

## Minutes for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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**061671 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 20, 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. - Call to Order/Board Business/BOCC Workshop.**

Present: Bob Lothspeich (9:00 a.m.).

**061671A 1.** Items discussed included L-5 reporting, CEDS prioritization, EAT/Classification Committee recommendation, Palouse Community Fire meeting, Colfax building proposal and FMLA policy. No action taken.

**9:30 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:00 a.m. - Pledge of Allegiance/Board Business.**

Present: Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**D061671B 2. Motion** by Commissioner Partch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

**061672 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **154734-154758, 154951, 154954-155098** for **\$315,561.14** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	8,004.60	900.50	34,365.40
102	Building & Development		2.35	1,300.00
103	Countywide Planning			1,021.20
110	County Roads	4,050.00	66.78	15,970.00
118	Inmate Welfare		12.37	
123	Paths & Trails		11.35	
127	Drug Enforcement			400.00
400	Solid Waste		1,820.79	2,659.60
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	1,197.20	57.07	4,039.60
513	Communications Revolving		238,866.33	
655	Hospital District #2-Assisted Living	500.00		
658	Rural Library			316.00

**061673 4.** October 13, 2003 minutes approved.

**061674-061677 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

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**061678** 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** to publish a notice of hearing for the 2004 CDBG-PS grant.

**061679** 7. Notice of hearing for the upcoming Sundance Subdivision preliminary plat before the Pullman Planning Commission was received.

**0616** 8. The excess levy amounts approved for collection in 2004 was received from the Pullman School District.

**0616** 9. A memo was distributed to all departments advising of the 2004 mileage rate of \$.375/mile beginning January 1, 2004.

**061682** 10. A letter supporting the placement of the "First Baptist Church of Hay" on the Washington Heritage Register was signed by the Board and submitted at a public meeting of the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by Commissioner Wigen. The Council voted to recommend the church be placed on the Washington Heritage Register.

**061683** 11. Commissioner Partch read a copy of a letter addressed to the Pullman City Council from John Sherman, City Administrator, updating the Council on the status of WHITCOM. WHITCOM has been discussing expansion of its membership by consolidating with Asotin County and the City of Moscow. If approved, the expansion would require WHITCOM to move to a larger facility. WHITCOM is currently reviewing its options and awaiting decisions by the City of Moscow and Asotin County. The State of Washington has been very proactive in funding E911 programs and the reason WHITCOM has state of the art equipment. However, the State of Idaho has not been as proactive about funding.

**D061683A** 12. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

**10:20 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:30 a.m. - Bob Reynolds, Palouse Empire Fair Manager**

Present: Tim Myers, Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**061684** A request was received from Mr. Reynolds for a contract change order with TOMCO Construction for added amenities enhancing the gazebo project. These improvements include a pathway leading to and from the newly constructed gazebo and the addition of an ornate cupola on the top of the gazebo in the amount of \$2,690 with tax. Mr. Reynolds noted this expense would be deducted from the Fair's current budget.

Chairman Finch said government continually plans and never get anything done. Then, when they do something, through the lack of planning, they have constant change orders that he felt was not a good policy. The Chairman was very happy about the gazebo project but thought staff should have done a better job of planning.

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Tim Myers indicated one positive is the cost savings received by doing the additional work this year as opposed to splitting the work over a two-year period.

**Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to sign a contract change order with TOMCO Construction for \$2,690.00 including tax.

**10:40 a.m. - Recess.**

**10:45 a.m. - Mark Storey, County Engineer.**

Present: Phil Meyer, Brett Bosse and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

**061685** 1. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and Shawnee Rock, Inc. be signed as presented (Haun Stockpile crushing project).

**061686** 2. **Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** that the contract between Whitman County and WEMCO for installation of an overhead crane at the heavy equipment shop be signed as presented.

**Administration Division:**

**D061686A** 3. The Engineer informed the Board that the State Bridge and Road Advisory Committee selected three additional Whitman County bridges for funding approval. Those bridges include: Neel Bridge on Big Alkali Road, McNeilly Bridge on McNeilly Road and Zarchach Bridge on Thorn Creek Road.

**Engineering Division:**

**D061686B** 4. Mr. Storey also updated the commissioners on the status of the Wassum Bridge, Albion Slide and Endicott Road projects.

**Planning Division:**

**D061686C** 5. According to the Engineer, the Board of Adjustment has approved the Druffel fill site application on the Old Moscow Road with specific conditions.

**11:05 a.m. - Recess.**

**D061686D** **THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **October 21, 2003** at **2:00 p.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Chairman, Greg Partch, and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

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Present: Fran Martin.

**D061686E 1.** Ms. Martin said there have already been cases of influenza in Texas and at WSU. Therefore, the Health Department is strongly promoting flu vaccines. Flu clinics began last week with 175 vaccines administered in Colfax and 95 in Pullman. They are only offering clinics in communities that do not have physicians. As a service to the schools, vaccinations are being offered to the students and staff. The Department is also working with Pullman Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation and providing vaccinations on-site. The state is encouraging children ages 6-23 months to also be vaccinated.

**2:05 p.m.** - John Skyles and Dr. Moody.

**D061686F 2.** Dr. Moody provided an explanation of a measles outbreak scenario conducted by the WSU Outbreak Response Team the previous week. Currently, WSU has a requirement for 2-shots of measles vaccine but it is not enforced until the student has completed one semester which provides a large measles window every fall. Everyone at the meeting agreed the vaccination should be pre-matriculation. This makes it much easier for everyone involved in WSU admissions, registration and student health.

**D061686G 3.** John Skyles reported on a current sewage problem in a residential neighborhood in Pullman. Four homes are connected to a single trunk sewer all on private property. The sewer is failing and the sewer is bubbling out of the cleanout on the highest point of the property and running down the hill. It is a city system, but the problem lies on private property thereby creating a health hazard. Since the blockage on private property, the responsibility lies with the homeowner.

Dr. Moody reviewed the health hazard process. If the problem is not corrected within a certain timeframe, the county must post the homes as non-occupancy due to a non-functioning sewer system with another deadline. After that time, if the problem is not corrected, the county will hire someone to make the necessary repairs and the homeowners and lawyers would have to work out the details. Mr. Skyles will follow the progress of the repairs.

**D061686H 4.** Ms. Martin noted the Little Angels Day Care in Colfax would be contracting with the Health Department for a nurse consultant.

**D061686I 5.** Ms. Martin is negotiating two contracts with DSHS, *Alternate Response and Early Intervention* and the *Passport* program. In the past, funding was provided up front to retain a nurse for visits. The state later required the Department to submit actual expenses. Ms. Martin is unable to hire a nurse with the potential that there will be clients for the nurse to see. There have been no referrals for the past 6 months until recently when they received 6 referrals in 10 days. She has recommended to DSHS that they

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return to the previous system of providing funding in advance which then allows the Department to retain a nurse. Rather than hiring a nurse on a regular basis, Ms. Martin is contemplating contracting with a nurse.

**D061686J 6.** Training was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> for the Access to Baby and Children Dentistry (ABCD). All Whitman County dentists and their staff except one attended; 2 dentists from Lewiston, 2 dentists from Columbia County and 1 dentist from Garfield also attended. A University of Washington Dental Professor conducted the training. The dentists were trained in examining very small children and applying fluoride treatments. A day care center brought in 20 children for training purposes. This program is intended for children ages 0-5 years of age on medical coupons and live in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield or Whitman County. All those enrolled in the program have a card for recording visits and treatments.

The other half of the program was developed through a grant to provide the same service to older children.

They also have a contract with DSHS to provide an administrative match for one-half of the expenses used in outreaching Medicaid clients.

The department has received the proper provider number allowing Health Department nurses to varnish children's teeth and be reimbursed.

A packet of program information developed for the dentists was received from Ms. Martin.

**D061686K 7.** Commissioner Partch mentioned that Mary Selecky, Department of Health Secretary, would be attending the next quad counties meeting to update her and the other commissioners on all quad county partnerships.

**061687 8. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to approve a resolution to write off \$30 for the Health Department as uncollectible.

**RESOLUTION NO. 061687**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, acting as the Board of Health, met on October 21, 2003 in regular session; and,

WHEREAS, Whitman County Public Health has contracts that prohibit denials based on an ability to pay and provides limited funding for serving those priority individuals who cannot pay the full fee; and,

WHEREAS, attempts have been made to collect the past due amounts of the Public Health accounts listed:

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<b>Client Name</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Invoice #10403	Immunization	\$12.00
Invoice #10423	Immunization	\$18.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the listed accounts be declared not collectible and removed from the accounting records of Whitman County Public Health accounts.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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G.R. Finch, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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Les Wigen, Commissioner

**D061687A 9.** According to Ms. Martin, Emergency Management is looking at purchasing additional equipment.

**D061687B 10.** The next Board of Health meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2:45 p.m. - Adjournment.**

**D061687C** Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **October 20** and **21, 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 27, 2003**. The foregoing action made this **21st** day of **October 2003**.

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

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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G.R. FINCH, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners