

Minutes for December 5, 2005

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064796 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **December 5, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** Greg Partch, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk attended.

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

Present: Tim Myers.

D064796A 1. Parks related issues discussed. No action taken.

9:50 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Tim Myers and Bob Reynolds.

D064796B 2. Motion by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried**.

064797 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **184636-184709** for **\$207,351.73** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	11057.22
102	Building & Development	254.87
103	Countywide Planning	170.17
104	Developmental Services	1013.57
110	County Roads	59547.28
123	Paths & Trails	242.44
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City	46.78
400	Solid Waste	108232.55
410	Solid Waste Reserve	1075.00
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	1459.80
513	Communications Revolving	674.11
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000	8378.82
660	Whitcom-Grant Funding-660.911.001	5223.11
690	CAC Agency Svc.-690.026.001	9976.01

064797A 4. November 28, 2005 minutes approved.

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064798 5. Letter read by Commissioner Partch, will be sent to Mr. Rick Finch, appointing him to serve on the Planning Commission; his term will expire December 31, 2009. (He had been notified of the consideration and he emailed back that he would accept the position if appointed)

D064798A 6. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen, **seconded** by Commissioner Finch, Motion **carried** to appoint Rick Finch of Pullman to serve a 4-year term on the Planning Commission.

064799 7. Letter from the Whitman County Business Development Association, dated November 30, 2005, regarding the CETC Building Lease, which states lease ends December 31, 2005, with an additional 19 year option. They will not renew their lease or exercise future options if and when the CETC transfers to the County. It states no subleases are currently in effect.

064800 Not used.

D064800A 8. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

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

Present: Fran Martin, Joe Smiley (Gazette), Bill Tensfeld, Fire Chief Rosalia Fire District, Denis Tracy and Sheriff Meyers,

064801 9. Fran proposes a 1/10th of 1% tax increase on the February 7th or March 14th ballot in 2006 for communication infrastructure. In the packet given to the commissioners were minutes of a meeting held in October 2004, in which problems and issues pertaining to emergency communications were defined. Bill Tensfeld said that the main issue boils down to funding and by putting the 1/10th of 1% tax increase on the ballot to the voters that is allowed by RCW, moneys would aid in funding the mandates coming from the FCC. He explained that the Narrowband mandate the FCC would split the bandwidth of radio frequency to create more frequencies, reducing the power by half.

Fran further explains a board of 10 individuals would oversee the funds, which would come to the County and possibly go into the Emergency Management area so these people could how it is spent and create an orderly and well-run plan. Commissioner Partch stated his understanding was the ballot issue would not cost the County anything. The Committee will pay for all ballot expenses. Fran and Mr. Tensfeld concurred.

064801A 10. Narrowband Interim Deadlines for VHF/UHF Systems & Equipment information pamphlet

064801B 11. **Motion** by Commissioner Wigen, seconded by Commissioner Finch, Motion **carried** to allow putting 1/10th of 1% tax increase on the February or

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March ballot, date to be determined when the committee decides which ballot date is most advantageous.

064802 12. Cooperative agreement between Palouse River Counseling, a private not-for-profit agency and Whitman County, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, as it pertains to Whitman County Ropes Course.

D064802A 13. Motion by Commissioner Finch, **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen, Motion **carried** to allow Palouse River Counseling to schedule, coordinate and conduct Ropes Course activities at Elberton County Park and to maintain the Ropes Course facility and adjacent property to meet Challenge Course industry and Whitman County Park standards.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Dan Gladwill, Tim Myers and Cindi Lepper.

064803 1. Agreement for Final Design, Development and Implementation Cost Accounting (Cascade Software Systems, Inc)

064804 2. A letter was read from the Washington State Department of Ecology, stating their approval of Whitman County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, WUTC Docket TG050500.

064805 3. Memorandum from Dan Gladwill, Building Inspector regarding 2005 3rd Quarter Activity: Total Valuations: \$2,090,168; Total Permit Fees: \$18,233; Total Plan Review Fees: \$7,153; Total Fees: \$25,386.

064806 4. Whitman County solid Waste Management Plan 2005 received.

11:30 a.m. - Denis Tracy, Tim Myers and Joe Smiley.

064807 5. Motion by Commissioner Finch, **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen and **carried** to allow the transfer of the Community Education and Training Center Building from the Port of Whitman to Whitman County.

RESOLUTION NO. 064807

Whereas, the Port of Whitman County owns the Community Education and Training Center Building in Colfax, Washington and the Port wishes to transfer ownership to the County; and

Whereas the Board of county Commissioners believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County for the Board to accept the transfer of ownership of the building to the County; and

Whereas the current tenant of the building has informed the Board of County Commissioners that it will end its tenancy upon transfer of ownership to the County and that there are no subtenants;

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Now, Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners hereby RESOLVES as follows:

1. To accept transfer of ownership of the building from the Port District to Whitman county on or about December 31, 2005.
2. To enter into an Interlocal Agreement to accomplish such transfer.

Dated this 5th day of December 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
By: Kaye Engel

Les Wigen, Commissioner

11:30 a.m. - Board Business Continued.

064808 14. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch, **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen, Motion **carried** to sign the interlocal agreement to transfer the CETC building from Port of Whitman to Whitman County.

D064808A Not used.

064808B 15. **Motion** by Commissioner Finch, **seconded** by Commissioner Wigen to sign the lease for the Harrison Building to Greg's Electric, LLC, which is an extension of his current lease. Motion **carried**.

064809 16. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Nez Perce County, Idaho and Whitman County.

11:45 a.m. - Janet Schmidt, WSU Extension.

064809A Interagency agreement between Washington State University Extension and Whitman County Professional Services Contract (Appendix A). Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the Interagency Agreement between W.S.U. and Whitman County, as presented by Ms. Schmidt.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

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1:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Kelli Campbell and Gary and Valerie Hunt.

D064809B 17. Items discussed included Fishing Kids letter; exit audit; car allowance; WSU invitation; legislative forum; LWV tax structure, .08 funding and labor negotiations. No action taken.

3:00 p.m. - Bev Welch, Finance/Information Services.

D064809C 18. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to go into executive session with the above individual(s) until 4:00 p.m. for personnel matters.

4:00 p.m. - Return to Open Session/Recess.

7:00 p.m. - 2006 Whitman County Preliminary Budget Hearing.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Michelle Dupler and Bev Welch.

064810 The Chairman convened the hearing for 2006 preliminary budget and requested a staff report.

Sharron Cunningham gave her report as follows:

	<u>2004 Year End Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
Current Expense Revenue:	\$ 7,219,729.00	\$ 9,984,125
Other Revenue:	\$16,193,956.17	\$21,664,079
Total Revenue:	\$23,413,685.17	\$31,648,204

	<u>9/30/2005 Actual</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
Current Expense Revenue:	\$ 4,486,206.65	\$ 9,987,387
Other Revenue:	\$ 6,739,142.27	\$23,379,651
Total Revenue:	\$11,225,348.92	\$33,367,038

	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
Current Expense Revenue:	\$10,332,841	\$ 345,454	3.46%
Other Revenue:	\$26,535,718	\$3,156,067	13.50%
Total Revenue:	\$36,868,559	\$3,501,521	10.49%

	<u>2004 Year End Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
Current Expense Expenditures:	\$ 9,447,764.83	\$ 9,984,125
Other Expenditures:	\$15,592,943.15	\$21,664,079
Total Expenditures:	\$25,040,707.98	\$31,648,204

	<u>9/30/2005</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
Current Expense Expenditures:	\$ 5,955,851.53	\$ 9,987,387
Other Expenditures:	\$ 6,838,461.59	\$23,379,651
Total Expenditures:	\$12,794,313.12	\$33,367,038

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Hearing recessed to December 12th at 10:30 a.m.

8:00 p.m. - Adjournment.

D064810A Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **December 5, 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 **December 12, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **5th** day of **December 2005**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board
By: Kaye Engel, Recording Clerk

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners