

## Minutes for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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**059963 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **August 12, 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. - Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

**D059963A 1. Board Business.**

Present: Jennifer Snead, Chris Anderson, and Bob Lothspeich.

**D059963B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**059964 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **138100-138166, 138192-138227,** and **138097** for **\$706,772.31** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	\$ 67,984.20
690	Clearing & Suspense	\$260,793.40
ET	Electronic Transfer	\$377,994.71

**059965 4.** August 5, 2002 minutes approved.

**059966-059973 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**059974 6.** The Chairman read a letter from Eunice Coker, Treasurer's Office, concerning a request by St. John Park and Recreation District #3 for a \$15,000 loan to cover the cost of a new boiler for their swimming pool.

Mr. Lothspeich said the county has traditionally loaned short-term money to the small taxing districts when necessary. The district is charged the current interest rate the county is receiving from the investment pool. This cooperative effort has proven to be good for the districts and county.

**059975 Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the resolution authorizing a loan for St. John Park and Recreation District #3.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 059975**

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of the Whitman County Park and Recreation District #3 is authorized by R.C.W. 36.69.350 and has requested an interfund loan to cover the cost of a new swimming pool boiler; and,

WHEREAS, this request complies with R.C.W.'s 39.69.010; 39.69.020; 39.69.030; and 39.36.020 regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

WHEREAS, the interfund loan will be repaid in two equal payments, one in November 2002 and one in May 2003 at an interest rate of 1.79%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS ORDERED that an interfund loan of \$15,000.00 be loaned to Whitman County's St John Park and Recreation District # 3 from the Whitman County Current Expense Fund, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Greg Partch, Chairman

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**059976**     **7.**     **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to authorize publishing of a notice for the 2002 budget amendment hearing.

**059977**     **8.**     Recognition was given to Hilda Bruning of Colfax who will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 19<sup>th</sup>. On August 14<sup>th</sup> the commissioners will present Ms. Bruning with a certificate acknowledging her birthday and the services she has and continues to provide to the community.

**059978**     **9.**     The Board accepted David Hoyt's resignation from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee and returned a letter of appreciation to him for his contributions on the Committee.

**059979**     **10.**    The E911 operations contract for FY 2003 was received and approved by the Board upon **motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**.

- 059980** 11. Information was received from the Prosecutor concerning the proposed Airport transfer to the Port of Whitman County.
- 059981** 12. A request for a preliminary scope and cost for the proposed reconstruction of the Whitman County Memorial Airport taxiway was received from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration. The information was passed onto the Port of Whitman County for follow up.
- 059982** 13. A listing of liquor licenses due to expire November 30<sup>th</sup> was received from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.
- 059983** 14. Information pertaining to the recently passed 2002 Farm Bill was received from the Palouse Conservation District. Commissioner Finch will represent Whitman County on the newly formed Palouse Local Work Group committee.
- 059984** 15. A letter was sent to the County Auditor instructing her to discontinue paying one-half of the Superior Court Judges fringe benefits based on the recent State Supreme Court ruling.
- 059985** 16. The commissioners nominated the Community Education Training Center (CETC) for award by the state as an economic development best practices partnership. The award will be announced at the Governor's Economic Development conference September 12<sup>th</sup> in Spokane.
- 059986** 17. A copy of a letter terminating the CDHD professional services contract with the University of Idaho was received from Chad Connors, Juvenile Court Administrator.
- 059987** 18. Letters were sent to all Whitman County cities/towns, with the exception of Pullman, offering to continue the interlocal misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor agreements with the county for 2002.
- 059988** 19. An email was sent to all members of the EAT Committee concerning the 2003 preliminary budget.
- 059989** 20. An email was sent to all employees regarding an August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting about how we plan to properly observe September 11, 2002.
- 059990** 21. Upon inquiry, clarification was sent to Archie Neal, Chair of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee stating all recipients of 08 funds have one year from the date of award to complete their projects.
- 059991** 22. The completed Whitman County state audit covering the period of January 1-December 31, 2001 was received. As instructed, copies of the report were forwarded to the Federal Clearinghouse and 8 other state and federal agencies.
- 059992** 23. Executed copies of documents associated with the Nolan Building purchased were received.

**10:30 a.m. - Tom Miller, Facilities Management.**

**059993** Mr. Miller recommended the Courthouse/Jail HVAC engineering quote be awarded to NW Energy Services, Inc. in the amount of \$19,452. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to award the HVAC engineering quote to NW Energy Services, Inc.

**10:40 a.m. - Board Business Continued.**

**D059993A 24.** Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

**D059993B 25.** The commissioners voiced their interest in transferring the WA-CERT responsibility from the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee to the new Port of Whitman County Economic Development Specialist and Resource Board. A meeting was arranged for August 20<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Snead to further discuss this issue.

**D059993C 26.** The Chairman opened the meeting to comments/questions from the floor.

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

**11:00 a.m. - Chad Connors, Juvenile Court Administrator.**

Present: Jim Kaufman.

**059994** Mr. Connors and Mr. Kaufman reviewed a resolution listing the individuals for appointment and reappointment to the Law & Justice Advisory Planning Council that the Council is recommending to the commissioners for their approval. All appointments are due to expire January 1, 2003.

Mr. Kaufman said he included the chronological history of the Law & Justice Council Committee for future members.

1. Steven Tomson, Sheriff or his designee;
2. James Kaufman, Prosecutor or his designee;
3. Shirley J. Bafus, Clerk or her designee;
4. Larry L. Young of Colfax, Designee for Joe Lehman, Department of Corrections;
5. Captain Robert D. Ingalls, Jail Commander;
6. Robert Lothspeich representing Commissioners Financial Risk Manager;
7. Jerry Chastain of LaCrosse representing small cities/towns;
8. Harold Herman, Colfax City Council representing Colfax;
9. Carlton B. "Barney" Waldrop, Pullman City Council representing Pullman;
10. Mike Karlin, Pullman Police Department Commander;
11. Steve Hansen, WSU Policy Chief;
12. Michael Bogenrief of Tekoa representing small cities/towns law enforcement;
13. Fran Martin of St. John representing County Health;
14. Michael Berney of WCCS representing Mental Health;

15. Chadwick Connors, Juvenile Court Administrator representing juvenile issues and interests;
16. Mary B. Shaw, Probation;
17. David Frazier, Elected Superior Court Judge representing the Superior Court system;
18. Douglas B. Robinson, Elected District Court Judge, representing the District Court system;
19. Denis Tracy of Pullman representing Public Defender interests;
20. Barbara Sheffler of Colfax-Farmington representing children and protective services;
21. Sergio Hernandez, Superintendent of Schools representing school superintendents and school districts;
22. Bill Pewitt of Colton representing Law Enforcement Agencies of the Palouse (LEAP) group;
23. Bill Martin of Pullman representing Commissioner District 2;
24. Heather Cochran of Colfax representing Commissioner District 3; and,
25. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ representing Commissioner District 1.

**Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the resolution appointing and reconfirming Whitman County's Law and Justice Committee members.

**RESOLUTION NO. 059994**  
**APPOINTING AND RECONFIRMING**  
**WHITMAN COUNTY'S LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

WHEREAS Whitman County has had an active Law and Justice Council for a considerable period of time, approximately ten (10) years, in our County; and

WHEREAS in late 1995 the Whitman County Law and Justice Council submitted a proposed plan to the Whitman County Board of Commissioners for its approval and adoption; and

WHEREAS the Whitman County Board of Commissioners met in open session with appropriate notices being sent by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and that the said County Commissioners on Monday April 14, 1997, did meet and did formally approve the Whitman County's Law and Justice plan as submitted to the Whitman County Board of Commissioners with the presence of former Whitman County Law and Justice Chair Steven R. Tomson, current Law and Justice Chair James H. Kaufman and Department of Corrections, State of Washington Representative Larry L. Young and did totally approve the same; and

WHEREAS in addition to earlier Resolution Nos.: 050612, 051280 and Board of County Commissioners has previously approved the appointment of Greg Partch of Garfield, Washington as a representative to the Law and Justice Council for Whitman County Commissioner District No. 1; Jerry Finch of Pullman, Washington as a representative to the Law and Justice Council for District No 2, and Harold Herman of Colfax, Washington as a representative for District No. 3; and

WHEREAS the Whitman County Board of Commissioners needs now to reaffirm appointment and reappointment certain members to the Whitman County Law and Justice Council with tenure to be viewed from date hereof except for

statutory members and those who may have had appointments by the above resolutions, 050612 and 051280, and any earlier resolutions and specifically resolution No. 056714 dated June 12, 2000, for members now serving and attending and with some members reassigned to different positions, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Whitman County Board of Commissioners does hereby again confirm the official Law and Justice Plan adopted by this Board on April 14, 1997 and with any and all modifications subsequent thereto and with direction to the Council to review and to suggest revisions, if any, to said Plan to this Board no later than December 31, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whitman County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve and reconfirm the appointments of Steven Tomson, Sheriff, or his designee; James Kaufman, Prosecutor, or his designee; Shirley J. Bafus, Clerk, or her designee; Larry L. Young, Department of Corrections, Colfax, as designee for Secretary of the Washington Department of Corrections, Joe Lehman; Cpt. Robert D. Ingalls, jail commander; Robert Lothspeich as Commissioner/Risk Manager Designee.

The Board further Resolves and Approves/Appoints/Re-Appoints the following for terms to expire on January 1, 2003: Jerry Chastain of LaCrosse representing small towns/cities in Whitman County; Harold Herman, Colfax City Council representing Colfax and Carlton B. "Barney" Waldrop, Pullman City Council, representing Pullman, Mike Karlin, Commander, Pullman Police Department; Steve Hansen, WSU Policy Chief; Michael Bogenrief, Tekoa, representing small cities/towns law enforcement; Fran Martin, St. John, representing County Health and Michael Berney, representing Mental Health; Chad Connors as Juvenile Court Administrator representing juvenile issues and interests; Mary B. Shaw, Probation, David Frazier, Elected Superior Court Judge and Douglas B. Robinson, Elected District Court Judge, representing the court system, Denis Tracy of Pullman representing Public Defender interests in Whitman County; Barbara Sheffler of Colfax-Farmington representing children and protective services for Whitman County; Sergio Hernandez, Superintendent of Schools representing school superintendents and school districts of Whitman County; Bill Pewitt of Colton representing the L.E.A.P. (Law Enforcement Agencies of the Palouse) group.

The commissioners also reappoint Bill Martin of Pullman representing Commissioner District 2, Heather Cochran of Colfax representing Commissioner District 3, and \_\_\_\_\_ (currently vacant) of \_\_\_\_\_ representing Commissioner District 1.

This Board confirms Chadwick Connors of Colfax as the group's chair, with his term to expire no earlier than the conclusion of the October 2002 meeting and no later than the conclusion of the December 2002 meeting. This Board specifically thanks Mr. Connors for his nearly two years of fine service as chair and thanks again, prior chairs respectively: Steve Tomson (1992-1996) Jim Kaufman (1996-1998), Superintendent Dr. Tim McCarthy (1998) and Greg Partch (1998-2000) for their service as prior chairs of the committee along with a great deal of thanks to local Department of Corrections Official Larry L. Young for his great efforts, for monitoring and helping to assist at meetings along with Sherri Swan,

Nicki Hastings, Jerri Smith, Dorothy Talley, Judy Helmke, and others and their respective offices for clerical support.

This Board encourages the Committee to report periodically and at least quarterly to this Board. The Board thanks all individual members for its (their) fine service.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ James H. Kaufman  
Prosecuting Attorney and  
Former Law & Justice Chair

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

**11:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**D059994A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in Pullman followed by a meeting in their Conference Room in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **August 13, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners, and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board (Colfax) attended.

**10:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Doug Robinson.

**D059994B 27.** The commissioners traveled to Pullman for an on-site inspection of the proposed new District Courtroom location at Pullman City Hall.

**12:00 p.m. - Recess.**

**2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Dane Dunford, Kelli Campbell (2:00 p.m.), Joe Reynolds and Bob Lothspeich (3:00 p.m.), and Commissioner Wigen (4:00 p.m.).

**059995 28.** The following items were discussed Pullman District Court, Hilda Bruning's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, WACO letter, sick leave policy, Planner position 1-2, weed assessment letter, Auditor's 2003 budget, and general personnel issues. No action taken.

**5:00 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D059995A** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **August 12** and **13, 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 19, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **13th** day of **August 2002**.

ss/ JERRY FINCH, Commissioner

ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners