

## Minutes for September 6, 2005

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**064434 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 6, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

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

Present: Kelli Campbell.

**064435 1.** Items discussed included 2006 employee medical insurance and employee internal bank. No action taken.

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

Present: Kim Kopf, Windy Tevlin and Tammy Lewis.

**D064435A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**064436 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **180770-180844** for **\$52,284.95** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	38,490.28
102	Building & Development	50.55
103	Countywide Planning	238.92
110	County Roads	2,767.54
118	Inmate Welfare	426.06
123	Paths & Trails	160.00
127	Drug Enforcement	856.31
400	Solid Waste	3,241.18
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	5,247.49
513	Communications Revolving	806.62

**064437 4.** August 29, 2005 minutes approved.

**064438-064345 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**6.** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the appointment of Sheriff's Reserve Deputies as follows:

**064346** Brett A. Keller

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064347 Tyler Hammond  
064348 Perry L. Tate, Jr.  
064349 Jennifer Johnson  
064350 Jarod R. Taylor  
064351 Travis M. McKay  
064352 Michael Eaton  
064353 Karl Koehler  
064354 Brandon L. Rhodes  
064355 Bryson J. Aase  
064356 Daniel R. Flock  
064357 Matthew R. Hurley  
064358 Will S. Berger

**D064358A** Commissioner Finch comments that these Reserve Deputies are of a great help to the department, they are an eager bunch. He spent two hours at the graduation and was greatly impressed.

**064359** 7. Chairman Partch read the Governor's proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2005 as 9-1-1 Day.

**064360** 8. An executed copy of the purchase reimbursement agreement #IAA05883 between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Whitman County District Court was received.

**064361** 9. Commissioner Les Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the Washington State Military Department contract amendment E05-055C for FY05 Wireline Operations

**064362** 10. Kim Kopf and Windy Tevlin met with the commissioners to discuss the CASA grant. This grant is for two years, \$5,000 each year, which supports our Court appointed special advocate program and the grant actually funds a portion of Windy Tevlin's program manager salary. Windy explains CASA program. It is the third program ever established in the Nation and the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Washington State. It has been in running for about 22 years now. Abused and neglected children in Whitman County volunteers have to maintain a certain amount of training, 28 hours, (ours have 36 hours) and these volunteers are called "Friends of CASA". Whitman County now has 16 volunteers the bad news is that the rate of abused and neglected children in Whitman County continues to rise. At this time there are 42 clients in Whitman County that are in the Court system. These are children that Child Protective Services could not help, thus forcing them into the court system. CASA needs male volunteers desperately. Costs of mileage has risen and now volunteers are using money out of their own pockets because of the lack of money.

Commissioner Partch asks what the number of clients was last year. It is 10 children higher than last year, schools are just starting and they often find and report neglect and abuse of children 12 and under. Juvenile is trying to build a program of mediation to help eliminate some court

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time. Meth use in the home is seen in most of the cases of abused and neglected children.

Windy Tevlin and some of her staff will be going to CASA State conference in October. Scholarships will help pay their way to the conference. Commissioner Partch commends them for a great job they are doing with the CASA program.

Commissioner Partch mentions the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent on sales tax, specifically for juveniles and jails, which are both intertwined.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the CASA Interagency agreement #IAA06029 between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Whitman County Juvenile Department.

**064363** 11. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the BECCA Interagency agreement #IAA06064 between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Whitman County Juvenile Department.

**064364** 12. Fran Martin was in and spoke with the Commissioners about a Homeland Security grant specifically for equipment we have ordered for law enforcement totaling \$116,688. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign Emergency Management Homeland Security #E06-049.

**D064364A** 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m. - Janet Schmidt, WSU Extension.**

Present: Tammy Lewis and Fran Martin.

**D064364B** Janet had a meeting with Ken Olson two weeks ago and they talked about working together on the ADO contract. A half-time ADO person would be placed in the Extension Office. In exchange, they would put some money our way to compensate for the additional expenses. Commissioner Finch said he and Mr. Olson seemed very open to the idea. Commissioner Partch comments that the facilities and the abilities would be a good combination. Moving ahead with the bio-diesel to see if we can make that a reality. Ken was real supportive of that. Commissioners decision to allow Janet to go back to Ken and ask him to make up and submit a proposal or contract that the Commissioners could sign, stating the relationship between PEDC and Extension, space/funding and the ½ time person's job description. Perhaps the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

**11:00 a.m. - Recess.**

**11:05 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.**

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Present: Mark Storey and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

**064365** 1. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Jerry Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to call for bids for guardrail on Sand Road.

**Engineering Division:**

**D064365A** 2. Three bridges are still under construction.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D064365B** 3. Paint striping underway soon, crews are performing some grading and a little oiling work for Oakesdale.

**Solid Waste Division:**

**D064365C** 4. After the Fair and Fall cleanup, the Director indicated the Recycling Coordinator would meet with the commissioners for a full report.

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

**4:00 p.m. - Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Brett Myers, Denis Tracy.

**D064365D** 14. Items discussed related to the Sheriff's budget. No action taken.

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

**D064365E** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **September 6, 2005** 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 **September 12, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **6th** day of **September 2005**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner  
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board  
(Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk)

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners