

Minutes for September 20th, 2003

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062922 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 20, 2004** at **9:00 a.m.** Les Wigen, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Bob Lothspeich and Sharron Cunningham (9:30 a.m.).

062923 1. Items discussed included lobbyist contract, Cooperative Extension selection committee, tobacco compliance checks and cost allocation.
No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bev and Tawnie Welch, Nikkie Brown, Sharon Roberts, Denis Tracy, Brandon Burch, Susan Nelson, Sharron Cunningham, Nannette Bolyard, Bob Lothspeich, Jim Potts, Kris Bunch, Fran Martin and Tammy Lewis.

D062923A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

062924 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **167391-167414, 167415-167417** and **167534-167675** for **\$371,814.48** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	38,135.45	8,781.60	384.41	56,935.96
101	Self Insurance				34.27
102	Building & Development	1,065.20			
103	Countywide Planning	1,021.20			156.00
104	Developmental Services				31,430.24
110	County Roads	16,048.40	4,050.00		4,636.31
118	Inmate Welfare			11.61	144.16
119	Emergency Services				2,154.68
123	Paths & Trails			5.81	558.62
127	Drug Enforcement	400.00		25.04	
134	Elections Reserve Fund			2.34	435.00
137	Web Site Development				156.39
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060			3,254.65	
142	Whitcom-911			17.35	18,226.15
300	Capital Projects			42.56	3,256.84
400	Solid Waste	2,159.60		1,992.25	1,285.64
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	4,613.20	450.00	1.42	
510	Photocopier Revolving				1,072.17

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513	Communications Revolving				2,522.79
690	Clearing & Suspense				148,432.86

062925 4. September 13, 2004 minutes approved.

062926-062928 5. Personnel board orders approved.

062929 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2002-04 collective bargaining agreement with the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

062930 7. The decision for LEOFF I members long-term care insurance was before the Board. Commissioner Finch said after interviewing 5 different carriers, they are in agreement to work with Wolfe & Associates to set up a program and help administrate long-term care insurance. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to work with Wolfe & Associates for long-term care insurance.

062931 8. After reading the following proclamation, Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a proclamation for a local fallen soldier. The proclamation was also read in Palouse on Saturday and will be framed and presented to the family of Jacob H. Demand. The commissioners extended their sympathy to the Jacob Demand family. Chairman Wigen said Sergeant Demand put his life on the line to defend our freedom and it is an honor to honor him. The Board also remembered other local soldiers stationed in Iraq.



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, thousands of our brave military troops were called to action by the President of the United States to free the Iraqi people from a dictators oppression; and,

WHEREAS, many of the troops came from the great State of Washington from all walks of life, both active and reservists; and,

WHEREAS, several from Whitman County have put their lives and their families lives on hold to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, one of our own, U.S. Army Sergeant Jacob H. Demand came under hostile fire and was killed September 14, 2004 while taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Commissioners and the people of Whitman County want to thank Sergeant Demand for defending the freedoms we take for granted daily.

WE NOW, THEREFORE, ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION DECLARING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT JACOB H. DEMAND, A WHITMAN COUNTY

"H E R O O F F R E E D O M"

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Les Wigen, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

062932 **9.** A copy of a letter sent to the Assessor was received by the Commissioners from the Department of Revenue advising of their upcoming annual countywide appraisals of selected personal property parcels in Whitman County.

062933 **10.** A request for payment of 2003 hall rent for Colton American Legion Post #128 in the amount of \$275 was received from the Auditor. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the request. Commissioner Partch again thanked the Auditor for creating a Veteran's Relief policy.

062933A **11.** The following report was received from Sharron Cunningham on the Whitman County Government booth at the Palouse Empire Fair. The Director indicated the booth was a great success. Elected and appointed officials contributed their time to man the booth and personal funds to create a \$160.00 raffle prize. The booth highlighted information from several Whitman County entities. Approximately 240 visitors to the booth participated in the Property Tax game and were then eligible to sign up for the raffle. Participants were given 12 pennies to place into jars labeled with different Whitman County government entities. The pennies represented

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11.3%, which is the amount Whitman County government receives from every property tax dollar collected. The results of the 240 participants is as follows:

Cooperative Extension and Weed	11%
General Administration	13%
Public Works	15%
Parks, Fair, Facilities Manage.	17%
Health & Safety	18%
Law Enforcement	26%

The raffle winner was Teri Kneale from Lacrosse who chose to spend the \$160.00 raffle prize at Rosauers.

Chairman Wigen said it was a great booth and many people had their eyes opened when they discovered only 12% of their tax dollars actually go to county government.

Commissioner Partch said the people were also able to look at their own towns and see how their tax money was being spent, much of which is voter approved (levies). The commissioners concurred that the job of educating the public should continue.

D062933B 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:20 a.m. - Kris Bunch, Information Services.

Present: Tammy Lewis.

062934 Kris Bunch presented an Asset Acquisition request to purchase a computer for Administrative Services in the amount of \$1,033 include tax and shipping. If approved, one of the oldest computers in the county system would be transferred to Information Services and parted out. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve said request.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer.

Present: Dane Dunford, Phil Meyer and Tammy Lewis.

062935 Ms. Lemon indicated Public Works has equipment they would like to sell. The commissioners must first hold a public hearing to declare the equipment surplus and authorize the sale. If approved, Booker Auction will sell the equipment at a public auction in Eltopia on November 6th. Phil Meyer presented a list of 9 vehicles and one trailer. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the publishing of a notice of hearing of county equipment. Hearing to be held on Monday, October 11, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.

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11:40 a.m. - Recess.

12:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop

Present: Bill Vogler, Debbie Wilke, Jim Potts, Bob Lothspeich and Megan Doyle (1:30 p.m.) and Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen and Alan Thompson (2:30 p.m.).

D062935A 13. General WSAC/WACO issues discussed as well as Planning related issues. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Recess.

D062935B THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **September 21, 2004** at **2:00 p.m.** Les Wigen, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

2:00 p.m. - Reconvene/Board of Health.

Present: Dr. Moody, Fran Martin and John Skyles.

D062934C 1. John Skyles talked about Randy a planned convenience store and possible agricultural museum in Dusty. The owner has the area for on-site sewage disposal and must drill a well to satisfy the growth management requirement for adequate water. When double-checking with the State Department of Health (DOH), Mr. Skyles learned they have changed their interpretation of what belongs within the 100' sanitary control zone. Now the state is saying the well must also be 100' from any building. He understands that nothing is supposed to be in this zone that could potentially contribute to groundwater contamination. In the past, it has been things like underground storage tanks, septic tank drainfields, manure piles, stockyard, etc. that are obviously a threat to the groundwater. A structure like a house, store or other building, unless used for the storage of hazardous materials have not been included. As it turns out, the owner can comply with the requirement. The Board asked Mr. Skyles to draft a letter to the DOH for their signature regarding this recent staff interpretation and to visit with the Planning staff to bring them up-to-date on these latest interpretations.

D062934D 2. Mr. Skyles said with respect to the watering facility proposed at the Port of Wilma, the owner has elected to build at the Port but will haul out the effluent to a wastewater treatment plant in Clarkston or Lewiston.

D062934E 3. Dr. Moody spoke about the state's good fortune in not having any West Nile Virus cases and based on current weather conditions, he did not anticipate any problems for the remainder of the year.

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D062934F 4. There was a viral outbreak after Labor Day weekend. A preliminary look at the approximate 70 individuals seen at Pullman Hospital and WSU Health Services revealed most individuals were WSU students and all had similar symptoms.

D062934G 5. The Health Officer said one case of Pertussis has been diagnosed and a possible second case is under investigation.

D062934H 6. Ms. Martin gave a very brief staff update.

D062934I 7. With regard to the Public Health fee schedule, Ms. Martin suggested certain items that increase each year be changed to "market rate" thereby eliminating the need to update the fee schedule each year.

D062934J 8. The Director has ordered a total of 1700 flu shots from 2 different companies. The state will supply samples of the flu nasal mist for ages 5-99 who are healthy. Commissioner Partch suggested the nasal mist be used for county employees rather than the flu shot.

D062934K 9. Ms. Martin asked how much involvement the Board wants with the Garfield and Columbia contracts for 2005. Commissioner Finch said he has talked to commissioners from the other 2 counties and advised them that Whitman County must charge true costs for the services. Otherwise, Whitman County will remove itself from the contract.

D062934L 10. Staff has been busy since the start of the new school year at the schools and daycare centers.

D062934M 11. Ms. Martin said the consolidated contract has been completed for 2005 consolidating WIC, Maternal Child Health, Dental, Safe Water and Bioterrorism, etc. This year the State Department of Health is pushing Public Health departments and will provide state funding to work very closely with hospitals on bioterrorism, which is what Whitman County has been doing all along.

D062934N 12. Public Health is going to receive oral health money that will be used to strengthen the dental program. The current ABCDE program covers dental services to age 5. Public Health has created another program called "Smile Maker" that covers children ages 6-19. The same enrollment format as the ABCDE program would be used. Public Health wants to ensure every child up to age 19 has a medical and dental home care providers. The 405 children enrolled in the ABCD program all have dental homes. Dentists in Asotin County have expressed an interest in the ABCD program and are working directly with the Partnership.

Public Health is working towards some type of program for the adult population who also use medical coupons. The Community of Hope is beginning a fundraiser for this purpose and the department is looking at grant money

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for the adults, but also highlighting the prison and nursing home population.

Commissioner Partch asked if there was any way to track the progress of these 405 children. Ms. Martin responded in the year 2005 a Smile survey will be conducted. This survey involves an assessment of the children in the school system to determine if the fluoride varnishes have made a difference. Ms. Martin was confident the results of the survey would prove a remarkable difference.

D0629340 13. The Whitman County tobacco compliance checks decision was before the Board for their decision. The Director pointed out that the goal in 2005 is to work with policy makers, schools, law enforcement making sure schools are a non-smoking area and enforcement procedures are followed for children caught smoking on the grounds. The Department of Health has hired a consultant for \$8,000 to assist the county in performing assessments, answering questions, etc. to help get Whitman County on track with student compliance issues, not just merchant compliance issues.

In order not to lose the financial contract from the State Department of Health, Whitman County could contract with another county to perform the merchant compliance checks. If Whitman County opted out of performing these checks, another governmental entity would take on the task. Public Health feels the manner in which compliance checks are handled by the county, with the educational component, is by far the least restrictive and helps the merchants rather than another organization that would not take the time to educate.

Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to use the in-house plan as presented. Commissioner Partch pointed out the current law only punishes the retailer and not the youth. There is a law in place that says an individual under a certain age cannot smoke, but this law is not enforced. He was in agreement with Commissioner Finch that this type of enforcement should not just be on the backs of the retailers. Ms. Martin interjected the plan for the new contract year is to get this issue put in place and to work with the authorities to do something about youth smoking.

D062934P 14. The Director mentioned that those in attendance at the last Hazard Mitigation meeting were asked to visit with their councils about how much funding they can contribute and other ways they can assist the county in deferring the cost of developing the all county hazard mitigation plan. It was Ms. Martin suggestion that a fee be charged to each entity based on population at the rate of \$.50/person.

D062934Q 15. The Director requested a workshop with the Sheriff, Board and herself to discuss the Inmate Welfare Fund and how it might be used in 2005 to help fund inmate medication.

D062934R 16. The next Board of Health meeting is October 19th.

3:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued BOCC Workshop.

Present: Gary and Valerie Hunt and Kelli Campbell.

D062934S 14. Employee related issues discussed. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D062934T Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **September 20 and 21, 2004** 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 **September 27, 2004**. The foregoing action made this **21st** day of **September 2004**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner
ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

LES WIGEN, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners