

Minutes for November 7, 2005

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064693 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **November 7, 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.

064694 1. Items discussed included a fax from Ron Wachter and IEL conversation. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Recess.

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

D064694A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

064695 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **183518-183548, 183464-183489** and **183582-183672** for **\$774,937.67** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	27,205.67
103	Countywide Planning	10.13
104	Developmental Services	38.25
110	County Roads	709.53
117	Boating Safety	574.05
118	Inmate Welfare	697.59
119	Emergency Services	151.20
123	Paths & Trails	160.00
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	13,479.42
132	Auditor's Document Preservation	927.72
136	Electronic Monitoring	86.25
300	Capital Projects	87,665.31
320	Cap. Project/Out. Sources (Bond)	8.00
400	Solid Waste	1,130.55
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	10,051.62
511	Unemployment Insurance	717.82
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	983.55
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	871.09
690	Clearing Fund 690.002.000	247,322.73
ET	Electronic Transfer	382,147.19

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064696 4. October 31, 2005 minutes approved.

064697-064699 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Pat Wilkins.

064700 6. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to adopt the 2006 Whitman County holiday schedule.

10:10 a.m. - Think Nguyen.

064701 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the 2006 levy certification for Fire District #10.

064702 8. A copy of a letter sent to all cities/towns was received from the County Auditor concerning expenses associated with voter registration in all precincts lying wholly within a city or town pursuant to R.C.W. 29A.08.150.

064703 9. An update on the DSHS general terms and conditions contract language was received by email from Jean Wessman of WSAC for review by December 2nd. Information forwarded to Denis Tracy, Mike Berney and Tim Myers.

064704 10. A letter was received from Joan Folwell concerning proposed Rural Residential Housing regulations related to house colors. The commissioners will continue to accept comments on the proposed Rural Residential District until the unofficial transmittal is received from the Planning Department.

064705 11. Notification of the 2006 CDBG-PS grant award was received from the Department of Trade, Community and Economic Development.

12. Executed copies of the following documents received.

064706 Palouse Industries 2005-07 County Program agreement,

064707 CARES 2005-07 County Program Agreement,

064708 WA Military Department Emergency Management contract #E06-049,

064709 Spokane interlocal agreement #E05-072 amendment and

064710 Waste Management of WA, Inc. memorandum of agreement.

D064710A 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:25 a.m. - Recess.

10:30 a.m. - Fran Martin, Health/Emergency Management.

Present: Pat Wilkins and Think Nguyen.

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064711 Ms. Martin said in the past, Emergency Management has given much equipment to the Hazardous Materials units now referred to as the "Palouse Hazardous Materials Unit" (PHMU). They have outgrown their equipment to transport equipment to a hazardous materials incident. Through the Homeland Security program, they have been cleared to purchase a tractor/trailer to deploy equipment/materials needed countywide. There is no cost difference between a sleeper/non-sleeper unit. However, the sleeper unit would be very helpful for field use.

Pat Wilkins approached her about helping them purchase this used equipment that must be paid for up-front. She proposes to purchase the tractor in 2005 and the trailer in 2006. Total cost including sales tax is \$40,457.60. Ms. Martin asked for authorization to purchase the equipment for the PHMU for reimbursement by Homeland Security.

Mr. Wilkins said particular specifications would be used to approach a sole-source provider or broker. He appreciated the county fronting the money for this equipment. As Ms. Martin indicated, they will purchase the tractor in 2005 and the trailer in 2006. The cost of the tractor and trailer may fluxuate, but the total cost will not exceed \$40,457.60.

Ms. Martin and Mr. Wilkins will work out all insurance and inventory details.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the recommendation of Fran Martin, Emergency Management Director, to buy this equipment for Homeland Security.

10:40 a.m. - Recess.

11:05 a.m. - Dane Dunford, Public Works Director.

Present: Mark Storey and Think Nguyen.

Action Items:

064712 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the fuel bid with Busch Distributor, Inc. be extended for the calendar year 2006.

D064712A 2. The Rock Springs Road vacation resolution was tabled until November 14th pending receipt of the balance of the road vacation expenses.

Engineering Division:

D064712A 3. The Engineer commented that the White Elephant Bridge approaches were being paved today.

Maintenance Division:

D064712B 4. The Director said road graders are running, gravel roads are being prepped for winter and the annual winter snow letter was sent out.

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This is the time of year when they urge motorists to pay attention to the weather and black ice on shaded roads and bridge decks.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

11:30 a.m. - Tim Myers/Evon Jones, Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Present: Thinh Nguyen and Michelle Dupler.

064713 The Co-Chairs of the CIP Committee presented the 2006 rankings for newly and previously received projects. The commissioners will conduct a workshop with the Administrative Services Director to discuss CIP funding.

11:45 a.m. - Recess.

1:05 p.m. - Bob Reynolds, Fair/Facilities Management.

D064713A 1. Mr. Reynolds reported on the following:

- Water leak repaired in Courthouse second floor vault,
- Gas leak repaired on first floor of the Courthouse,
- Working on Prosecutor's furnace,
- Tree on southeast corner of Courthouse must be removed and
- Installation of a 42" barrier around Concrete River in front of the Courthouse.

064714 2. Mr. Reynolds said he contacted seven vendors off the small works roster for replacement of the Jail hot water tank. He asked that they provide different options than what is currently installed.

Ackerman's Heating & Air proposed:

Munchkin boiler system with 80-gallon storage capacity for \$11,774.67 including tax and removal of the old tank.

Encompass Mechanical Services (Divco) responded with two proposals:

- Twin 100 gallon tanks for \$18,491.00 plus tax and
- Munchkin boiler with 80-gallon storage capacity for \$13,063.00 plus tax.

Mr. Reynolds spoke with Avista who informed him there is a possibility the county can receive a rebate of approximately \$3,538 for installing a more efficient tank. The old tank was 63% efficient and the proposed new tank is 93% efficient. The county would be placed on a registered list awaiting funding. Using the Munchkin system without the Avista rebate, the payback is 10.5 years and with the rebate, the payback is 7.4 years.

1:15 p.m. - Steve Martin.

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Ackerman's has been advised this is a prevailing wage public works project. In anticipation of this meeting, Denis Tracy has begun work on a contract.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize Bob Reynolds to move forward with the Prosecutor to get a contract in place with Ackerman Heating.

1:30 p.m. - Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery (SRSR) Board.

064715 Mr. Martin stated the Snake River Salmon Recovery plan was handed to the Governor in Walla Walla in a signing ceremony October 26th. The governor accepted the plan and conveyed it to U.S. Fish & Wildlife and NOA Fish. The next step is the federal government will publish the plan in a January or February federal register allowing a 60-day nationwide public comment period.

The concern of the Board at that point is, if the plan comes back highly modified, where is their role in ensuring the plan retains the integrity and respect it needs in the interest of the region. Having said that, Mr. Martin traveled to Olympia October 28th and requested budget to ensure that the Board can be in existence to address public comments and was successful in receiving budget authority to continue operating over the next 18-months.

One of their tasks will be to work with the federal agencies and continue the public outreach as they revise the plan to incorporate out of basin effects, i.e. estuaries, hydropower, harvest and hatcheries, so they can be at the table defining the strategies to improve the imperilments as opposed to recommendations coming back that there are significant changes that are in conflict with the strategies in the plan.

The basic message is that they will be interacting with the federal agencies through this revision process for a final plan in July 2006.

Their second task is to work with monitoring teams, specifically state, federal and tribal agencies. The Board has expressed an observation that they really don't know how many fish, where they are and how many we are getting back for those that return years prior. They will enhance the monitoring portion of the plan by installing traps to count smolts going to the ocean and adult counts so they can count how many fish come back as a result of the offspring that leave our watershed because we can only be accountable for what we call, invasive productivity, the number of offspring produced per parent. Once an offspring leaves, there are many things that can happen to them before they come back.

The third task is to develop a 5-year detailed implementation plan. What is it that we want to do, when and where, who will lead it, where will they get the money, etc.?

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To that end, Mr. Martin has made contact with the Palouse and Whitman County Conservation Districts to ask for their more active participation and help to work with the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board to define what activities they are planning for livestock, riparian, fences, culverts, roads, etc. that are problems for fish so they can start targeting external sources of funds to improve salmon recovery. Mr. Martin is also working with the County Engineer and Planning Department on critical areas, the shoreline master plan programs and storm water management. These are things Whitman County is already doing through watershed planning to integrate actions that come out of watershed planning with those in the salmon recovery plan.

Mr. Martin noted of the seven regions in the state, the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board was 4th to submit a plan to the Governor.

1:40 p.m. - Recess.

2:00 p.m. - Excavator Bids.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey, Phil Meyer and 4 bidders.

064716 The following bids for one new excavator were received, opened and read aloud. Public Works will review the bids and make a recommendation for award on November 14th at 11 a.m.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Western States, Spokane, WA	\$145,931.42 with tax/trade-in
Rowand Machinery Company, Spokane, WA	\$133,455.00 with tax/trade-in
Clyde West, Spokane, WA	\$134,928.43 with tax/trade-in

2:15 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Dane Dunford, Mark Storey and Mark Bordsen.

D064716A 14. Items discussed included Public Works related issues. No action taken.

3:15 p.m. - Bob Reynolds, Fair/Facilities Management.

D064716B 15. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until 3:45 p.m. for personnel matters.

3:45 p.m. - Return to Open Session.

3:45 p.m. - Tim Myers, Parks/Developmental Services.

D064716C 16. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until 4:15 p.m. for personnel matters.

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

D064716D Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **November 7, 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 **November 14, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **7th** day of **November 2005**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners