

### Minutes for July 31, 2006

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**065715 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **July 31, 2006** at **9:00 a.m.** G.R. Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Sharron Cunningham.

**065716 1.** Items discussed included Sheriff's staffing, Albion, Tekoa and Pullman misdemeanor contracts, nomination to the PEDC Board, BRATC membership terms and 1-hour morning Courthouse closure. No action taken.

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

**D065716A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

**065717 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **193320-193415** for **\$362,613.59** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	9,183.93
102	Building & Development	562.44
103	Countywide Planning	1,385.65
104	Developmental Services	133.77
110	County Roads	10,420.88
117	Boating Safety	77.05
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	738.98
137	Web Site Development	558.00
400	Solid Waste	144,622.53
410	Solid Waste Reserve	1,155.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	114,024.06
513	Communications Revolving	675.33
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	55,710.13
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	23,365.84

**065718 4.** July 24, 2006 minutes approved.

**065719-065723 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**065724 6.** Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish notice of proposed revisions to Whitman County Code, Title 1.

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**065725** 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** sign a grant application data form for the Sheriff's Justice Assistance-Drug Interdiction program for \$138,118.

**065726** 8. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign letters of appreciation to Ron Ozment, Washington Wildlife Commission; Dr. Jeffrey P. Koenings, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Jim Owens (Partch), CAST FOR KIDS regarding the annual Fishing Kids program.

**10:10 a.m.** - Thinkh Nguyen.

**065727** 9. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to forward the nomination of Tom Johnson of Oakesdale for appointment to the PEDC Board representing city government/public sector.

**065728** 10. A copy of a letter sent to the US Secretary of Agriculture was received from Governor Gregoire requesting a Secretarial Disaster Designation for twelve counties in Washington State, including Whitman County.

**D065728A** 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

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

**10:30 a.m.** - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.

Present: Thinkh Nguyen.

**065729** 1. Mr. Myers explained that the next phase of the approved project at Klemgard Park is to purchase and install a new playground. The department has been working through the state bid process, which eliminates local bidding. He has evaluated all the state bids and looked at other playgrounds around the state. Two WSU playground experts have volunteered their time to design the playground. Funds are available in the planned giving account from an anonymous donor who made the donation specifically for this purpose. Total cost at this time is \$41,402.53. The plan is to install the playground on September 22/23 using volunteer labor by Park Board members and staff. Mr. Myers also extended an invitation to the county commissioners. All labor will be reimbursed and used for matching funds for the restroom project at Klemgard Park. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to award this bid to NW Recreation in the amount of \$41,402.53 as presented.

**D065729A** 2. Kamiak Butte Park closed today for the fire season.

**D065729B** 3. Mr. Myers gave a very brief update on the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail/Sunshine Road/SR 270 project. Chairman Finch thought the contractor was only working on the north side of SR 270 this year and working on the south side next year. The Public Works Director later corrected him.

**10:50 a.m.** - Recess.

**10:55 a.m.** - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Cindi Lepper and Thinkh Nguyen.

ACTION ITEMS

065730 1. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to change the speed to 35 MPH on Old Wawawai Road #9011 from the Pullman City limits to SR 195 be signed as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 065730**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of changing the speed limit on a certain county road pursuant to R.C.W. 46.61.415;

WHEREAS, the BOARD has conferred with the County Engineer regarding the posted speed limit on the Old Wawawai Road #9011, from the Pullman City Limit to SR195, and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD wishes to make the posted speed the same as the segment within the Pullman City Limits,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the maximum speed limit on the Old Wawawai Road be changed to 35 MPH. The changes shall be implemented on August 1, 2006. It is further resolved that the road shall be posted with fixed signs indicating the maximum speed.

ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**Administration Division:**

065731 2. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of call for bids for one new mid-size, 4-door sedan.

**Solid Waste Division:**

D065731A 3. Ms. Lepper is preparing to offer the annual small competitive recycling grant to cities/towns in Whitman County. This year \$4,000 is available. In the past the grant was offered in June, applications were due in August and the city/town had until the end of December to complete the project. That was very difficult for some cities/towns. Therefore, the dates have been changed to offer the grant in July with applications due by October 1<sup>st</sup> and the award made January 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will give the grantee an entire year to complete their project.

D065731B 4. Chairman Finch suggested more recycling containers be placed at the Lentil Festival and Palouse Empire Fair. Ms. Lepper agreed and pointed out that she has purchased additional containers. She now has a committee for the Lentil

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Festival Street Fair. An attendant will be stationed at each container to help promote recycling and reduce contamination. In addition, a sign will be posted with each container.

Whitman County currently has 20 recycling containers. Moscow Recycling recently purchased 20 and the two agencies plan to share these containers for various events. She was just notified that Pullman is also purchasing the bottle and can recycling containers. Ms. Lepper thought the message would be much clearer for people when they see the same types of containers.

The Chairman also suggested Ms. Lepper approach the soft drink distributors for donations, signage and/or recycling containers.

**D065731C** 5. The Coordinator is working towards providing recycling containers at the Rosalia Biker's Rally in August 2007. The problem is the Biker's Rally and Lentil Festival is on the same weekend.

**Engineering Division:**

**D065731D** 6. The Director discussed the status of the Almota Road project.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D065731E** 7. County seal coating projects are now completed. Seal coating for the cities/towns will be finished tomorrow.

**D065731F** 8. Upon inquiry by Chairman Finch, the Director confirmed that the SR 270 contractor would complete the new Farband Bridge on Sunshine Road and the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail tunnel by the end of the year. Sunshine Road will be closed from September 1-December 31. The contractor may not get the road paved from the bridge apron to the highway until next year. All residents of Sunshine Road were hand-delivered the same information.

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

**1:35 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Brett Myers, Bob Ingalls, Thinh Nguyen and Bob Reynolds (1:50 p.m.).

**D065731G** 12. The items discussed involved a jail security system presentation, elevator contract, PSB carpet update, broken pipe at the Fairgrounds and other miscellaneous pending projects. No action taken.

**2:30 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D065731H** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **July 31, 2006** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **August 7, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **July 2006**.

ss/ Greg PARTCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners

