

Minutes for June 9th, 2003

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061254 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 9, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D061254A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

D061254B 2. Motion by Commissioner Partch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

061255 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **149713, 149748-149795, 149819-149851, and 149865-149987** for **\$729,801.71** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	36,778.35
103	Countywide Planning	80.18
104	Developmental Services	1,552.36
110	County Roads	101,862.80
112	Public Facilities Improvement	91.80
123	Paths & Trails	211.03
132	Auditor's Document Preserv.	92.14
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	119.33
137	Web Site Development	163.25
300	Capital Projects	1,076.00
400	Solid Waste	1,63.85
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	19,997.09
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,057.46
690	Clearing & Suspense	224,751.15
ET	Electronic Transfer	339,832.92

061256 4. June 2, 2003 minutes approved.

061257-061260 5. Personnel board orders approved.

061261 6. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to adopt the 2004 budget calendar.

WHITMAN COUNTY 2004 BUDGET CALENDAR

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July 14 Call for 2004 Budget-2nd Monday in July
Sept. 2 Submit preliminary budget to Information Services
Sept. 16/17 Budget reviews scheduled by Clerk of the Board
Oct. 1 Preliminary budget submitted to BOCC by IS
Oct. 7-10 Budget reviews held with BOCC
Oct. 14-17 Budget reviews held with BOCC
Nov. 20/27 Notice of budget hearing published
Nov. 24 Budget available to the public
Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m. Budget hearing held for the proposed 2004 budget
Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. Budget hearing continued from December 1 and adjourned
Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. Budget adopted

061262 7. Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize a \$60,000 cash advance for Whitcom.

RESOLUTION NO. 061262

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on June 9, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitcom Fund provides the appropriate service as authorized; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitcom Fund needs a cash advance of \$60,000.00 to meet its financial obligations in the course of conducting the operations of Whitcom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a cash advance of \$60,000.00 be transferred to the Whitcom fund #142.010.001 from the Current Expense Fund.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June 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

061263 8. A letter of thanks was received from the Planning Commission and a personal card of thanks was received from Jean Wardwell, Planning Commission Chairperson thanking the commissioners for their support of the Whitman County water legislation.

061264 9. Alex McGregor wrote the commissioners thanking them for their foresight and quick thinking in utilizing available resources to wide the approach for truck traffic into the Port of Central Ferry during the same time as the WSDOT highway project at Central Ferry.

061264A 10. The Chairman signed a letter to Governor Gary Locke requesting the current "working advance payment" system provided to counties be maintained.

061265 11. A letter was received from Bill Hansell, Umatilla County Commissioner/NACo 2nd Vice-President along with a personal check for \$21.36 to cover Whitman County's increase in NACo dues for 2004.

061266 12. Estimated population figures for all cities/towns and counties were received from the Office of Financial Management. Whitman County's estimated April 2003 population is 41,000.

061267 13. An executed copy of the contract amendment between Palouse River Counseling Center and Whitman County was received.

D061267A 14. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

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

Present: Bob Olson of R.B. Olson Construction, Dan Brown, Denis Tracy, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

061268 The commissioners reviewed a June 6th letter to Bev Welch from R.B. Olson.

061269 Mr. Olson presented a second letter addressed to Bev Welch dated June 9th that he prepared after visiting with Bev on June 6th. The letter also included the analytical results on the fiberglass insulation tests.

R.B. Olson would like to remove the old insulation and after doing so Travis Trent of Fulcrum Environmental will meet on site June 17th with all parties involved to discuss mold concerns and perform an in-depth analysis of all

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sub-straights. The initial tests performed were done on selected areas. The reason for these tests is to scientifically address the mold issue before adding infrastructure costs. Mr. Olson thought it would be irresponsible not to go through these tests estimated at \$1,200.00 and at the expense of R.B. Olson Construction, even though the "r" values for this fiberglass insulation were not diminished during hydration.

Mr. Olson also requested in his June 6th letter a liability release and extension to the construction schedule because of this delay.

Commissioner Partch said this incident was unfortunate and the Board appreciates Mr. Olson stepping forward.

061270 Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve a \$474.00 change order to install a service tract for technicians on the roof of the Information Services Building as recommended by G&M Construction.

Prosecutor Denis Tracy recommended the commissioners not consider releasing R.B. Olson from any liability until after the June 17th analysis.

Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to extend the construction schedule by one day for each one day that lapses from June 6th, not to exceed 10 working days.

Chairman Finch asked Mr. Olson to meet with the Board again after the consultant's visit.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Jim Hughes, Mayor of Endicott, 6 Bidders, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

Solid Waste Division:

D061270A 1. The transfer station has been extremely busy. Latah County is assisting with the grinding of yard waste.

Engineering Division:

D061270B 2. Mr. Storey reported staff is working hard on moving the Endicott Road project forward.

D061270C 3. As far as design work, the Wassum Bridge replacement project went through a state review. That review has been completed and approved. The Department is now awaiting release of the federal construction funds.

D061270D 4. Seubert's Excavation will be crushing nearly 24/hours/day beginning next week at the Union Center Quarry.

Maintenance Division:

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D061270E 5. Work has also begun on the Beasley Bridge project.

D061270F 6. Mr. Dunford noted WSDOT has begun work on the bridge at the north end of Colfax. The County has provided an over-width, over-height detour for SR 26. This is a normal summer time run from Upper Union Flat to SR 194 for loads that cannot go under the trussle. It appears there is extra traffic using the detour than is actually necessary. Phil Meyer and he met with WSDOT representatives last week about this issue. Public Works will continue to monitor the situation.

11:15 a.m. - Endicott Road Project.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Jim Hughes, Mayor of Endicott, 6 Bidders, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

061271 The following bids were received, opened, and read aloud. Staff will make a recommendation for award today at 2 p.m.

North Central Construction, Inc., Moses Lake, WA	\$2,123,208.05
S.A. Gonzales Construction, Inc., Newman Lake, WA	\$2,070,199.40
K.C. Construction, Inc., Hayden, ID	\$2,399,858.50
Westway Construction, Inc., Airway Heights, WA	\$2,098,338.05
Hilmes Construction, Inc., Othello, WA	\$2,073,946.20
Ascorp, Inc., dba: Debco, Orofino, ID	\$2,392,580.51

11:25 a.m. - Recess.

1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Fran Martin.

061272 15. Items discussed included an emergency management mutual aid agreement and policy statement for the emergency management comprehensive plan. No action taken.

2:00 p.m. - Endicott Road Project.

Present: Mark Storey, Julie Banks, Mayor of Endicott Jim Hughes, Brett Bosse, and Tammy Lewis.

061273 The Engineer presented a recommendation for award of the Endicott Road project. It was noted that Endicott Mayor Jim Hughes was in attendance and concurs with the award. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to award the bid for the Endicott Road project to SA Gonzales Construction, Inc. for \$2,070,119.40.

2:10 p.m. - Recess.

2:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

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Present: Bev Welch and Becky Griner (2:15 p.m.).

D061273A 16. Items discussed included joint planning update, McGregor letter, and cellular telephone service. No action taken.

3:15 p.m. - Adjournment.

D061273B Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **June 9, 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 16, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **9th** day of **June 2003**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners