

Minutes for July 29nd, 2002

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059918 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D059918A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chris Anderson.

D059918B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

059919 3. Claim numbered **137999** for **\$1,126.99** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
690	Clearing & Suspense	\$1,126.99

059920 4. July 22, 2002 minutes approved.

059921-059928 5. Personnel board orders approved.

059929 6. A letter was received from Colfax Mayor Norma Becker regarding the proposed new 47-unit motel in Colfax.

059930 7. A second letter was received from Mayor Becker expressing her disappointment that the City's .08 application for a skate park was not approved.

10:10 a.m. - Jennifer Snead.

059931 8. A request for a revised job family placement from Office Specialist to Financial Technician was received. The request was tabled for further discussion with the Interim Auditor.

059932 9. A letter was sent to the Sheriff concerning Courthouse security after hours.

059933 10. A letter was sent to the Bank of Whitman canceling a credit card issued to the County Auditor as of August 1, 2002.

059934 11. Notice of the approval of a liquor license for Wayne & Ada Mae Kinsinger for the Wheel Inn was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

059935 12. A request for 2002-2003 dues in the amount of \$4,000 was received from the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee and denied.

059936 13. Notice was received from Superior Court concerning non-budgeted expenses in 2002 totaling \$25,700 and the fact there are 6 more weeks of civil jury trials scheduled.

D059936A 14. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Recess.

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

Administration Division:

059937 1. Discussion took place about the letter from Glenn Miles, Transportation Manager for the Spokane Regional Transportation Council. Mr. Miles advised the Mayors and Councils that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) interlocal agreement with Whitman County will terminate as of December 31, 2002. Mr. Dunford explained Kootenai County and Coeur d'Alene have now been declared a Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) along with Spokane. The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) will find it difficult to have the staff and time to continue providing assistance to Whitman County and its cities/towns, as has been the case since 1991. By the end of this year, Whitman County will have to investigate forming a new RTPO with Columbia and Garfield Counties, and possibly part of Asotin County since Clarkston, Lewiston and Nez Perce County have been designated as a new MPO. Therefore, Whitman County must consider its options as to how to proceed. An RTPO must be made up of three counties when the combined population is less than 100,000. More information on this issue will be available towards the end of the year.

Action Items:

059938 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the contracts between Petersen Brothers and Whitman County for guardrail on the Logan and South Bachelor Bridges be signed as presented.

Engineering Division:

D059938A 3. According to Mr. Dunford, work on the Warner, Fitzgerald, and Darden Bridges continues and are on schedule.

Maintenance Division:

D059938B 4. The crews completed the county sealcoating, and all scheduled work for the cities/towns.

11:30 a.m. - Fran Martin, Public Health Director.

D059938C The Director reported that Whitman County has been employing and housing the Alliance for Health and Human Services Coordinator in the Health Department. All expenses (salary, benefits, supplies, etc.) for this individual are billed to the Alliance for reimbursement. The Alliance would like to increase the Coordinator's hours from half time to full time until

November at which time the Alliance will reevaluate the situation. Since all expenses are reimbursed by the Alliance the commissioners had no objections and authorize Ms. Martin to proceed.

11:35 a.m. - Recess.

1:25 p.m. - Interim County Auditor Swearing In Ceremony.

Present: David Frazier, Naomi Daubert, Jerome Daubert, Joe Reynolds, Eunice Coker, Kaye Engel, Christina Thompson, Christine Mikalson, Nancy Richards, Shirley Bafus, Diana Dawson, Bev Welch, Chad Connors, Jim Kaufman, Dane Dunford, Bob Lothspeich, Kathy Crowner, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer, Doug Robinson, Denise Mildren, Don Anderson, and Jennifer Snead.

059939 Chairman Partch reconvened the meeting for the swearing in of the Interim County Auditor. Judge David Frazier administered the oath of office to Naomi Daubert. (The signed oath was forwarded to the Auditor's Office.)

Naomi Daubert expressed her desire to keep the office as calm as possible, to make it a smooth transition, and implement what changes she can without stepping on the toes of the upcoming elected auditor. She pledged to make the Auditor's Office as pleasant an experience as possible.

Commissioner Wigen said it was an honor for him to cast his vote for Ms. Daubert who has worked in the office for 22 years. He has faith in her and the other members of the Auditor's staff that things will work out and he thanked her for accepting the appointment.

Commissioner Finch hoped this is an opportunity for peace and tranquility in the office and hopefully, it will be a much more enjoyable working environment for all the Auditor's staff. He was certain Ms. Daubert would serve the citizens of Whitman County well.

Chairman Partch said with Ms. Daubert's 22 years of experience working in different divisions of the Auditor's office, and as a former Chief Deputy Auditor, he was excited to have her experience. He noted the appointment was based on the most qualified individual in the office.

1:30 p.m. - Recess.

D059939A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

10:00 a.m. - Reconvened/Board Business Continued/Executive Session.

Present: Ron Shirley, Bob Lothspeich, and Joe Reynolds.

D059939B 15. Motion by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with the above individuals for discussion of legal matters until 11:00 a.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

11:00 a.m. - Return to Open Session/BOCC Workshop.

059940 16. Items discussed included Auditor's exit conference (Maribeth Becker), criminal justice contracts, update on Administrative Director position, Courthouse security letter, Nolan Building, agenda items for joint Pullman/Whitman County meeting, Econ conference in Spokane, commissioners' pending list items, 9-11 celebration, Pullman Court move, Whitcom, Risk Pool meeting, and WSAC Eastern District dam power point presentation. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D059940A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **July 29 and 30, 2002** 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 **August 5, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **30th** day of **July 2002**.

ss/ JERRY FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners