

Minutes for November 21, 2005

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064749 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **November 21, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch, Commissioner and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Wigen was not in attendance.

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

Present: Tim Myers.

064950 1. Items discussed included CIP rankings, Mrs. Fowler's letter concerning dogs at large and Prosecutor's letter concerning quasi-judicial status. No action taken.

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

D064750A 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda with the deletion of item #2. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

064751 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **183899-183922** and **184177-184313** for **\$446,783.91** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	77,386.25	8,155.20	184.05	38,479.25
102	Building & Development	62.64			1,211.20
103	Countywide Planning	62.65			1,178.80
104	Developmental Services	34,352.61			
110	County Roads	4,147.32	4,050.00	7.16	16,630.00
118	Inmate Welfare	187.97		51.93	
123	Paths & Trails	14.50			
126	Treasurer's M&O	315.35			
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	3,945.06			
134	Elections Reserve Fund			222.98	
137	Web Site Development			40.38	
300	Capital Projects	4,468.57		49.62	
400	Solid Waste	22,236.43		1,788.96	
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	31,591.86	450.00	269.98	4,544.80
513	Communications Revolving	2,439.88			
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	40,236.47		18.62	
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	3,158.40			
690	Palouse Empire Fair Building	141,982.22			

064752 4. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** approve the November 14, 2005 minutes as corrected.

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064753-064757 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:05 a.m. - Kelli Campbell.

064758 6. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Commissioner Finch to a 2-year term on the LEOFF I Board beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2007.

064759 7. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to publish a notice of hearing for Whitman County budget amendment #5. Hearing to be held December 19, 2005 at 10:15 a.m.

064760 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a proclamation proclaiming the month of November as National Family Caregivers Month.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, our grandparent and family caregivers are models to us, shaping our character and principles and providing us with unconditional love and support throughout our lifetimes; and,

WHEREAS, our grandparent and family caregivers help ensure that cultural traditions and timeless values are passed on to future generations; and,

WHEREAS, November 2005 is National Family Caregivers Month, a time to formally recognize the important role assumed by grandparents and other relatives raising children; and,

WHEREAS, with compassion and understanding, our grandparent and relative caregivers contribute to our future by serving as a source of strength in times of difficulty, encouragement in moments of doubt and empathy in periods of distress; and,

WHEREAS, through our grandparents and relatives caring we develop a sense of self-worth which assists us in becoming well-adjusted, healthy adults; and,

WHEREAS, many grandparents and relatives selflessly step in to raise their grandchildren in difficult circumstances, and these dedicated individuals deserve our respect and support; and,

WHEREAS, programs that help grandparents "navigate" the system and offer subsidized guardianship can provide support to grandparent caregivers when it is needed to ensure the safety, stability and permanence of the family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Whitman County Commissioners urge all citizens to honor their grandparents and other relative caregivers everywhere for the many valuable contributions they

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make to our lives, our families and our society; and encourages the availability of services and supports to promote their wellbeing; and,

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Whitman County Commissioners recognizes November 2005 as "National Family Caregivers Month," a month to reflect upon and celebrate the roles, responsibilities and contributions made by grandparents and other relatives raising children across our nation.

Dated this 21st day of November 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

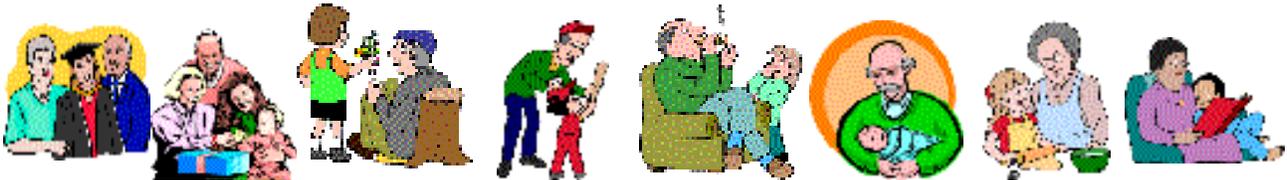
Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner



9. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the following levy certifications for 2006:

- 064761 Town of Garfield,
- 064762 Town of Rosalia,
- 064763 Fire District #12,
- 064764 Hospital District #1-A,
- 064765 ESD #101,
- 064766 ESD #123,
- 064767 Clarkston School District #250 and
- 064767A Port of Whitman County.

10:15 a.m. - Tinh Nguyen.

064768 10. Ms. Campbell stated the Aflac flexible spending account for non-reimbursable medical expenses currently has a cutoff date of 12/31 of each year. Aflac is offering a 2 month 15 day grace period past the 12/31 date. She asked the Board if they would be interested in accepting this offer. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a contract extending the cutoff period with Aflac.

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064769 11. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign a contract with Ackerman Heating (for replacement of the jail hot water tank).

064770 12. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Emergency Management interlocal agreement amendment #E05-072(2) with Spokane County (Department of Emergency Management).

064771 13. A letter was received from the Mayor of Pullman concerning the council's action on November 15, 2005. The council is requesting the county amend the joint planning interlocal agreement with the City excluding rural residential housing from the urban reserve areas and to work with the City to identify other areas, such as the south bypass, that might appropriately be added in the near future to the urban reserve areas. The Chairman noted Pete Dickinson and Mark Bordsen are working on this request.

064772 14. An email was received from Marie Fowler regarding dogs running at large in the Pine City area. Commissioner Finch understood the concern, but said unless the county is willing to go to the expense of hiring a full time compliance officer, he was not willing to ask the Sheriff's Office to take this on as an additional responsibility. He felt this was more of a local issue that the local people should work out for themselves. Chairman Partch concurred. Sheriff Myers agreed to draft a letter of response to Mrs. Fowler.

064773 15. Two letters were received from Kirk Suess regarding the proposed rural residential ordinance and the Planning Commission process.

Commissioner Finch thought this was an appropriate time to mention the upcoming vacancy on the Planning Commission as of January 1st in District II. The county is seeking applicants and this might be an opportunity for someone with strong convictions about the Planning Commission process to step up and apply for that position. (After a 2-week advertising period, no letters of interest were received for this vacancy.)

064774 16. The Whitman County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials submitted their 2006 salary schedule report.

064775 17. An email was received from Ron and Roberta Tiemann supporting the rural residential ordinance.

D064775A 18. In response to an inquiry from Think Nguyen, the Board reported as follows: Last week April Coggins submitted a letter to the commissioners stating that she believed, according to state statute, that the commissioners could continue receiving comments on the rural residential ordinance. Commissioner Finch submitted that information to the Prosecutor who agreed with Ms. Coggins, but it is in opposition to the opinion from Municipal Research. However, the Board is siding with the Prosecutor and

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will continue to accept public comment on the proposed ordinance until a date for the decision is scheduled.

064776 19. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2005-2007 DSHS #0563-84925 contract for various juvenile services.

064777 20. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the E3SHB 3900 DSHS #0563-84585 program agreement for 2005-2007 consolidated juvenile services contract.

064778 21. An executed copy of the New World Systems licenses and service agreement (software) was received.

D064778A 22. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Steve VanVleet, WSU Extension.

Present: Think Nguyen.

064778B Mr. VanVleet requested financial assistance for the January 3rd biodiesel and oilseed economic development workshop at the fairgrounds. The money would go towards the lunch and/or lodging accommodations for the speakers. Mr. VanVleet will also be seeking contributions from banks and chemical dealers. The Board suggested adding Adams, Asotin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Benewah, Nez Perce and WSAC to the invitation list. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize \$250 be added to the Commissioners' 2006 preliminary budget for the January 3, 2006 biodiesel meeting.

11:00 a.m. - Mark Storey, County Engineer.

Present: Think Nguyen.

Action Items:

064779 1. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to vacate a portion of Rock Springs Road be signed as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In the Matter of the Intent to)	
Vacate and Abandon a Portion)	
of County Road No. 7030, the)	RESOLUTION NO. <u>064779</u>
Rock Springs Road, located in)	
Sections 27 and 34, Township)	
14 North, Range 38 East, W.M.)	RESOLUTION VACATING
in Whitman County, Washington)	

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WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners declared their intention to vacate and abandon a portion of said County Road on the 26th day of September, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Engineer has submitted a report, which indicates it is not advisable to preserve portions of said County Road for the county transportation system and therefore recommended the vacation of a portion of said County Road.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, after proper public notice, on the 24th day of October 2005, and interested parties for and against said vacation were permitted to present to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners finds that the vacation of a portion of said County Road is in the best interest of the citizens of Whitman County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a portion of County Road No. 7030, the Rock Springs Road, from the east Section line of Section 27, Township 14 North, Range 38 East, W.M. at milepost 7.46 to milepost 8.62 located in Sections 27 and 34, Township 14 North, Range 38 East W.M. be vacated and divided along the centerline and passed to the owners of record of the adjoining lands.

DATED at Colfax, Washington, this 21st day of November 2005.

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Greg Partch, Chairman

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

064780 **2.** Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** that the resolution to designate Cascade Software, Inc. as a sole source vendor to purchase WinCAMS (financial software) be signed as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 064780

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Whitman County, Washington in the matter of financial management software for the Public Works Department;

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WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Public Works Department needs to purchase, install, and maintain a new financial management software program that is compatible with its long term accounting needs and requirements of the Washington State Legislature, as administered by the County Road Administration Board, and

WHEREAS, Public Works management and financial personnel have reviewed performance and application information relative to similar software packages intended to satisfy both State requirements and department needs, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Association of County Engineers (WSACE) conducted an in-depth multi-state analysis of Cost Accounting Software Systems, in which Whitman County personnel participated, wherein WinCAMS was selected as the preferred system for Washington Counties, and

WHEREAS, Public Works management and financial personnel have determined that the better interests of Whitman County would be served through the purchase and use of the Cascade Software program known as "WinCAMS", because of the features tailored to Washington Counties, such as experience with Washington BARS coding, maintenance management features, full integration of the program features, saving time and cost, the understanding of the needs of Whitman County based on previous experience with other Washington counties, and the ability for them to meet the required Whitman County timeline, and

WHEREAS, Cascade Software, Inc., having supplied and installed WinCAMS for about a third of the counties in the State of Washington, is in a position to supply and install the program for Whitman County,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Department to enter into a sole-source supply agreement with Cascade Software, Inc., to provide and install the program WinCAMS for use by the department.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2005.

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11:15 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bev Welch, Joe Reynolds, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Kim Kopf, Tim Myers, Denis Tracy, Mark Storey, Brett Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Bob Reynolds and Thinh Nguyen.

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

064781 The October 2005 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

October 2005 Cash Balance - \$1,445,019

October 2004 Cash Balance - \$1,260,757

October 2005 Revenue - \$7,944,045 - 81.79% of budget.

October 2004 Revenue - \$7,452,352 - 82.16% of budget.

October 2005 Expenditures \$7,951,536 - 78.54% of budget.

October 2004 Expenditures \$7,919,724 - 79.32% of budget.

11:50 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell and Sharron Cunningham.

064782 23. Items discussed included the classification system and the 2006 preliminary budget. No action taken.

3:40 p.m. - Denis Tracy, County Prosecutor.

Present: Sharron Cunningham and Bob Reynolds.

D064782A 24. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individuals until 4:40 p.m. for property acquisition and potential litigation matters.

4:40 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Adjournment.

D064782B Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **November 21, 2005** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **November 28, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **21st** day of **November 2005**.

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ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners