

## Minutes for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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**061644 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 13, 2003** at **10:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**10:00 a.m. - Board Business.**

**D061644A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Present: Kelli Campbell, Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**D061644B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**061645 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **154429-154473, 154500-154529** and **154583-154731** for **\$669,927.22** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	45,145.27
110	County Roads	1,134.56
112	Public Facilities Improvement	573.15
123	Paths & Trails	31.69
127	Drug Enforcement	384.71
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	610.14
139	"911" Emergency Service	2,733.29
141	Washington Housing SHB 2060	6,847.12
142	Whitcom-911	14,896.55
400	Solid Waste	1,729.48
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	27,877.00
510	Photocopier Revolving	911.51
690	Clearing & Suspense	225,685.65
ET	Electronic Transfer	341,367.10

**061646 4.** October 6, 2003 minutes approved.

**061647-061652 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

**10:05 a.m. - Bob Hauser.**

**061653 6. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the 2003-2005 Courthouse bargaining agreement between Whitman County and Teamsters Local #690 from January 1, 2003-December 31, 2005.

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**061654** 7. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the 2003-2005 Road Department bargaining agreement between Whitman County and Teamsters Local #690 from January 1, 2003-December 31, 2005.

**061655** 8. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to sign the 2003-2005 Solid Waste bargaining agreement between Whitman County and Teamsters Local #690 from January 1, 2003-December 31, 2005.

The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Kelli Campbell, Gary Hunt and all union representatives involved in the negotiation process.

**061656** 9. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the 2003 Misdemeanor/Gross Misdemeanor contract with the City of Pullman as recommended by the Prosecutor. Negotiations will commence soon for the 2004 contract.

**061657** 10. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to adopt the 2004 Whitman County holiday schedule.

**061658** 11. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch to sign a letter to Governor Locke urging the elimination of the 2004 Presidential Preference election. Commissioner Wigen reiterated the fact a resolution stating the same was adopted at the WSAC/WACO annual conference in early October pointing out this is a waste of taxpayer's money because the Republican or Democratic parties do not use the results. This is simply a glory issue for bringing presidential candidates and their supporters to the state thereby inflating the economy of the larger westside cities. Commissioner Partch added even Secretary of State, Sam Reed supports elimination of the special election. **Motion carried.**

**061659** 12. A certified copy of the recent annexation to Public Hospital District No. 1-A was received and reviewed.

**061660** 13. The Washington State Liquor Control Board sent a listing of liquor licenses due to expire on January 31, 2004.

**061661** 14. A copy of the City of Colfax resolution #345 was received declaring certain property surplus that was purchased for CETC and authorizing the sale of the same. The proceeds from the sale will be paid to Whitman County for return of the .08 funds program.

Commissioner Wigen said at the time the funds were authorized, the commissioners were told a call center was coming to Colfax and if this particular call center didn't locate here another call center would be right behind it. Had the commissioners denied support for the call center it would have meant the loss of 40 jobs. They were also told, if the call

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center did not locate in Colfax it would locate elsewhere. Therefore, he was in agreement with the proposal. Equipment was purchased and remodeling began immediately. However, the company chose to locate in Colville rather than Colfax. Now, the equipment is being surplussed and sold.

Commissioner Partch said the decision was based on good intentions but much has happened with that industry since that time. Call centers were booming then, but now they are busting due to the "No Call" list. Rather than retain the equipment in storage, the decision was made to surplus and sell it. Much of the \$70,000 award of .08 funds went into the remodel of the CETC building making it a much better facility. The equipment is only a small portion of the \$70,000.

Chairman Finch said it has been his experience used equipment put in storage for a year becomes junk and has no monetary value.

**061662 15.** A copy of a letter sent to the Whitman County Health Department from the residents of Hay wrote requesting the county demolish 4 abandoned buildings in Hay for health related reasons.

Commissioner Wigen received a call from a resident about this same issue and he instructed the resident to contact the Environmental Health Department if these buildings were creating a health hazard. This is not within the realm of the commissioners, but rather is the responsibility of the property owner(s), which is not Whitman County.

In response to an inquiry from the media, Chairman Finch said the difference between the buildings in Hay and the building in Farmington is that the county had an interlocal agreement with the Town of Farmington to handle their building inspections. As such, the county became responsible for a building that presented a genuine safety concern. However, since that time, the county has terminated the interlocal agreement with Farmington.

Commissioner Partch said Farmington interpreted the interlocal agreement as the county being responsible for enforcement. The commissioners disagree, but when the building became an obvious health hazard to safety of life, the county had no choice but to raise it. Future interlocal agreements for inspections have since been clarified that they are for inspections only and not enforcement. The community of Hay is not incorporated and the responsibility lies with the property owner(s).

**061663 16.** A copy of a letter sent to Tim Myers and Tom Miller was received from the Auditor expressing her appreciation for the work Dave Johnson and Loren Jensen performed in her office.

**061664 17.** A copy of the Notice of Acceptance letter sent to RB Olson Construction was received pertaining to the Information Services Building remodeling project. The commissioners also sent a letter of appreciation to RB Olson.

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**061664A 18.** A letter supporting Whitman County's Consolidated Juvenile Services contract for 2003-2005 was forwarded to the Consolidated Juvenile Services Review Committee via Chad Connors.

**061665 19.** An executed copy of DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse contract #0363-28209 for Palouse River Counseling Center received.

**061666 20. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch to sign the DSHS contract amendment for HIPAA as recommended by the Prosecutor. The Board thanked the Prosecutor for his timely review of the document. Motion **carried**.

**D061666A 21.** Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Mark Storey and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

**061667 1. Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish the ad for the Small Works/Vendor List.

**061668 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to publish the ad for the Professional Services Roster.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D061668A 3.** The Director stated the maintenance crews are hauling 3,000 yards of clay to the Transfer Station for cover material. After which, the main focus of all maintenance districts will be gravel hauling.

**Engineering Division:**

**D061668B 4.** The engineer reported that the contractor is working on the Albion Slide project and it is progressing very well.

**11:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Bob Lothspeich, Treasurer.**

Present: Joe Reynolds, Eunice Coker, Doug Robinson, Kelli Campbell, Dane Dunford, Tom Miller, Bob Reynolds, John Peterson and Sharon Roberts.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Bev Welch, Fran Martin, Marlynn Markley, Tim Myers, Mike Werner and Chad Connors.

**061669** The September 2003 ending financial report provided by Mr. Lothspeich.

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September 2003 Cash Balance - \$1,303,967  
September 2002 Cash Balance - \$ 959,802

September 2003 Revenue - \$6,116,777 - 70.06% of budget.  
September 2002 Revenue - \$5,644,853 - 65.66% of budget.

September 2003 Expenditures \$6,322,383 - 69.70% of budget.  
September 2002 Expenditures \$6,307,133 - 69.64% of budget.

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

**1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Kelli Campbell (1:30 p.m.), Dane Dunford and Mark Bordsen (2:00 p.m.).

**061670 22.** Items discussed included county policy revisions, cluster/residential issues and a .08 email on zoning. No action taken.

**3:30 p.m. - Recess.**

**D061670A THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 15, 2003** at **9:00 a.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

**9:00 a.m. - Reconvene/Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: John Peterson, Randy Baldree and Janet Schmidt (9:00 a.m.), Brett Myers and Ron Rockness (10:00 a.m.), Peggy Wright, Neal McCall, George (Bud) Mills, Jr. and Greg Jones (2:30 p.m.), David Frazier and Eileen Roe (3:00 p.m.) and Shirley Bafus (4:00 p.m.).

**D061670B 23.** The 2004 preliminary budget reviews were conducted.

**4:10 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D061670C** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **October 13 and 15, 2003** 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 **October 20, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **15th** day of **October 2003**.

ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner  
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC

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G.R. FINCH, Chairman

