

Minutes for June 7th, 2004

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062594 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 7, 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: Fran Martin (9:00 a.m.).

062595 1. Items discussed included a Public Health vacancy and the Asotin County ABCD program letter. No action taken.

9:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Nikkie Brown, Tim Myers, Tammy Lewis and Maggie Breshears.

D062595A 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

062596 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **163536-163658** for **\$430,610.22** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	49,632.15
101	Self Insurance	100.00
102	Building & Development	384.19
103	Countywide Planning	43.60
104	Developmental Services	245.25
110	County Roads	17,883.88
118	Inmate Welfare	8.61
119	Emergency Services	253.82
123	Paths & Trails	861.21
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	75.66
136	Electronic Monitoring	260.25
142	Whitcom-911	296,598.36
400	Solid Waste	465.50
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	62,568.45
510	Photocopier Revolving	555.18
513	Communications Revolving	674.11

062596 4. June 1, 2004 minutes approved.

062596A-062601 5. Personnel board orders approved.

062601A 6. Chairman Wigen acknowledged the death of President Ronald Reagan on Saturday, June 5, 2004 noting that the flag has been lowered to half-staff in his honor. In the eyes of the Chairman, Ronald Reagan was a great president. He considered one of President Reagan's greatest achievements was telling Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin wall. That began the breakup of the Soviet Union and communism and he thought we are better off today because of that. The 60th anniversary of D-Day was just celebrated and that turned the world toward more freedoms. Commissioner Partch read the following proclamation. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to proclaim this proclamation. Commissioner Finch said President Reagan was the best president in his lifetime. He made Americans proud to be Americans again.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan, known to us as "The Great Communicator" and the 40th President of the United States died on Saturday, June 5, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, our country will forever remember his courage, dedication, resolve, principles, integrity and vision for his beloved country; and,

WHEREAS, we may never again know such a great leader in our lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, we want to forever remember this man whose place in history will be alongside of such great men as our first President, George Washington and 16th President, Abraham Lincoln; and,

WHEREAS, we a nation and a world will mourn his passing; and,

WHEREAS, we the Whitman County Board of Commissioners representing the people of Whitman County want to express not only our sorrow but also our gratitude to the family of this great man.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the people of Whitman County will lower their country's flag in his honor and will hold this week in solemn remembrance to President Ronald Reagan, "**A Man of Vision and Destiny**" who now will look down on us from above. God's speed Mr. President.

Proclaimed this 7th day of June 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Les Wigen, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

062602 **7.** The Chairman read a proposed \$300,000 interfund loan resolution for Whitcom from the Solid Waste fund. Sharron Cunningham said the purpose of the loan is to basically cover capital expenditures. The annual interest rate is tied to the bank's prime lending rate less 1%. It is not included in the resolution language but is included in the notes to the file. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch to sign the interfund loan resolution. Commissioner Partch thanked the Treasurer's office, especially the Treasurer for completing this process in a timely manner thereby allowing time for budgeting this loan.

RESOLUTION NO. 062602

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 7th day of June, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Whitcom has requested an interfund loan from Solid Waste to cover capital project expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

WHEREAS, the interfund loan will be repaid to Solid Waste in equal monthly principal and interest payments of \$2,500.00 beginning August 31, 2004 and paid the last working day of each month at an annual variable interest rate. The Whitman County Treasurer will determine the annual variable interest rate each year, no later than July 1 for the following calendar year. The interest rate will be no lower than 2.0% and no higher than 6.0%. The loan is satisfied when the principal of \$300,000.00 is paid. Whitcom reserves the right to repay the loan earlier than specified without penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$300,000.00 is loaned to Whitcom from the Whitman County Solid Waste Fund, to be repaid as stated above.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June 2004.

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062603 **8. Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish the notice of the LEOFF I Board meetings. The commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Clerk of the Board and LEOFF I Board members for their work on the development of the LEOFF I Board policy.

062604 **9. Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish notice of an upcoming Courthouse and Public Service Building fire drill.

062605 **10.** Chairman Wigen read a notice of hearing for revisions to the Park and Recreation Ordinance Chapter 2.12. Tim Myers explained a change incorporated into the proposed revisions at the suggestion of Commissioner Finch. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish the notice of hearing for proposed revisions to the Whitman County Park and Recreation Ordinance, Chapter 2.12. Hearing to be held June 28th at 10:30 a.m.

062606 **11.** Chairman Wigen explained letters addressed to Senators Murray and Cantwell concerning the federal energy bill. He said Florida Power & Light wind energy division has wanted to locate in Whitman County and other areas for quite some time but are reluctant to do so until the energy bill passes. Chairman Wigen contacted the senators' offices for additional information and prepared letters encouraging the senators to vote in favor of two energy bills. Similar bills have passed in the House. Commissioner Partch added he has been working on biodiesel, also included in these bills that would fund an \$11.2 million biodiesel crushing plant in Steptoe. Chairman Wigen noted the legislation of importance to Florida Power & Light is reinstatement of the energy tax credit. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign letters to Senator Cantwell and Murray urging their support of energy legislation SB2095 and SB1637.

062607 **12. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign a letter to Benefax authorizing the firm to quote medical insurance for county employees.

062608 **13.** The commissioners received notice of a conference for a water right permit application filed by Naylor Farms. The conference will take place June 25th at 1 p.m. at the Latah County Courthouse.

062609 **14.** An executed copy of the professional services agreement between Whitman County and Tetra Tech for the drafting of the All Hazardous Mitigation Plan was received.

D062609A 15. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:35 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey and Tammy Lewis.

Action Items:

062610 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the resolution to initiate the county road project for 2004 sealcoating be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 062610

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

In the matter of initiating an agency forces county road project designated as 2004 Sealcoating, C.R.P. No. 1100 ET AL, Project No. XFL04.

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

Preleveling and Sealcoating approximately 30 miles of County Roads using CMS-2P Emulsified Asphalt and ½"-¼" 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	\$390,000.00
TOTAL (Road Fund)	\$390,500.00

ESTIMATED date of commencing work: July 1, 2004

ESTIMATED date of completing work: September 15, 2004

ADOPTED this 7th day of June 2004.

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ATTEST:

Greg Partch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

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062611 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch that the letter of authority for Dane Dunford and Evon Jones to sign claims for phone bills be signed as presented. Mr. Dunford stated this is a limited authorization for county telephone bills (Qwest, Verizon, AT&T and SCAN) only. Motion **carried**. The authorization letter was signed by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor's office.

Engineering Division:

D062611A 3. The Engineer reported the contractor is still crushing at Doneen Quarry and will continue to do so for another week.

D062611B 4. All resource study work has been completed for the Looney Bridge. The department is awaiting final approval from the state.

Maintenance Division:

D062611C 5. Public Works has completed its annual weed spray program for 2004 with the exception of the Landfill cap that should be done Wednesday. In response to Commissioner Finch's inquiry, Mr. Dunford said the Fair Manager has assured Public Works they will take care of their portion of the property at the Fairgrounds.

D062611D 6. Commissioner Partch noted the thank you in the Gazette the previous week from the VanDyke's in Rosalia thanking Public Works for fixing a culvert.

11:15 a.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Palouse Cove Road Project Bid Opening.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Mark Main, Julie Banks and 6 bidders.

062612 The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award at 4:00 p.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
S.A. Gonzales Construction, Inc.	\$2,498,945.75
North Central Construction, Inc.	\$2,393,601.40
Scarsella Bros., Inc.	\$2,287,875.85
M.A. DeAtley Construction, Inc.	\$2,240,261.30
K.C. Construction, Inc. dba K.C. Excavation	\$2,055,281.30
Debco Construction	\$2,227,666.72
Copenhaver Construction, Inc.	\$2,184,712.20
Motley-Motley, Inc.	\$2,448,605.95

The commissioners and staff thanked all bidders for their bids on a long-awaited project.

2:15 p.m. - Recessed/Commissioner Partch excused himself from the remainder of today's meeting.

4:00 p.m. - Palouse Cove Road Bid Award.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey and Sharon Roberts.

062613 Having reviewed all bids, the Engineer recommended the bid for the Palouse Cove Road project be awarded to the low bidder, K.C. Construction, Inc. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to award the bid for the Palouse Cove project to K.C. Construction in the total bid amount of \$2,055,281.30. Mr. Storey said the goal is to begin this project July 6th.

4:10 p.m. - Sharon Roberts, Information Services.

062614 Ms. Roberts presented an agreement extending Travis Anderson's professional services agreement until the Computer Support Specialist position is filled. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to enter into an agreement between Whitman County Information Services and Travis Anderson. (Expenditures for this approval will be deducted from the Information Services budget.)

4:15 p.m. - Adjournment.

D062614A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **June 7, 2004** 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 14, 2004**. The foregoing action made this **7th** day of **June 2004**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

LES WIGEN, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners