

Minutes for November 6, 2006

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066058 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **November 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** G.R. 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: Bev Welch and Sharron Cunningham (9:00 a.m.).

066059 1. The items discussed were an Information Services position, Water Conservancy Board training, Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee dues consideration and the state audit. No action taken.

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

D066059A 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

066060 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **196763-196826** for **\$85,103.96** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	18,242.88
102	Building & Development	254.48
103	Countywide Planning	554.95
104	Developmental Services	766.08
110	County Roads	5,308.50
123	Paths & Trails	11,693.56
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	663.22
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	9,161.47
136	Electronic Monitoring	57.50
137	Web Site Development	1,390.79
300	Capital Projects 300.310.001	65.80
400	Solid Waste	1,608.80
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	19,570.25
513	Communications Revolving	28.05
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.010	15,737.63

066061 4. October 25, 2006 minutes approved.

066062-066066 5. Personnel board orders approved.

066067 6. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a resolution establishing the Public Defense Improvement Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 066067
OF
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 10.101.050 states the Washington State Office of Public Defense shall disburse appropriated funds to counties and cities for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services; the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman State of Washington recognizes the need for a Public Defense Improvement Fund to account for these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a Public Defense Improvement Account Fund numbered 136.030.003 is created as follows:

- a. Pursuant to RCW 10.101.050, there is hereby created in the county treasury a public defense improvement account.
- b. The County Treasurer shall make an annual deposit of funds to the Public Defense Improvement Account in an amount equal to that received annually from the Washington State Office of Public Defense.
- c. The purpose of the Public Defense Improvement Account shall be to fund appreciable demonstrable improvements in the delivery of public defense services.
- d. Interested on the funds in the Public Defense Improvement Account shall accrue to the Current Expense account.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

G.R. Finch, Chairman

Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

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066068 7. The 2006-07 Pullman misdemeanor contract was approved upon **motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

10:10 a.m. - Think Nguyen.

066069 8. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign grant #2 entitled, "Wayfinding Through the Palouse Scenic Byway".

066070 9. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the Chairman sign the 2007 county holiday schedule.

066071 10. Chairman Finch signed a letter to the US Department of Transportation requesting a second extension to the 2005 audit-reporting period.

066072 11. A copy of the Town of St. John ordinance #289X was received notifying the county of an additional one-quarter percent excise tax on real estate sales within the city limits.

066073 12. Notice of award of a Community Development Block grant for public services in 2007 was received from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

066074 13. A letter was received from Bobo & Eileen Brayton regarding a proposed access to their property.

D066074A 14. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Amy Robbins, Community Action Agency.

Present: Think Nguyen.

066075 Ms. Robbins met with the Board to request approval of a homeless grant application for funding through the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (DCTED) for a transitional housing facility. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the grant application as presented.

10:45 a.m. - Recess.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, Public Works Director.

Present: Dan Gladwill and Think Nguyen.

ACTION ITEMS

Administration Division:

066076 1. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to renew the weed contract between Whitman County and Darry-Air, Inc. of Ephrata for 2007.

11:05 a.m. - Karl Johanson.

Engineering Division:

D066076A 2. Director Storey said due to the cold, wind and rain, the contractor has been unable to pave the Almota Road. They are still hopeful paving will take place this year.

Maintenance Division:

066077 3. A quote for snowplow blades was awarded through the small works roster process to Rebuilding and Hardfacing of Colville for a total bid amount of \$12,725.20.

066078 4. Public Works has forwarded the annual winter snow and ice control letter to all school superintendents and post offices.

D066078A 5. Maintenance crews are trying to haul rock and grade roads but it has been too wet and doing so causes more damage to the roads.

Building Division:

6. The following quarterly Building Division reports received:

- 066079 1st quarter
- 066080 2nd quarter
- 066081 3rd quarter

11:15 a.m. - Karl Johanson, Council on Aging & Human Services (COA&HS)

Present: Mark Storey and Think Nguyen.

066082 1. Using the funds from a 2002-03 Rural Mobility grant to Whitman County, an accessible, multi-function school activity bus was purchased. The vehicle is currently leased to COA&HS (dba COAST) and operated by the Community Child Care Center in support of a variety of programs. At the time of the purchase, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) inadvertently provided erroneous information to the county about the title to the vehicle. As a result, the vehicle was titled to the county instead of WSDOT. The title now needs to be transferred back to WSDOT. Previously, according to Dane Dunford, a lost title request needs to be completed and the new title forwarded to WSDOT.

D066082A 2. WSDOT rules have now changed and COAST no longer needs the county to be the contracting agency for the vehicle. Due to the confusion dating back many years, WSDOT does not recognize Mr. Johanson as the

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county's representative for reporting on the use of the vehicle. Two options were offered by WSDOT as follows:

- Write a letter or pass a resolution naming Karl Johanson as the person to complete all reports and other related paperwork until the 5-years expires when WSDOT reverts the vehicle title to Whitman County. (Preferred method.)
- Write a letter to WSDOT returning the vehicle to them on the condition that the grant and vehicle be transferred to COAST.

Mr. Johanson was asked to draft a letter for the commissioners' approval later in the day. (No letter was received as of this writing.)

D066082B 3. On June 27, 2005 Mr. Johanson made a presentation to the commissioners about the potential formation of a County Special Needs Public Transportation Benefit Authority (CSNPTBA). The issue was tabled because the timing was not possible. Changes in WSDOT procedures, policies and funding formulas, coupled with new requirements from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) have made it even more important that the county consider forming a non-taxing authority.

Mr. Johanson requested the commissioners allow him to update the proposal and work with the Prosecutor in preparation for another meeting regarding this issue at the end of November or early December. If the proposal were deemed favorable, approval by the board would be very helpful for future planning and critical funding applications for the July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009 biennium. The deadline for funding proposals for that period is January 5, 2007. The commissioners suggested Mr. Johanson work with the Prosecutor.

11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell.

D066082A 15. The item discussed was VEBA. No action taken.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Bob Reynolds (1:30 p.m.) and Maribeth Becker (1:50 p.m.).

D066082B 16. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 1:50 p.m. for personnel matters.

1:50 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

Present: Maribeth Becker.

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D066082C 17. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual until 2:10 p.m. for personnel matters.

2:10 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

2:30 p.m. - BOCC Workshop.

Present: Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen, Alan Thomson, Mariah Simpson, Think Nguyen and (Ryan Bentley 2:50 p.m.).

D066082D 18. The items discussed were rural residential development and Transfer Station tipping fees. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjourn.

D066082E Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **November 6, 2006** 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 **November 13, 2006**. The foregoing action made this **6th** day of **November 2006**.

ss/ Greg PARTCH, Commissioner

ss/ LES WIGEN, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

G.R. FINCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners