

Minutes for June 16th, 2003

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061274 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for June 16, 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.

D061274A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

D061274B 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Partch and carried.

061275 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 150037-150038 and 150077-150231 for \$216,577.40 approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	58,777.20
103	Countywide Planning	426.88
110	County Roads	1,100.02
112	Public Facilities Improvement	1,475.00
117	Boating Safety	505.42
118	Inmate Welfare	279.37
127	Drug Enforcement	2,017.40
139	"911" Emergency Service	34,781.13
142	Whitcom-911	7,842.02
320	Cap. Proj./Outside Sources (Bond)	39,797.70
400	Solid Waste	9,897.79
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	55,411.70
510	Photocopier Revolving	368.01
513	Communications Revolving	3,897.76

061276 4. June 9, 2003 minutes approved.

061277-061280 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Chad Connors.

061281 6. Mr. Connors explained an amendment that reduces the Juvenile Services budget by \$6,000 during this fiscal year as a result of under-expended areas within his budget. It is anticipated the funds will be used by another Juvenile Court in this region. The overall budget allotment was

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\$150,165, so the net affect of the reduction will be \$144,165. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign DSHS Consolidated Juvenile Services program amendment #0163-04945(2). Mr. Connors also thanked the commissioners for their legislative assistance.

061282 7. A copy of a letter sent to FEMA by Theodore M. Olson, DOE Floodplain Management Division was received stating Whitman County is now compliant with the requirements of FEMA and will maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program.

061283 8. A letter anticipating the need for a \$6,012 budget amendment was received from the Prosecutor's Office.

D061283A 9. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey and Phil Meyer, Public Works Department.

Present: Tammy Lewis.

Action Items:

061284 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to publish the notice of a call for bids for the Wassum Bridge project when the necessary paperwork is received.

Engineering Division:

D061284A 2. With respect to the Endicott Road project, the contractor would like to begin June 23rd.

Maintenance Division:

D061284B 3. One mile of roadway from Hamilton Hill to Klemgard Park will have a material applied called "Road Saver". This is a base stabilization product that keeps the road from wash boarding and the dust down. Chairman Finch asked if this type of product could be used on the Sand Road. Mr. Meyer indicated A&R Construction is crushing and hauling 30,000 tons of rock across Sand Road to Moscow. A&R Construction will apply "Mag Chloride", a similar product, in front of every residence on Sand Road.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Bev Welch, Finance/Information Services Director.

Present: Eunice Coker, Mike Werner, Doug Robinson, Fran Martin, Tim Myers, Brett Myers, Peggy Wright, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, John Peterson, and Eileen Roe.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Bob Lothspeich, Kelli Campbell, and Dane Dunford.

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061285 The May 2003 ending financial report provided by Ms. Welch.

May 2003 Cash Balance - \$2,246,259

May 2002 Cash Balance - \$1,877,669

May 2003 Revenue - \$4,013,719 - 46.73% of budget.

May 2002 Revenue - \$3,503,275 - 40.75% of budget.

May 2003 Expenditures \$3,320,230 - 38.66% of budget.

May 2002 Expenditures \$3,322,848 - 36.69% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:15 p.m. - Jennifer Snead, Whitman County ADO Coordinator.

Present: Pam Kelley, Economic Development Consultant, Eileen Ackerman, Department of Community Trade and Economic Development, and Tammy Lewis.

061286 1. Ms. Snead distributed copies of the Whitman County Associate Development Organization (ADO) Resource Board mission statement, bylaws, goals, and objectives.

061287 2. The ADO contract expires the end of this month. In October, the commissioners expressed their intent to renew the contract with the Port of Whitman. Therefore, Ms. Snead provided a 2003-2005 work plan. The core work plan elements are included from the ADO Resource Board, the state, county, and Port.

1:30 p.m. - Hillary Hamm, Randy Baldree, and Janet Schmidt.

061288 3. An ADO matrix of needs for all Whitman County cities/towns also received.

061289 4. Ms. Snead and Ms. Kelley gave a power point presentation of community profiling completed last spring.

Eileen Ackerman noted that the creation of the ADO Resource Board was a significant step in obtaining local participation and involvement and she was very pleased with the proposed 2-year work plan.

Motion by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** recommending to the state that Whitman County roll over its ADO contract with the Port of Whitman for 2003-2005.

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2:05 p.m. - Randy Baldree and Janet Schmidt of WSU Cooperative Extension.

Present: Tammy Lewis and Hillary Hamm.

D061289A 1. Randy advised the Board of upcoming cattle and agricultural tours.

D061289B 2. Wheat Stripe Rust turned out not to be as big a problem as was anticipated.

D061289C 3. Janet reported approximately 250 youths and 20 developmentally disabled adults participated in the "Fishing for Kids" event June 14th.

D061289D 4. In partnership with the YMCA, Parks and Recreation, the Library, Health Department, and the Community Action Center, a pilot after school program known as TAZ (Tuesday Adventure Zone) on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The program has averaged 25 participants for each TAZ program involving 5th-7th graders. As a result of last weeks' planning meeting, the program will continue in the fall.

2:10 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Susan Nelson.

061290 10. Items discussed included the Community Action membership level, Fishing for Kids update, and appointment of a Whitman County Risk Pool Safety Officer. No action taken.

2:30 p.m. - Brian Werst, Attorney.

D061290A 11. Motion by Commissioner Partch to go into Executive Session with Mr. Werst, via a conference call, for arbitration matters until 2:45 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

2:45 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

D061290B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **June 17, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Les Wigen, Commissioner and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Partch is attending another meeting.

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

Present: Fran Martin, John Skyles and Michael Baker.

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D061290C 1. John Skyles introduced and the commissioners welcomed aboard the new Environmental Health Specialist Michael Baker.

061290D 2. Chairman Finch presented Fran with a 2003 Achievement award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding the establishment of the Southeast Washington Medical-Dental Partnership.

D061290E 3. Staff participated in an exercise in Spokane at the West Valley School dealing with exposure to nerve toxins. The exercise was given a B+ from Whitman County Public Health's perceptive because they were unable to reach some parties on the emergency contact tree. There will be another exercise with only Whitman County people very soon.

D061290F 4. Staff also participated in an incident involving a white powder discovered at a WSU post office division last Thursday. Test confirmed it was not a chemical toxin. Those results were then followed up with biological testing.

D061290G 5. The Department received word yesterday that the Washington Dental Association has awarded a 3-year grant to establish the Access to Baby and Children Dentistry (ABCD) program covering children ages 0-5 in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia and Asotin Counties. Angie Neumiller, who is heading up this program, met with the Clarkston Health District in Asotin County today to provide more information about the program. Clarkston claims they do not have an access issue. They are free to not participate. The counties will proceed as planned by helping the dentist obtain enhanced rates for seeing youths with medical coupons.

D061290H 6. Ms. Martin is working with DSHS on a program called Administrative Match, which means any outreach activities performed on any age child or adult about oral health, Public Health could be reimbursed for an educational visit with them. Ms. Martin submitted a grant to the Rural Health Foundation requesting funds to support the 5-19 year olds for dental care. The Foundation said they could not award the \$30,000 requested but asked if Ms. Martin was willing to accept less. She is willing to accept less for the all-age youth dental program. For every \$100 spent on a youth, \$50 will be reimbursed for both medical and dental visits.

D061290I 7. The Washington State Dental Association is working to include more physicians in the oral health program. The Association asked for Ms. Martin's assistance in initiating the program statewide.

061291 8. The Director advised the Board she has an opportunity to receive \$6,456 from the Washington State Military Department to perform a countywide terrorism threat and needs assessment. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** that the Chairman sign the above noted contract.

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D061291A 9. The school districts intend to renew their hours with Public Health for nursing services. Therefore, Ms. Martin requested authorization to refill the vacant nurse position responsible for nursing services at the Colton schools, and the WIC and First Step programs. The individual hired for this position would not begin until school resumes in the fall.

D061291B 10. The Director also requested authorization to refill the vacant clerical position in her department this fall. Temporary employees are currently filling this position.

Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to authorize the hiring of a nurse and clerical position.

D061291C 11. The Director informed the Board that she has authorized her staff to work 4 day 10 hour shifts provided services are not affected.

D061291D 12. John Skyles talked about the solid waste demolition waste fill and final plan. A meeting was held with the DOE Eastern Region representatives to determine how to proceed with the demolition waste fill. There was a rule change at the beginning of the year doing away with this designation. There is no more "demolition waste" classification, only inert waste, i.e. concrete, asphalt, brick, and soil. DOE is requiring any landfiller to demonstrate there will be no adverse affect on the water table if any other than the above materials are landfilled. DOE informed Whitman County since we already have groundwater monitoring wells in place for the closed municipal solid waste cell and are located down-gradient from the demolition waste cell there is no problem.

D061291E 13. The DOE has accepted the final closure plan for the landfill that has been up in the air for so many years because of gases. DOE did refer to a letter regarding the gas monitoring which is no longer necessary. The landfill is now considered closed and the only thing that must be done to comply with the plan is to continue with some very low volume gas monitoring once each week.

D061291F 14. Mr. Baker reported on the four mosquito traps set in Oakesdale, Tekoa, Garfield and Rosalia for West Nile Virus.

D061291G 15. Ms. Martin said the Military Department will purchase 6 satellite phones for Whitman County as follows: 1-Law Enforcement, 1-Whitcom, 1-Hazardous Materials Team, and 3-Public Health. All cellular phones currently used by these divisions will be turned in. In addition, the Military Department sent other equipment that will be disbursed equally to different areas of the county for bioterrorism purposes. Whitman County is ahead of the curve because the government is gearing towards emergency management and bioterrorism working together. Bioterrorism money can be used to set up the systems needed. When funding is no longer available Whitman County will already be well equipped with systems in place.

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D061291H 16. The next meeting of the Board of Health is July 15th at 2:00 p.m.

2:35 p.m. - Adjournment.

D061291I Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **June 16** and **17, 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 23, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **17th** 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