

Minutes for September 16th, 2002

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060111 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Diana Dawson, Recording Clerk attended.

10:00 a.m. - Board Business.

D060111A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chad Connors, Chris Anderson, and Dean Ferguson.

D060111B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

0601123. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **139338-139409, 139429-139466, and 139570-139919** for **\$695,467.17** approved.

FUND FUND NAME	AMOUNT	
001	Current Expense	\$ 176,191.17
105	Mental Health	31,044.41
107	Chemical Dependency	3,972.25
110	County Roads	150.00
112	Public Facilities Improvement	1,917.01
113	Ergonomics	147.75
118	Inmate Welfare	985.33
126	Treasurer's M&O	473.44
127	Drug Enforcement	6,267.01
128	Crime Victims/Witnesses	1.02
133	Commiss. Special Revenue	9,200.00
138	Federal Equitable Sharing	2,175.52
139	"911" Emergency Service	33,891.52
142	Whitcom	25,520.53
320	Cap. Proj/Outside Sources (Bond)	181.11
400	Solid Waste	3,158.65
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	8,498.20
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,763.98
513	Communications Revolving	4,345.51
521	Family Svc. Ctr. Revolving	1,205.21
690	Clearing & Suspense	265,645.75
ET	Electronic Transfer	118,731.80

0601134. September 9, 2002 minutes approved.

060114-060118 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - John Peterson.

0601196. Mr. Connors presented a BECCA contract amendment in the amount of \$529 for the 2002-2003 contract period. He explained legislation went into effect in 1995. The whole idea was to promote safety and early intervention for at-risk. Specifically in three areas; 1) those that are found to be at-risk, 2) child legal services, and 3) truancy legislation, all in an attempt to identify at-risk youth early on, to provide court intervention for their safety and development, and a secure Crisis Residential Center (CRC) in the case of a child runaway. With the amendment, the total maximum biennial allotment is \$39,407. Mr. Connors noted this funding is once again on the chopping block and probably one of the first areas the Governor's office will be looking to cut despite all the positive outcomes of the program.

Chairman Partch stated the commissioners lobbied quite heavily for the continuation of this program. With the help of Senator Hargrove, the program was preserved for this year and most counties have had good results. We will need to attack this again to see if it can be preserved. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign the BECCA contract amendment.

D060119A 7. Mr. Connors advised the Board he is having repair problems with the newest Juvenile Department vehicle (Impala) that was involved in an accident earlier in the year. The Administrator was instructed to contact the county's vehicle insurance carrier regarding this matter.

0601208. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to appoint Ed Snyder to a two-year term on the Classification Committee representing the Road Bargaining Unit. Mr. Snyder's term will commence October 1, 2002 and expire October 1, 2004.

0601219. The Board sent a cover letter and certificate recognizing the centennial of the Cook Family Farm from 1902-2002.

06012210. A copy of a letter sent to Dan Antoni was received from Public Works regarding Mr. Antoni's request for access to his property off of Albion Road at SR 27.

06012311. An email was received from Mike Hall of First Step Internet proposing a partnership with the County and Port to provide land and a tower rather than continuing to lease land on Bald Butte.

10:30 a.m. - Albion Road Work.

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer, Julie Banks, Mark Storey, Ken Smith, and Dan Maurer, Dean Ferguson, and Chris Anderson.

060124 The following road work courtesy bid for the Town of Albion was received, opened, and read aloud.

Poe Asphalt \$184,181.15

The Town of Albion will award the bid.

10:35 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Dean Ferguson and Chris Anderson.

D0601 24A 12. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:45 a.m. - Courthouse Windows Bid Award Recommendation.

Present: Tom Miller and Tim Myers.

0601251. Mr. Miller recommended the bid for Courthouse windows be awarded to the low bidder, Clarkston Glass (Galen Mertsching General Contractor), for the total amount of \$58,991.70. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to award the bid as recommended. Mr. Myers said both bids were fairly close in price but Clarkston Glass provided a 20-year warranty versus a 10-year warranty from Steve's Glass. All references contacted gave a good report about the company. Mr. Miller indicated the successful bidder will have 14-days from the date of the "notice to proceed" to begin work on the project that must be completed in 60 days.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:35 a.m. - Bob Lothspeich, County Treasurer.

Present: Naomi Daubert, Mike Berney, Mike Werner, Fran Martin, Kelli Campbell, Bev Welch, Chad Connors, Tim Myers, Jim Kaufman, Steve Tomson, Peggy Wright, Marlynn Markley, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, Eileen Roe, and John Peterson.

The following individuals contacted the Treasurer regarding their absence from today's meeting: Randy Baldree

060126The August 2002 ending financial report provided by Lothspeich.

August 2002 Cash Balance - \$1,176,416

August 2001 Cash Balance - \$1,394,007

August 2002 Revenue - \$4,920,665 - 57.24% of budget.

August 2001 Revenue - \$5,160,900 - 61.79% of budget.

August 2002 Expenditures \$5,434,964 - 60.01% of budget.

August 2001 Expenditures \$5,360,685 - 61.01% of budget.

12:00 p.m. - WSAC/WACO Representatives.

D060126A A luncheon meeting with the WSAC/WACO representatives was held at the Imperial Restaurant in Colfax. After which, the representatives had an opportunity to visit with the elected officials individually.

3:00 p.m. - Recess.

D060126B **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 17, 2002 at 2:10 p.m.** Jerry Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Chairman Partch was unavailable.

2:10 p.m. - Reconvene/Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin.

0601271. An organizational chart for the Southeastern Washington Administrative, Southeastern Washington Tobacco, and Southeastern Washington Bioterrorism partnerships made up of 3-5 neighboring counties (Adams,

Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Whitman County) was received from the Director. Ms. Martin created the chart for use by other counties that are considering the development of partnerships.

2:15 p.m. - Dr. Moody.

D060127A 2. A brief update provided by Dr. Moody on the West Nile virus.

D060127B 3. No communicable diseases reported by the Director.

D060127C 4. The 2002 flu vaccines will be purchased from two manufacturers.

D060127D 5. The Department looked into all the vaccines received from the state for children. There was discussion about the 3 different types of vaccines adults want. Due to the costs of some of these vaccines, the client may be referred to the travel clinic.

D060127E 6. According to Ms. Martin, Patrick O'Dell, Environmental Health Specialist, is doing a fabulous job. There was a problem with one of the food vendor at the Lentil Festivals, but Mr. O'Dell handled the incident very professionally. He is also teaching a class for Spanish-speaking food handlers. He will be inspecting all Council on Aging & Human Services food sites. Provided the Board of Health concurs, Ms. Martin would like to treat these sites as benevolent organizations charging the \$7.50/permit rate. No objections raised by the Board.

D060127F 7. The Public Health nurses are busy working at the schools. The new nurses are working out great and are very enthusiastic.

D060127G 8. The Department is now feeling the crunch in the financial area as a result of working with 3 other counties, with an audit being conducted in one of the counties, and supplying 40 hours/week in the Auditor's office.

D060127H 9. There were 70 injuries treated at this years' Fair of which two individuals were sent to the hospital.

D060127I 10. Dr. Moody noted that the State is considering increasing the food handler's card fees from \$8-\$10.

D060127J 11. Mr. Skyles continues to work on solid waste issues.

D060127K 12. Ms. Martin talked about a possible shared purchase/use of a Public Works owned pickup to save money. This particular vehicle has 100,000 miles and is planned for sale at a county auction for \$2,000. She was not sure she could keep the vehicle busy in her department 5-days a week, but in speaking with Parks and Facilities Management, if this came about, the 3 departments would jointly purchase the vehicle and work out a schedule for sharing the pickup. She preferred county employees use county vehicles for county work. Ms. Martin will continue to explore this option with all departments involved.

D060127L 13. The Health Department assisted the Community of Hope in writing a grant for "Volunteers and Health Care" seeking \$25,000 to set up a system of preventative dental care and education referrals. Grant successful or not, a referral system will be created. If not through the grant, through the receipt of dental funds received and paid to a dental hygienist to perform this work.

D060127M 14. Next Board of Health meeting is October 15th.

2:55 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

06012813. Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to authorize a \$20,000 interfund loan for Whitcom.

RESOLUTION NO. 060128
of
The Board of County Commissioners
for
Whitman County, State of Washington

WHEREAS, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 17th day of September 2002; and,

WHEREAS, Patti Von Bargen, Whitcom Manager, is authorized by R.C.W. 36.69.350 and has requested an interfund loan to be used for operating expenses until revenue and reimbursements are received; 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 loans will be repaid on or before December 31, 2002, at an interest rate of 1.71%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that an interfund loan of \$10,000.00 for the Whitcom Wireline fund and an interfund loan of \$10,000 for the Whitcom Miscellaneous/Non-Grant are authorized from the Whitman County Current Expense Fund, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

3:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D060128A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **September 16 and 17, 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 23, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **17th** 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