated.

**D064074A** 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:15 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:30 a.m. - Tony Allison, Sojourners Alliance.**

Present: Mark Havens, Cindy Jette, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**D064074B** Mr. Allison, Director of Sojourners Alliance, made a presentation on the Moscow based transitional living program. The program provides food, shelter, support and guidance to assist the homeless to the point of self-sufficiency. Last year Sojourners provided shelter and support to 150+ adults.

The mission of Sojourners Alliance is to promote personal growth, empowerment and self-sufficiency of people in transition by providing decent housing, affordable flow income comparisons, basic services, education, life and interpersonal skills, counseling and opportunities for integration into the community.

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Sojourners also operate five 2-bedroom affordable housing units, a volunteer run thrift store, food bank and clothing bank in Troy that served over 100 families in 2004.

Although homelessness is a low visibility issue in rural areas, it is not only a problem for people experiencing homelessness but it is also a hurdle to overcome for agencies providing services to these people. In addition to serving the homeless, part of Sojourners mission is to educate the community about the problem of homelessness on the Palouse and a need for help. They rely on a number of avenues for support from federal and state assistance dedicated to providing shelter to financial support from private foundations, local businesses, individuals and community groups. They rely on gifts of time, food, blankets, clothing and anything else that can be used in the shelter.

Mr. Allison reiterated 3 main points:

- Even though homelessness is not very visible, it is a real problem on the Palouse,
- Sojourners is working to help people in need and
- Sojourners cannot do it alone.

Mr. Allison asked how Whitman County addresses homelessness on the Palouse. Chairman Partch said having been involved on the Community Action Center (CAC) Board for 10 years he knows about the working relationship between CAC and Sojourners. One of the things Washington State did when funding for emergency shelters was terminated was to add a fee through document recording in the Auditor's office to help offset the financial loss countywide. He also noted Spokane County administers Whitman County's Section 8 program.

Cindy Jette said Sojourners definitely has a need and they do serve Whitman County residents. Whatever Whitman County can do for Sojourners would be appreciated. She invited the commissioners to visit their facilities.

When questioned by Commissioner Finch, Mr. Allison said CAC does not provide any funding for Whitman County residents referred to Sojourners. Chairman Partch suggested Mr. Allison visit with the new CAC director.

Mr. Allison said because of funding issues Sojourners had to change from a short-term transitional program to a long-term program 1-1/2 years ago. Short-term needs are now referred to CAC's.

Chairman Partch pointed out CAC has worked with the churches in the past for short-term transitioning where many needs in the smaller towns have been met. He did not feel the universities have stepped up to the plate like they should through a student activity fee because they are the ones that use our services and pay nothing. Therefore, he suggested Mr. Allison visit with the Presidents of WSU and UI, public relation representatives for

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Schweitzer Engineering, Wal-Mart, their spouses, local Idaho State legislators and the CAC Board.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**Action Items:**

**064075** 1. The Chairman convened the hearing for the proposed vacation of old right-of-way affiliated with the reconstruction of the Wassum Bridge on the Old Bowen Road.

Staff report presented by Mark Storey County Engineer stating it is not advisable to preserve said right-of-way for the county transportation system in the future. The right-of-way should be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

There being no comments from those in attendance, the Chairman adjourned the hearing.

**064076** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to vacate a portion of right-of-way on Old Bowen 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 Bowen Road	)	<b>RESOLUTION NO. <u>064076</u></b>
located outside of the new	)	
right of way for the Bowen	)	
Road No. 4120, in Section 27,) )	)	<b>RESOLUTION VACATING</b>
in Section 27, Township 19	)	
North, Range 39 East, W.M.	)	
in Whitman County, Washington	)	

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon a portion of said Bowen Road on the 9th day of May, 2005.

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

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 6th day of June, 2005, and interested parties for and against said vacation were afforded the opportunity to present to the Board.

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of a portion of said Bowen Road is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that said 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 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, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 6th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**064077**     **2.** The Chairman convened the hearing for the proposed vacation of a portion of right-of-way on the Green Hollow Road due to the new alignment.

Staff report presented by Mark Storey County Engineer stating it is not advisable to preserve said road for the county transportation system in the future. The road should be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

There being no comments from those in attendance, the Chairman adjourned the hearing.

**064078**     Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to vacate a portion of right-of-way on Green Hollow 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 Green Hollow     )  
Road No. 4400 and McGrady     )  
Road No. 4410 lying outside     )  
of the new right of way for     )

**RESOLUTION NO. 064078**

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for said Green Hollow Road, )  
McGrady Road and the Blackwell )  
Road No. 4470, in Sections 5 )  
and 8, Township 17 North, )  
Range 43 East, W.M. in Whitman )  
County, Washington )

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon a portion of said Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road on the 9th day of May, 2005.

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

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 6th day of June, 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 a portion of said Green Hollow Road and McGrady Road is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that said 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, be vacated and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining land.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 6th day of June 2005.

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OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**Engineering Division:**

**D064078A 3.** Palouse Cove Ribbon Cutting ceremony is this Thursday, June 9th at 10 a.m.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D064078B 4.** All districts are doing some form of asphalt work; the Bridge Crew is working on the Babbitt Road Bridge off SR 195.

**Planning Division:**

**D064078C 5.** The Cochran zone change was passed by the Planning Commission to change 94 acres from agricultural district to limited heavy industrial district but the Commission reduced the size from 94 acres to 20 acres. The applicant must now go before the Board of Adjustment to set conditions.

**D064078D 6.** A second proposed zone change request from Dan Boyd passed the Planning Commission changing 20.8 acres from agricultural district to cluster residential district on Kitzmiller Road.

**D064078E 7.** Last Thursday the Board of Adjustment heard 3 requests by WSDOT for small self-storage sheds and a radio tower request submitted by Bob Hauser. The Board of Adjustment passed all requests.

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

**1:30 p.m. - White Elephant Bridge Project.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Julie Banks and one bidder representing Robert B. Goebel.

**064079** The following bids for the White Elephant Bridge project were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award at 4:00 p.m.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation, Inc.	\$481,467.50
N.A. Degerstrom, Inc.	\$608,775.75
A&R Construction, Inc.	\$478,894.85
Robert R. Goebel, General Contractor, Inc.	\$488,685.00

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

Present: Dane Dunford.

**D064079A 13.** Items discussed involved Public Works related issues. No action taken.

**4:00 p.m. - White Elephant Bridge Project.**

Present: Dane Dunford and Mark Storey.

**064080** The Engineer recommended the bid for the White Elephant Bridge project be awarded to A&R Construction for \$478,814.85.

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**064081** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award the bid for the White Elephant Bridge to A&R Construction in the amount of \$478,814.85 (without tax).

**4:05 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D064081A** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **June 6, 2005** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **June 13, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **6th** day of **June 2005**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners