

Minutes for October 14th, 2002

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060231 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 14, 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.

D060231A 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

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

D060231B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda, but tabling old business items #1 and #5 indefinitely. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

060232 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered 140544-140600, 140629-140665 and 140725-141121 for \$901,846.04 approved.

001	Current Expense	\$137,688.91
102	Building & Development	6.42
103	Countywide Planning	6.42
105	Mental Health	40,611.75
107	Chemical Dependency	3,762.47
110	County Roads	2,664.63
112	Public Facilities Improvement	640.48
113	Ergonomics	306.87
118	Inmate Welfare	917.69
119	Emergency Services	137.15
123	Paths & Trails	1,081.41
126	Treasurer's M&O	2,560.20
127	Drug Enforcement	9,725.87
136	Electronic Monitoring	155.25
137	Web Site Development	415.41
320	Cap. Proj/Outside Sources (Bond)	10,927.27
400	Solid Waste	592.38
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	7,158.71
510	Photocopier Revolving	1,576.54
513	Communications Revolving	3,647.56
521	Family Svc. Ctr. Revolving	2,504.82
690	Clearing & Suspense	285,586.21
ET	Electronic Transfer	389,171.62

060233 4. October 7, 2002 minutes approved.

060234-060239 5. Personnel board orders approved.

060240 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to publish the second 2002 budget amendment hearing notice.

060241 7. Pursuant to County Code regarding delegation of purchase orders, claims and payroll responsibilities, an authorization form was received from the Treasurer's Office, signed by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor's office.

060242 8. A claim for damages was noted as received and forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office.

060243 9. The City of St. John sent a letter extending their appreciation for the county's help and cooperation regarding the cleanup demolition for their building.

060244 10. Letters were sent to Eunice Coker, Brett Myers, and Denis Tracy, all newly elected officials, requesting they meet with the Board concerning 2003 budgetary matters.

060245 11. An executed copy of the Washington State Military Department 911 operations contract #E03023A amendment was received.

060246 12. The Chairman sent a letter to all Whitman County mayors with 5000 or less populations inviting them to participate in a Transportation Improvement Board meeting on October 15th.

060247 13. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve the 2003 county employee holiday schedule.

060248 14. An executed copy of the interlocal procurement agreement with the City of Spokane was received.

D060248A 15. The 2003-2004 proposed lobbyist contract tabled indefinitely.

D060248B 16. Chairman Partch explained it was originally decided the County and Port would jointly rank WA-CERT projects. They have since discovered if the Port submits a WA-CERT application they would have to recuse themselves from this process. The Chairman spoke with the Economic Development Coordinator who will take this issue to the Port Commissioners. Therefore, the item was tabled until additional information is received from the Port of Whitman County.

D060248C 17. The Capital Improvement Program discussion tabled.

10:15 a.m. - Diana Dawson, Kelli Campbell, and Bob Lothspeich.

060249 18. Commissioner Wigen said an attempt is being made to establish a Salmon Recovery Board with Garfield, Whitman, and Asotin Counties. He is proposing two individuals from Whitman County be appointed to this board in addition to agreeing to serve on the board himself. Whitman County needs to be at the table and a part of the solution to come up with salmon recovery

policies. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to appoint Commissioner Wigen to the Salmon Recovery Board.

D060249A 19. The non-represented employees medical insurance cap issue was tabled indefinitely.

060250 20. Chairman Partch read a memo pertaining to the Whitman County Courthouse address. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** acknowledging the official Whitman County Courthouse address assigned by the City of Colfax as 400 N Main Street. All departments were notified of this action as well as the Colfax Postmaster.

D060250A 21. Commissioners' pending items reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Phil Meyer, Mark Storey, and Bob Anderson.

Building Division:

060251 1. The 3rd quarter building report received and reviewed. Commissioner Finch commented that constituents he has talked with that have had contact with Mr. Anderson all had very positive feedback.

Maintenance Division:

D060251A 2. Paint striping completed for the year; districts continue to haul rock; and all 300+ bridges are now being inspected.

Engineering Division:

D060251B 3. The Engineer provided an update on the status of current road and bridge projects.

D060251C 4. The Department was verbally notified today that 4 Whitman County bridges have been selected for replacement funding by the State Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee for approximately \$3.5 million.

1. White Elephant Bridge between Lacrosse and Winona.
2. Henderson Mill Bridge (wood structure) at Hole in the Ground.
3. Staley #3 Bridge just past Harold Boyd's shop on Staley Road.
4. Farban Bridge on Sunshine Road in the Corridor.

What this means is the county will later receive an official notification, but will not be able to access the funds until 2005-2006.

D060251D 5. A discussion took place about two problem areas on the newly constructed portion of the Green Hollow Road.

11:30 a.m. - Chad Connors, Juvenile Court Administrator.

D060251E Motion by Commissioner Finch to go into Executive Session with Mr. Connors for discussion of personnel matters until 12:00 p.m. **Seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

12:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

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

Present: Sheriff Steve Tomson.

D060251F Items discussed included personnel. No action taken.

1:30 p.m. - Jim Kaufman, County Prosecutor.

060252 Mr. Kaufman presented documents for the Board's consideration as drafted by Port attorney, Bruce Ensley, associated with the Whitman County Memorial Airport and adjacent land transfer to the Port of Whitman. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a resolution and 4 lease assignments.

RESOLUTION NO. 060252

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERTAINING TO THE TRANSFER OF WHITMAN COUNTY'S RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WSDOT) FROM THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN TO THE PORT OF WHITMAN.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County on behalf of the County of Whitman, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, has signaled its intent to transfer the Whitman County Memorial/Municipal Airport, hereinafter "Airport" to the PORT OF WHITMAN; and,

WHEREAS, the PORT OF WHITMAN has indicated its desire to operate the Airport on numerous occasions and specifically in its Resolution 02-04 adopted at its regular meeting on August 1, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into an interlocal agreement to accomplish the Airport's transfer as both entities believe the same is in the best interests of Whitman County's citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County has certain rights, duties and obligations with the Federal Aviation Administration, hereinafter "FAA", and the Washington State Department of Transportation, hereinafter "WSDOT"; and,

WHEREAS, as part of Whitman County's transfer to the Port of Whitman the agreement with WSDOT should be transferred, with the Port of Whitman inheriting Whitman County's rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities under all FAA and WSDOT agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Upon the transfer of the Airport to the Port of Whitman, in accordance with the PORT OF WHITMAN'S Resolution No. 02-04 and 02-05 and WHITMAN COUNTY'S RESOLUTION No. 060227 Whitman County shall transfer the obligations, rights and liabilities under a Washington State Aviation grant and under the FAA/AIR-21 Program to the Port of Whitman.
2. The authorized representatives of Whitman County shall have authority to prepare all documents necessary to effectuate the same.
3. The Clerk of the Board of Whitman County Commissioners shall forward a copy of this resolution within two (2) business days of its adoption to the Port of Whitman at its Colfax address and to the Whitman County Prosecuting Attorney, James H. Kaufman, and to Bruce Ensley, Port of Whitman's Attorney, at P.O. Box 619, N. 409 Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111.
4. This Resolution and related orders are contingent upon strict Port of Whitman's strict compliance with the terms of the FAA/AIR-21 Program and as set forth in the Port of Whitman Resolution 02-05, adopted September 19, 2002, and specifically portions 1(a) through 1(g) thereof.

DATED this 14th day of October 2002.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ James H. Kaufman
 Chief Deputy
 Prosecuting Attorney

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

- 060253 Tim Ensley assignment;
- 060254 Fender Air Service assignment;
- 060255 William J. and Carol J. Myers assignment; and,
- 060256 Myron Forstrum assignment.

060257 **Motion** by Commissioner Finch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign the deed of transfer. Depending on the results of the title company search, Mr. Kaufman said a revised deed may need to be signed later.

2:00 p.m. - Karl Johanson, Council on Aging & Human Services.

060258 Mr. Johanson requested a letter of support for two WSDOT 2003-2005 Transportation grant applications being submitted by the Council on Aging for their Transportation Program called COAST. One application is based on

the expectation Referendum 51 will pass and the other assumes the referendum will not pass. One application is for operating assistance for current services that depend on \$80,000/year from Section 5311, \$15,000/year from ACCT, and \$50,000 state match for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. Because 5311 and Rural Mobility funds cannot be used in urban Asotin County, the total request will be for \$180,000 (\$90,000/year). The other application will be a yearly \$80,000 request for new state Paratransit funding to be used for FTA required 50% local match for the urban area of Asotin County and \$20,000/year to replace current Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington senior transportation funding which is threatened. The total added request is for \$200,000.

Motion by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign the requested letter of support.

2:30 p.m. - Recess.

3:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

060259 22. Items discussed included RTPO, bargaining unit updates, EAT Committee, thank you letters, Auditor's Office claims, WA-CERT, and the Harrison Building. No action taken.

4:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D060259A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **October 14, 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 **October 21, 2002**. The foregoing action made this **14th** day of **October 2002**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners