

## Minutes for October 17, 2005

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**064603 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 17, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

**064604 1.** Items discussed included rural residential, employees benefits fair and WRIA 34 feasibility study overview. No action taken.

**9:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Tammy Lewis and Brenda Dillard.

**D064604A 2.** Brenda Dillard of Colfax joined the meeting seeking procedural clarification concerning the proposed Rural Residential ordinance. The commissioners explained the process.

**10:10 a.m. - Kim Kopf.**

**D064604B 3. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**064605 4.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **182693-182874** for **\$793,303.37** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	166,102.13
102	Building & Development	199.52
103	Countywide Planning	88.46
104	Developmental Services	35,906.49
110	County Roads	346,397.08
118	Inmate Welfare	256.81
119	Emergency Services	627.00
123	Paths & Trails	70.56
126	Treasurer's M&O	215.20
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	424.82
134	Elections Reserve Fund	3,403.70
137	Web Site Development	515.07
300	Capital Projects	19.44

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400	Solid Waste	13,386.29
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	137,936.69
513	Communications Revolving	240.90
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	75,940.89
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	11,572.32

**064606** 5. October 10, 2005 minutes approved.

**064607-064609** 6. Personnel board orders approved.

**064610** 7. Ms. Kopf reviewed juvenile programs funded by the Consolidated Juvenile Services grant and requested the commissioners' support for the 2005-2007 renewed funding application in the amount of \$83,784/year. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the Consolidated Juvenile Services support letter as read.

**064611** 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish the notice of hearing for proposed budget amendment #4. The hearing will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**064612** 9. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to allow the Chairman to sign the annual representation letter with respect to the 2004 county audit.

**064613** 10. Information was received from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development regarding closeout of CDBG contract #04-64004-014.

**D064613A** 11. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:30 a.m. - Rob Buchert, Palouse Conservation District/WRIA 34.**

Present: Cheryl Morgan and Tammy Lewis.

**064614** Mr. Buchert requested the commissioners' support for a grant application being submitted to the Department of Ecology (DOE) by WRIA 34 for additional studies on ways to increase aquifer recharge.

This was approved at the September 14<sup>th</sup> WRIA 34 Planning Unit meeting. They asked the Palouse Conservation District (PCD) to be the lead agency to funnel paperwork. Mimi Wainwright, DOE advised the Planning Unit that it would make for a stronger application if the Planning Unit had support from the county commissioners within the county the project is being proposed.

The focus of this project is to perform a feasibility study to determine if excess runoff water during the winter months can somehow be piped from the North Fork Palouse River to the South Fork Palouse River drainage areas somewhat identified as the Four Mile Creek area. The geology exists that will allow infiltration from the surface to reach the aquifers. It will

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include exploration of existing surface water rights to insure there will be no impact on these rights and property ownership where these particular areas of interest are located.

Commissioner Wigen stated and Mr. Buchert confirmed that Rhoderick McIntosh has proven he can put water on the land and have it come back in the dry months of the year.

According to Mr. Buchert, this project settled out as number one of seven priority projects to forward to DOE for this side of the watershed. They are seeking \$170,000 from DOE with a \$10,000 match from the Planning Unit for a total project of \$180,000. The Planning Unit only has time to handle one project on each side of the watershed. The other project being forwarded to DOE for funding is the Sprague Lake Cow Creek drainage in Adams County.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the grant application.

Cheryl Morgan of Pullman, an active WRIA 34 Planning Unit participant thanked the commissioners for their support with these types of meetings. The Palouse Conservation District has brought landowners and agency representatives together for public involvement and educational information about storm water runoff, private property riparian rights, wells, water rights, etc. She understands the expense associated with feasibility studies but felt they were necessary because they allow people to think outside the box and make sound decisions for present and future generations. Water resources are a valued resource and sometimes taken for granted.

Commissioner Finch said he personally believes in the WRIA process by bringing all the stakeholders together for the protection of water resources. He admired the people serving on the committees for a very worthwhile project.

Chairman Partch reminded Mr. Buchert that the Board would like the information contained in the commissioners' September 26, 2005 letter regarding WRIA 56 included in the WRIA 34 plan rather than just using it as testimony and have made the same request to the WRIA 35 Planning Unit. Mr. Buchert was also authorized to share their letter with other counties.

**10:50 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen, Alan Thomson and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

**064615** 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to set the decision on amending the Whitman County

Zoning Map for the proposed Todorovich rezone, changing 24.9 acres of land from the Agricultural District to the Cluster Residential District, to be held in this room at 11:00 a.m. on October 24, 2005. (Zone Change 05-09)

**064616** 2. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the revised resolution to establish the Small Works Roster for the Public Works Department be signed as presented.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF REVISING** )  
**THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER FOR** ) **RESOLUTION NO. 064616**  
**WHITMAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS** )

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Public Works small works roster comprised of all contractors who request to be on the roster and who are, where required by law, properly licensed or registered to perform contracting work in the State of Washington to do work in Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works small works roster shall be established as follows:

- (1) At least once every year, Whitman County Public Works Department shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation the existence of a small works roster for the County. The County shall add to the roster those contractors who respond to the advertisement and request to be included on the roster.
- (2) In order to be included on the roster, the contractor shall supply information in response to a standard form questionnaire to be developed by the Public Works Department.

WHEREAS, the small works roster shall be utilized to secure quotes for various small works projects by phone or fax and returned to the Public Works Department for award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Whitman County Board of Commissioners that the Whitman County Public Works Department is authorized to establish and administer a Small Works Roster for Whitman County Public Works pursuant to RCW 39.04.155.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes Resolution #044846 authorizing a procedure for Public Works small works rosters pursuant to RCW 39.04.155.

Dated at Colfax, Washington this 17th day of October 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**Solid Waste Division:**

**064617** 3. New liner material for the pond at the Transfer Station was awarded to Northwest Linings through the small works roster process for \$31,529.04 without tax. The Engineer commented the pond is currently empty and does not leak, but the liner has become substandard as a result of the new DOE rules. The department is basically updating the liner to meet the new standards. The Director will present a contract between Whitman County and Northwest Linings within the next 2 weeks.

**Engineering Division:**

**D064617A** 4. Mark Storey reported on the status of the two remaining bridge projects, Judson and White Elephant.

**D064617B** 5. The Engineer also reported crushing is completed at the Gnaedinger Pit.

**D064617C** 6. Chairman Partch mentioned the commissioners meeting with Senator Mark Schoesler who will be contacting Public Works to discuss Public Works related legislation.

**Maintenance Division:**

**D064617D** 7. The crews are continuing to haul gravel in different parts of the county, grading roads, cleaning ditches and culverts. By the end of the month 3-4 sanders will be mounted in anticipation of snowfall. By mid-November the remaining sanders will be mounted.

**D064617E** 8. The annual federal bridge inspection program will commence next week beginning with dirt road bridges. These inspections will continue until April.

**064618** 9. A copy of the annual "Winter Snow and Ice Control" letter mailed to the Whitman County school superintendents, post offices, newspapers and radio stations, Sheriff, WSDOT, State Patrol and WSU Dispatch was presented.

**11:30 a.m. - Sharron Cunningham, Administrative Services Director.**

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Present: Bev Welch, Joe Reynolds, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Kim Kopf, Tim Myers, Denis Tracy, Dane Dunford, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Peggy Wright, Bob Reynolds and Tammy Lewis.

The following individuals contacted the Clerk of the Board regarding their absence from today's meeting: Fran Martin.

**064619** The September 2005 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

September 2005 Cash Balance - \$746,767  
September 2004 Cash Balance - \$740,225

September 2005 Revenue - \$6,254,821 - 65.13% of budget.  
September 2004 Revenue - \$5,962,019 - 65.73% of budget.

September 2005 Expenditures \$6,961,227 - 69.55% of budget.  
September 2004 Expenditures \$6,950,786 - 69.62% of budget.

**11:45 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Brett Myers and Megan Doyle (2:00 p.m.) and Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen and Alan Thomson (3:00 p.m.).

**064620 12.** Items discussed included Sheriff's civil fees and Public Works related issues. No action taken.

**3:50 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D064620A** Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **October 17, 2005** 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 24, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **17th** day of **October 2005**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner  
ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners