

Minutes for September 9th, 2002

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060093 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 9, 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.

D060093A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dean Ferguson, Chris Anderson, and John Peterson.

D060093B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of item #2. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

0600943. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **139481-139516** for **\$312,455.34** approved.

FUN D FUN D NAM E	AMOUNT	
001	Current Expense	\$ 982.81
102	Building & Development	50.69
103	Countywide Planning	136.81
110	County Roads	303,952.71
135	Prosecutor's Stop Grant	42.33
400	Solid Waste	1,992.35
510	Photocopier Revolving	5,197.05

***060095 See 10:50 a.m.**

060096-060097 4. Personnel board orders approved.

0600985. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a resolution acknowledging September 11, 2002 as Patriot Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 060098

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists; and,

WHEREAS, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC, and the fourth into a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders; and,

WHEREAS, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve; and,

WHEREAS, these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the governing Board of Whitman County, Washington condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing Board of Whitman County supports the President of the United States as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice; and,

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing Board of Whitman County recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest available blood donation center.

DATED this 9th day of September 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

The Chairman talked about the plans for Whitman County's September 11th ceremony.

0600996. A letter was received from the Whitman County Planning Commission requesting the Board fill both vacant positions in the Planning Department. This matter has already been taken into consideration and two new assistant planners have been hired.

0601007. A letter of appreciation was sent to Dane Dunford regarding Mark Bordsen's performance as County Planner during this difficult time.

Commissioner Finch didn't think people realize how many extra hours Mr. Bordsen's worked in the absence of two assistant planners. Having carried the entire load for the Planning Department, the Safeway project is on schedule, the Motley-Motley projects are on schedule, as well as numerous other projects. He could have shut the county down during this interim, by only doing his own work, but he chose not to do that. Chairman Partch agreed

pointing out the great job the Planner has done. Without Mr. Bordsen putting in the extra time for all the pending projects, the county would have come to a standstill as far as any new growth. Commissioner Finch said he pushed for hiring a second planner because of a previous commitment to make this county grow so we don't have to raise taxes. The Planning Commission can now get on with their job of revising the Comprehensive Plan.

0601018. A letter of support for the "First time homebuyer assistance program in Whitman County" was sent to Judy Allen, Community Action Center.

0601029. A memo was sent to all departments notifying them that non-County Fair staff working at the Fairgrounds do not have to use annual leave in order to assist with the Fair. However, the County will not pay travel or overtime for this purpose. After visiting with some department heads and due to unforeseen circumstances, the Board turned this issue over to the EAT Committee for discussion and establishment of a policy.

06010310. A revised letter concerning reclassification of a position in the Auditor's Office was signed and forwarded to Human Resources.

06010411. In accordance with state law, the Whitman County Republican Central Committee voted unanimously to forward the name of the September 17, 2002 primary election winner as their sole candidate to fill the temporary position of Whitman County Auditor.

06010512. Notice of scheduled mediations between the Deputy Sheriff's Association and Whitman County was received from the Public Employment Relations Commission.

06010613. An executed copy of a letter signed by the County Commissioners and Port Commissioners was forwarded to Jeff Winter, FAA concerning the transfer of the Whitman County Memorial Airport to the Port of Whitman County.

D060106A 14. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

D060106B 15. Kudos was given to all Palouse Empire Fair superintendents and all other Fair volunteers. Without their assistance, the Fair would not be as successful as it is.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

10:45 a.m. - Courthouse Windows Bid Opening.

Present: Tom Miller, Dean Ferguson, Bob Lothspeich, John Peterson, and Chris Anderson.

060107The following bids were received, opened and read aloud.

Norm's Custom Glass, Moscow, ID	No Bid
Clarkston Glass, Clarkston, WA	\$58,991.70
Steve's Glass, Colfax, WA	\$59,257.96

Staff will make a recommendation to the Board September 16th at 10:45 a.m.

10:50 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: John Peterson, Mark Storey, Dane Dunford, Dean Ferguson, and Chris Anderson.

***060095** 16. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve the September 3, 2002 minutes as corrected.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Dean Ferguson, and John Peterson.

Action Items:

0601081. Motion by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the interlocal agreement between Whitman County and the City of Spokane be signed as presented.

0601092. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** that the local agency agreement supplement for the Johnson Road safety project be signed as presented.

Maintenance Division:

D060109A 3. As noted by Mr. Dunford, the maintenance crews are paint-striping, ditching, and cleaning culverts.

Planning Division:

D060109B 4. The Chairman presented the Director with a letter expressing their appreciation for Mark Bordsen's performance.

11:05 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Kelli Shrope and Naomi Daubert.

D060109C Motion by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with the above individuals for discussion of personnel matters until 2:00 p.m.. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

2:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

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

06011017. Items discussed included the Risk Pool, RTPO meeting, September 11th ceremony, Betty Sue Morris support letter, and the Island Street and Nolan Buildings. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D060110A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **September 9, 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 **September 16, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **9th** day of **September 2002**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners