

Minutes for December 19, 2005

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064837 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **December 19, 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.

Present: Kelli Campbell.

064838 1. Items discussed were the WCIP amendment, WCRP letter, Bulletin subscription, agricultural burn program letter, Quad counties meeting, CEDS update, Steamboat Jean letter/reply, 2006 property taxes, classification issues and medical billings. No action taken.

9:45 a.m. - Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Evan Ellis.

D064838A 2. Motion by Commissioner Wigen to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

064839 3. Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **158224-185244** and **185247-185406** for **\$497,073.42** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	7,855.20	39,059.39	49,886.77
102	Building & Development		1,211.20	3.23
103	Countywide Planning		1,178.80	9.82
104	Developmental Services			35,117.50
108	Veterans Relief			120.00
110	County Roads	4,050.00	16,630.00	8,566.20
112	Public Facilities Improvement			77,625.00
118	Inmate Welfare			913.21
119	Emergency Services			14,323.11
123	Paths & Trails			480.23
127	Drug Enforcement-Quad City			1,800.26
132	Auditor's Document Preservation			15.99
300	Capital Projects			541.38
400	Solid Waste		3,800.40	100,281.54
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	450.00	4,544.80	67,161.52
513	Communications Revolving			1,850.81
660	Whitcom-General-660.911.000			50,703.87

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660	Whitcom-Grant Funding 660.911.001		8,893.19
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064840 4. December 12, 2005 minutes approved.

064841-064844 5. Personnel board orders approved.

10:00 a.m. - Eunice Coker, Debbie Hooper, Bev Welch, Tim Myers and Kelli Campbell.

064845 6. County Auditor Coker said previous to the 2005 legislative session, the only way to have Vote-By-Mail (VBM) was if an individual precinct had a low voter turnout of less than 200, the precinct could be converted to a VBM precinct. A number these occurred over the years in Whitman County. During the 2005 legislative session, county legislative authorities were given the authority to declare the entire county to be a VBM county.

During her workshop with the commissioners, they talked about the pros and cons for continuing with poll sites or changing to all VBM. One of the pros in converting to a VBM county is creating consistency in running an election one way rather than having 3 processes for each election; 1) the VBM process, 2) absentee process and 3) poll site process. Within the poll site process there is also provisional voting that will still be available. In order to perform the reconciliation process for elections in one consistent way, VBM is a major advantage. If approved, Whitman County would be the 33rd of 39 counties in Washington State to change to all VBM. Pier input and advice by other VMB counties would be greater using the VBM system in addition to the cost savings.

With the Help America Vote Act, a January 1, 2006 deadline for poll sites would be very costly. The county would have to maintain what is referred to as touch screen machines that allow the disabled to vote on a machine similar to an ATM with voice prompts. One of these machines must be available at every poll site (33-40) at \$5,000-\$6,000 each, but only 5 are necessary if the county changed to VBM. HAVA money from the federal government will cover the initial costs, but the maintenance, software, more poll worker training, transfer of equipment, storage and paying poll workers would be the county's responsibility.

Using the 2005 general election, Debbie Hooper did a cost comparison had the election been handled by all VBM. There would have been an approximate \$2,000 cost savings. With the added 2006 expenses and other future costs, the Auditor believed Whitman County could save \$8,000-\$10,000/year using VBM versus poll sites. Therefore, the Auditor recommended Whitman County become an all VBM county.

Commissioner Wigen concurred feeling it was time to move on with countywide VBM.

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The Auditor has received much feedback from county constituents and very rarely did she hear any opposition. Other counties that have already gone to VBM indicated their returns are up and the certification process was much smoother.

Commissioner Finch commented he has mixed emotions but also understands the economic side of VBM. Voting is a responsibility of being a citizen, but the American people have gotten lazy about their form of government.

Commissioner Partch agreed with Commissioner Finch. He personally liked voting at the polls. During the December 12th workshop they talked about the cost savings, consistencies, trainings, etc. He was disappointed in the 2005 general election that resulted in a 30% voter turnout. The county's currently at a 50% VBM. He has spoken with constituents that are in VBM precincts. At the time of the change, they were unhappy about it initially because it eliminated a social event, but 2 years later, they are happy with the change because it gives them more time to vote. Switching to electronic machines would be difficult for many of the poll workers to adapt to and they have indicated that to the Auditor. It is a difficult enough job already to find poll workers

The Auditor said there would be two drop off locations for ballots, the Auditor's office in Colfax and Pullman City Hall. Pullman will provide space for touch screen machines, 2-3 poll workers and the availability for provisional ballots.

Chairman Partch noted Whitman County had been waiting to see how other counties had done after switching to VBM. However, a decision must be made by the end of the year so the Auditor can order the machines from the federal government.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the resolution as presented for all county VBM.

RESOLUTION NO. 064845
OF
THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT ALL WHITMAN COUNTY ELECTIONS BY MAIL

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.48.010 empowers the County Legislative Authority to authorize the County Auditor to conduct all Whitman County elections by mail; and,

WHEREAS, the percentage of Whitman County voters who vote by mail has increased from approximately 30% to 57% over the last three years, and that percentage continues to grow; and,

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WHEREAS, elections conducted by mail in Washington State counties have historically resulted in significantly higher voter participation; and,

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires the acquisition of Disability Access Units (DAU) in every polling location; and,

WHEREAS, retaining the poll site method Whitman County would be required to purchase, maintain, transport, secure and provide training on forty DAU's, but as a vote-by-mail county would only need four or five DAU's; and,

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase, maintain, transport, secure and provide training on DAU's for every polling location would create a direct, unnecessary burden on the tax payers of Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Whitman County citizens to convert to elections by mail as conversion would enable the County to conserve limited tax dollars while at the same time providing secure and accurate elections to the voters; and,

WHEREAS, approximately \$440,000 in federal funds allocated through the Office of the Washington State Secretary of State to Whitman County allows for the purchase of new election equipment; and,

WHEREAS, by implementing the Help America Vote Act as a vote-by-mail county, the allocated federal funds would cover most implementation expenses, thus significantly reducing the burden on the taxpayers of Whitman County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whitman County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Whitman County Auditor to undertake any and all actions required to conduct all Whitman County Elections by mail in accordance with state law.

DATED this 19th day of December 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

064846 7. Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Martin Hall 2006 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 064846
BEFORE THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE 2006 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AGREEMENT (MARTIN HALL), AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, Whitman County, Washington (the "County") is a political subdivision duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the County is required by Chapter 13.16 RCW to acquire, construct and maintain juvenile detention facilities for dependent, wayward and delinquent children; and,

WHEREAS, the County and eight other counties entered into an Amended and Restated Interlocal Juvenile Detention Facility Agreement (Martin Hall) ("the Amended and Restated Agreement") executed by each County on the following dates:

Douglas County - August 26, 1996
Stevens County - August 20, 1996
Pend Oreille County - July 22, 1996
Spokane County - August 13, 1996
Adams County - July 22, 1996
Asotin County - August 19, 1996
Lincoln County - July 15, 1996
Whitman County - July 15, 1996
Ferry County - July 15, 1996

under the authority granted by Chapter 39.34 RCW, Chapter 300, Laws of 1995 and Chapter 20, Laws of 1995, 2nd sp. sess., to provide for the joint operation and maintenance of Martin Hall for use as "juvenile rehabilitation center" as amended from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Amended and Restated Agreement requires the Whitman County Board of Commissioners ("the Board") to approve the Operating Budget for the operation and Maintenance of Martin Hall, which has been prepared by the Martin Hall Juvenile Facility Board:

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

Section 1: The Board hereby approves the Operating Budget (as defined in Section 12 of the Amended and Restated Agreement), in substantially the

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form attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The county shall pay its proportionate amount of costs incurred pursuant to this approved Operating Budget in accordance with Section 5 of the Amended and Restated Agreement.

Section 2: All other resolutions of the Board that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held on December 19, 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

**MARTIN HALL JUVENILE FACILITY
2006 OPERATING BUDGET
Final Budget Adopted 08/16/05 (by Martin Hall Board)**

Income Statement

Member Users	Beds/Year	Cost/Bed	Total
Adams County	730	\$125.00	\$ 91,250.00
Asotin County	730	125.00	91,250.00
Douglas County	2,007.5	125.00	250,937.50
Ferry County	182.5	125.00	22,812.50
Lincoln County	182.5	125.00	22,812.50
Pend Oreille County	730	125.00	91,250.00
Spokane County	1,825	125.00	228,125.00
Stevens County	2,555	125.00	319,375.00
Whitman County	912.5	125.00	114,062.50
Member Overage	2,400	125.00	312,500.00
	12,255		\$1,544,375.00
Other Users			
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	60	\$140.00	\$ 8,400.00
Kalispel Tribe	70	140.00	9,800.00
Spokane Tribe	1,000	140.00	140,000.00
Nez Perce Tribe	700	140.00	98,000.00
	1,830		\$256,200.00

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Sub Total	14,085	\$1,800,575.00
Other Income		
Food Program		\$60,000.00
Interest Income		7,000.00
Utility Refund		60,000.00
		<u>\$127,000.00</u>
Total Income		\$1,927,575.00
Expense		
Capital Expense		25,000.00
Repairs		15,000.00
Communications		500.00
Office Supplies		500.00
Maintenance		35,000.00
Auditing		5,000.00
Accounting		30,000.00
Legal		24,000.00
Consulting		3,000.00
Fire Contract		2,000.00
Oper. Cont. Base		1,572,000.00
Oper. Cont./Over 40 Beds	510	\$107.00
Insurance		12,000.00
Rent		1.00
Utilities		67,500.00
Unallocated Reserve		81,504.00
Total		\$1,927,575.00

064847 8. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2006 mileage reimbursement resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 064847
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, December 19, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington recognizes the need to adjust the mileage rate for 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe that the mileage rate should be fixed at 40.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVES by the Whitman County Commissioners that Whitman County will reimburse mileage at a fixed rate of 40.5 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2006.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th 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

Les Wigen, Commissioner

064848 9. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2006 per diem resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 064848
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, December 19, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington recognizes the need to adjust the per diem rate set at \$35.00 per day on April 25, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe that the per diem rate for 2006 should be set at \$45.00 per day (\$10 breakfast, \$15 lunch, \$20 dinner).

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that Whitman County will reimburse per diem at \$45.00 per day beginning January 1, 2006.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2005 and effective as of January 1, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Greg Partch, Chairman

ATTEST:

G.R. Finch, Commissioner

Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Les Wigen, Commissioner

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064849 10. An interlocal agreement amendment #1 between Whitman County and Washington Counties Insurance Pool was before the Board. Commissioner Finch commented this amendment is to bring both the Washington Counties Insurance Fund and Washington Counties Insurance Pool language into alignment. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve interlocal agreement amendment #1 as presented.

064850 11. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice of hearing for the Community Action Center's Community Development public service block grant. Hearing to be held Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 10 a.m.

064851 12. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize publishing a notice seeking Assessor/Treasurer software RFP's. RFP's to be opened Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 2 p.m.

064852 13. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to sign the 2004 annual single audit letter to the State Auditor's Office as presented.

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

- 064853** City of Colfax
- 064854** City of Pullman
- 064855** Fire District #13

064856 15. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve a letter to Dr. Gary A. Livingston concerning the status of the CETC building.

064857 16. Upon request by Tim Myers, Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to reappoint Julie Simpson, Pat Hudak, Debbie Sherman and Paul Sturm to 3-year terms on the Developmental Services Advisory Board. All terms will expire December 31, 2008.

064858 17. A request concerning accumulated vacation leave was tabled to next week.

064859 18. A letter of appreciation was received from Mark Fukuhara, Executive Director of the Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF). Whitman County was one of 28 participating employers that completed its web enrollment and confirmation by November 28th. In addition, Whitman County was one of six employers who were lucky drawing winners to receive \$200 as further evidence of WCIF's appreciation.

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064860 19. A copy of a letter sent to USDA Secretary Mike Johanns was received from the Governor's office requesting a secretarial declaration for due to drought conditions in 2005 in Garfield, Whitman and Pacific Counties.

064861 20. A letter was received from the Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) seeking an opportunity to evaluate the coverage provided by WRCIP in comparison with coverage that could be provided by WCIP. The offer was declined.

064862 21. A letter to Mary Randall of Steamboat Jean Enterprises was prepared in response to her suggestions of December 5th.

064863 22. The registered dietician issue was tabled to tomorrow at 1 p.m.

D064863A 23. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - 2005 Budget Amendment #5 Hearing.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Bev Welch, Kelli Campbell, Tim Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Joe Reynolds, Evan Ellis and Thinkh Nguyen.

064864 The Chairman convened the hearing for proposed budget amendment #5 and requested a staff report.

Sharron Cunningham presented the following:

REVENUES

Sales tax	\$925,000 to \$993,000 = \$ 68,000 increase
Interest income	\$460,000 to \$705,200 = \$245,200 increase
Cooperative Extension	\$ 590 to \$ ----- = \$ 590 increase

EXPENDITURES

Cooperative Extension	\$ 590 for budget authority
Commissioners	\$ 4,000 for County Bulk Purchasing software
Facilities Management	\$ 26,000 for utilities costs
Community Action Center	\$ 17,000 for SB 2060
Capital Projects	\$ 16,700 for CIP projects

Ms. Cunningham stated the increased income has decreased the strain on reserves by \$278,000. She again applauded the elected/appointed officials for being very frugal ending the 2005 budget year better than anticipated.

There being no comments from those in attendance, the hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** approve the 2005 amendment #5.

The commissioners all voiced their appreciation to Sharron Cunningham.

RESOLUTION NO. 064864
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, December 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, any and all taxpayers appearing at the hearing held December 19, 2005, to be heard for or against any part of the budget amendment have been given the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Administrative Services estimates that these amendments are necessary for the operation of the specified funds through the end of the fiscal year 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the authorized appropriations for these funds of Whitman County for fiscal year 2005 be amended by the amounts indicated as attached; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate entries to the accounting records be made to reflect the aforementioned budget amendment.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 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

Fund	2005 Budget	2005 5th Amend	2005 5th Amend Bal	Inc/Dec	% of Change
SUBTOTAL NEW REVENUE	9,714,794	313,790	10,026,030	313,790	3.23%
CURRENT EXPENSE REVENUE	9,957,712	33,402	10,158,022	33,402	0.33%
ADMINISTRATOR	83,173	-	87,382	-	0.00%
HUMAN RESOURCES	102,285	-	104,006	-	0.00%
SUPERIOR COURT	288,329	-	307,304	-	0.00%

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DISTRICT COURT	691,947	-	709,196	-	0.00%
CLERK	155,206	-	156,119	-	0.00%
TREASURER	249,845	-	245,650	-	0.00%
AUDITOR	530,756	-	553,056	-	0.00%
ASSESSOR	314,281	-	320,811	-	0.00%
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	428,835	-	437,032	-	0.00%
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	97,217	-	99,578	-	0.00%
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	394,056	26,000	403,986	26,000	6.88%
SHERIFF	2,337,837	-	2,288,105	-	0.00%
JUVENILE SERVICES	560,182	-	564,549	-	0.00%
WEED	77,087	-	79,838	-	0.00%
CORONER	64,419	-	64,419	-	0.00%
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	98,567	3,402	104,878	3,402	3.35%
PUBLIC HEALTH	1,268,510	-	1,400,452	-	0.00%
FAIR/FAIRGROUNDS	-	-	172,992	-	0.00%
PARKS & FAIR/FAIRGROUNDS	470,981	-	266,785	-	0.00%
INFORMATION SERVICES	284,379	-	293,810	-	0.00%
CURRENT EXPENSE EXPENDITURES	9,957,712	33,402	10,158,022	33,402	0.33%
SELF INSURANCE REVENUE	50,000	-	50,000	-	0.00%
SELF INSURANCE EXPENDITURES	50,000	-	50,000	-	0.00%
BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REVENUE	89,200	-	93,700	-	0.00%
BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES	89,200	-	93,700	-	0.00%
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING REVENUE	193,550	-	205,550	-	0.00%
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING EXPENDITURES	193,550	-	205,550	-	0.00%
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REVENUE	491,094	-	503,639	-	0.00%
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES	491,094	-	503,639	-	0.00%
EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS REVENUE	0	-	250	-	0%
EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS EXPENDENDITURES	0	-	250	-	0%
VETERANS RELIEF REVENUE	18,500	-	18,500	-	0.00%

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VETERANS RELIEF EXPENDITURES	18,500	-	18,500	-	0.00%
HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN REVENUE	0	-	25,000	-	0.00%
HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN EXPENDITURES	0	0	25,000	0	0.00%
COUNTY ROAD REVENUE	11,581,419	-	12,131,419	-	0.00%
COUNTY ROAD EXPENDITURES	11,581,419	-	12,131,419	-	0.00%
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVE (.08) REVENUE	311,717	-	846,717	-	0.00%
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVE (.08) EXPENDITURES	311,717	-	846,717	-	0.00%
ERGONOMICS REVENUE (New Fund)	5,000	-	5,000	-	0.00%
ERGONOMICS EXPENDITURES (New Fund)	5,000	-	5,000	-	0.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING REVENUE	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING EXPENDITURES	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
BULK PURCHASING-SOFTWARE REVENUE	15,000	4,000	19,000	4,000	26.67%
BULK PURCHASING-SOFTWARE EXPENDITURES	15,000	4,000	19,000	4,000	26.67%
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVENUE	31,000	-	31,000	-	0.00%
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX EXPENDITURES	31,000	-	31,000	-	0.00%
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES REVENUE		-	10,000	-	0.00%
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES EXPENDITURES		-	10,000	-	0.00%
BOATING SAFETY REVENUE	29,600	-	29,600	-	0.00%
BOATING SAFETY EXPENDITURES	29,600	-	29,600	-	0.00%
INMATE WELFARE REVENUE	42,000	-	42,000	-	0.00%
INMATE WELFARE EXPENDITURES	42,000	-	42,000	-	0.00%
EMERGENCY SERVICES REVENUE	103,000	-	270,484	-	0.00%
EMERGENCY SERVICE EXPENDITURES	103,000	-	270,484	-	0.00%
HISTORICAL PRESERV & PROGRAMS REVENUE	0	-	3,500	-	0.00%
HISTORICAL PRESERV & PROGRAMS EXPEND	0	-	3,500	-	0.00%
PATHS & TRAILS REVENUE	83,000	-	83,000	-	0.00%
PATHS & TRAILS EXPENDITURES	83,000	-	83,000	-	0.00%
CHIPMAN PATH REVENUE	106,000	-	106,000	-	0.00%
CHIPMAN PATH EXPENDITURES	106,000	-	106,000	-	0.00%
BCPT-SPECIAL DONATIONS REVENUE	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
BCPT-SPECIAL DONATIONS EXPENDITURES	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
REET TECHNOLOGY FUND REVENUE	0	-	2,600	-	0.00%
REET TECHNOLOGY FUND EXPENDITURES	0	-	2,600	-	0.00%
DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING REVENUE	8,710	-	8,710	-	0.00%
DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING EXPENDITURES	8,710	-	8,710	-	0.00%

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TREASURERS M & O REVENUE	17,873	-	17,873	-	0.00%
TREASURERS M & O EXPENDITURES	17,873	-	17,873	-	0.00%
DRUG ENFORCE/QUAD CITY REVENUE	218,950	-	228,950	-	0.00%
DRUG ENFORCE/QUAD CITY EXPENDITURES	218,950	-	228,950	-	0.00%
CRIME VICTIMS/WITNESSES REVENUE	37,521	-	37,521	-	0.00%
CRIME VICTIMS/WITNESSES EXPENDITURES	37,521	-	37,521	-	0.00%
HOUSE BILL 3900 REVENUE	21,499	-	21,499	-	0.00%
HOUSE BILL 3900 EXPENDITURES	21,499	-	21,499	-	0.00%
JUVENILE- CASA REVENUE	750	-	1,790	-	0.00%
JUVENILE- CASA EXPENDITURES	750	-	1,790	-	0.00%
INTER-LOCAL DRUG REVENUE	13,000	-	13,000	-	0.00%
INTER-LOCAL DRUG EXPENDITURES	13,000	-	13,000	-	0.00%
AUDITOR'S CENT. DOC. PRESERV. REVENUE	0	-	-	-	
AUDITOR'S CENT. DOC. PRESERV. EXPENDITURES	0	-	-	-	
DOCUMENT PRESERVATION REVENUE	47,000	-	47,000	-	0.00%
DOCUMENT PRESERVATION EXPENDITURES	47,000	-	47,000	-	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE	43,500	-	43,500	-	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE EXPEND	43,500	-	43,500	-	0.00%
JUVENILE JUSTICE REVENUE	62,000	-	62,000	-	0.00%
JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPENDITURES	62,000	-	62,000	-	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS RESERVE REVENUE	150,000	-	150,000	-	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS RESERVE EXPENDITURES	150,000	-	150,000	-	0.00%
ELECTIONS RESERVE REVENUE	18,750	-	18,750	-	0.00%
ELECTIONS RESERVE EXPENDITURES	18,750	-	18,750	-	0.00%
ELECTION RESERVE FUND-SPECIAL REVENUE	0	-	344,000	-	0.00%
ELECTION RESERVE FUND-SPECIAL EXPEND	0	-	344,000	-	0.00%
PROSECUTORS STOP GRANT REVENUE	28,394	-	28,394	-	0.00%
PROSECUTORS STOP GRANT EXPENDITURES	28,394	-	28,394	-	0.00%
ELECTRIC MONITORING REVENUE	6,210	-	6,210	-	0.00%
ELECTRIC MONITORING EXPENDITURES	6,210	-	6,210	-	0.00%
WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT REVENUE	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES	10,000	-	10,000	-	0.00%
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING REVENUE	150,000	-	150,000	-	0.00%
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING EXPENDITURES	150,000	-	150,000	-	0.00%
WASHINGTON HOUSING SHB 2060 REVENUE	48,000	17,000	65,000	17,000	35.42%
WASHINGTON HOUSING SHB 2060 EXPENDITURES	48,000	17,000	65,000	17,000	35.42%

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WHITCOM GENERAL OPERATIONS REVENUE	1,362,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES	1,362,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM WIRE LINE TAX REVENUE	839,658	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM WIRE LINE TAX EXPENDITURES	839,658	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM WIRE LESS TAX REVENUE	216,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM WIRE LESS TAX EXPENDITURES	216,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	775,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES	775,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE	510,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
WHITCOM CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURES	510,000	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
MARTIN HALL DEBT-REVENUE	46,469	-	45,396	-	0.00%
MARTIN HALL DEBT-EXPENDITURES	46,469	-	45,396	-	0.00%
LIMITED TAX GO BOND 2002 REVENUE	161,717	-	161,717	-	0.00%
LIMITED TAX GO BOND 2002 EXPENDITURES	161,717	-	161,717	-	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE-COMPUTER SYSTEMS REVENUE	0	0	0	-	#DIV/0!
DEBT SERVICE-COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPEND	0	0	0	-	#DIV/0!
CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL REVENUE	45,462	16,700	166,746	16,700	11.13%
CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL EXPENDITURES	45,462	16,700	166,746	16,700	11.13%
CP-ASSET ACQUISITION REVENUE	39,300	-	41,800	-	0.00%
CP-ASSET ACQUISITION EXPENDITURES	39,300	-	41,800	-	0.00%
CP-COMPUTERS REVENUES	40,000	-	200,000	-	0.00%
CP-COMPUTERS EXPENDITURES	40,000	-	200,000	-	0.00%
CP-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVENUE	50,000	16,700	58,700	16,700	39.76%
CP-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPEND	50,000	16,700	58,700	16,700	39.76%
CP-KLEMGARD PARK REVENUE	0	-	123,500	-	0.00%
CP-KLEMGARD PARK EXPENDITURES	0	-	123,500	-	0.00%
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION REVENUE	19,970	-	19,970	-	0.00%
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES	19,970	-	19,970	-	0.00%
CP-GO BOND 2002 REVENUE	257,700	-	292,700	-	0.00%
CP-GO BOND 2002 EXPENDITURES	257,700	-	292,700	-	0.00%
SOLID WASTE REVENUE	2,268,318	-	2,638,318	-	0.00%
SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES	2,268,318	-	2,638,318	-	0.00%
SOLID WASTE RESERVE REVENUE	92,000	-	92,000	-	0.00%
SOLID WASTE RESERVE EXPENDITURES	92,000	-	92,000	-	0.00%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING REVENUE	3,919,763	-	4,459,763	-	0.00%

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EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING EXPEND	3,919,763	-	4,459,763	-	0.00%
PHOTOCOPIER REVOLVING FUND REVENUE	57,945	-	57,945	-	0.00%
PHOTOCOPIER REVOLVING FUND EXPENDITURES	57,945	-	57,945	-	0.00%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REVOLV REVENUE	35,000	-	35,000	-	0.00%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REVOLV EXPEND	35,000	-	35,000	-	0.00%
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING FUND REVENUE	130,258	-	130,258	-	0.00%
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING FUND EXPEND	130,258	-	130,258	-	0.00%
WHITCOM GENERAL OPERATIONS REVENUE	0	-	1,362,000	-	0.00%
WHITCOM GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES	0	-	1,362,000	-	0.00%
WHITCOM 911 TAX/GRANT FUND REVENUE	0	-	1,830,658	-	0.00%
WHITCOM 911 TAX/GRANT FUND EXPENDITURES	0	-	1,830,658	-	0.00%
WHITCOM CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE	0	0	1,343,453	-	0.00%
WHITCOM CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURES	0	0	1,343,453	-	0.00%
ERNIE DIPPEL MEMORIAL FUND REVENUE	3,608	-	3,608	-	0.00%
ERNIE DIPPEL MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES	3,608	-	3,608	-	0.00%
ZAIDEE PARVIN MEMORIAL FUND REVENUE	10,562	-	10,562	-	0.00%
ZAIDEE PARVIN MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES	10,562	-	10,562	-	0.00%
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR BUILDING REVENUE	1,771	-	1,771	-	0.00%
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR BUILDING EXPENDITURES	1,771	-	1,771	-	0.00%
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SERVICES REVENUE	113,318	25,000	170,000	25,000	17.24%
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SERVICES EXPEND	113,318	25,000	170,000	25,000	17.24%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OTHER FUNDS	25,048,056	79,400	30,653,021	79,400	0.26%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES CURRENT EXPENSE	9,957,712	33,402	10,158,022	33,402	0.33%
TOTAL WHITMAN COUNTY EXPENDITURES	35,005,768	112,802	40,811,043	112,802	0.28%
TOTAL REVENUE OTHER FUNDS	25,048,056	79,400	30,527,021	79,400	0.26%
TOTAL REVENUE CURRENT EXPENSE	9,957,712	33,402	10,158,022	33,402	0.33%
TOTAL WHITMAN COUNTY REVENUE	35,005,768	112,802	39,155,043	112,802	0.29%

10:30 a.m. - 2006 Preliminary Budget.

Present: Sharron Cunningham, Bev Welch, Kelli Campbell, Tim Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Joe Reynolds, Janet Schmidt, Evan Ellis and Thinh Nguyen.

064865 1. Sharron Cunningham once again thanked the elected/appointed officials.

Current Expense revenues currently exceed expenditures by \$97,759.

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Perceived amendments in 2006 include labor negotiations and debt service for the Assessor/Treasurer new accounting system.

Sales tax increased 51.06% over 2005.

Interest earnings increased 68.48% over 2005.

Increased costs in 2006 are due to medical insurance-10%, retirement-2.12% beginning July 1, utilities, gasoline and other operating costs.

In mid 2005, the Fair/Fairground was separated from the Parks Department.

In 2006, Emergency Management will have its own non-current expense fund.

Current Expense Revenues/Expenditures	\$10,355,450 - 3.69% increase
Other Revenues/Expenditures	<u>\$26,825,652</u> - 14.74% increase
Final 2006 Whitman County budget	\$37,181,102

Commissioner Finch thanked the elected/appointed officials for presenting a good budget, the uptake in our economy that has brought our revenues up and to our citizens for approving the sales tax increase.

Commissioner Wigen reiterated his appreciation to Sharron Cunningham.

Commissioner Partch said a top priority will be to rebuild the county's reserve.

Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the 2006 Whitman County preliminary budget as presented.

**Resolution No. 064865
Adopting the 2006 Budget for Whitman County, Washington**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on Monday, December 5th and 12th, 2005, and held the budget hearings for the Budget for fiscal year 2006 for the County Current Expense Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, annually appropriated Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds, as detailed below; and,

WHEREAS, any and all taxpayers appearing at the hearing to be heard for or against any part of the budget have been given the opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total of all revenues from all sources other than taxation will require the maximum taxes allowable by law be levied on property within Whitman County, for the County Current Expense Fund, Developmental Services Fund, and County Road Fund; and the minimum tax allowable by law for the Indigent Soldier Fund; and,

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WHEREAS, the final taxable evaluations for Current Expense are \$2,002,867,360; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures set forth in this budget being necessary to carry on the operations of the government of Whitman County, State of Washington, for fiscal year 2006, and being sufficient to meet the various needs of Whitman County during said fiscal period; and,

WHEREAS, the final budgets for the various departments of the County Current Expense fund and the various Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, annually appropriated Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Services Funds of Whitman County are listed as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE that the final budgeted expenditures for the several offices, departments, and funds of said Whitman County fiscal year 2006, will be set forth as attached and the amounts are appropriated for the indicated funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Whitman County Assessor shall set the levies for the County Current Expense Fund, Developmental Services Fund, and County Roads Fund at the maximum amount allowed by law, and the Indigent Soldier Fund at the minimum allowed by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 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

Fund	2005 Budget	2006 Budget	Inc/Dec	% of Change
SUBTOTAL NEW REVENUE	9,684,789	10,453,209	768,420	7.93%
CURRENT EXPENSE REVENUE	9,987,387	10,355,450	368,063	3.69%
COMMISSIONERS	1,491,786	1,572,530	80,744	5.41%
ADMINISTRATOR	87,382	88,606	1,224	1.40%
HUMAN RESOURCES	104,006	105,472	1,466	1.41%

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SUPERIOR COURT	304,304	298,578	(5,726)	-1.88%
DISTRICT COURT	709,196	728,156	18,960	2.67%
CLERK	156,119	161,702	5,583	3.58%
TREASURER	245,650	250,761	5,111	2.08%
AUDITOR	553,056	550,514	(2,542)	-0.46%
ASSESSOR	320,811	330,332	9,521	2.97%
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	437,032	444,749	7,717	1.77%
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	99,578.00	105,645	6,067	6.09%
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	373,169	392,849	19,680	5.27%
SHERIFF	2,288,105	2,458,686	170,581	7.46%
JUVENILE SERVICES	551,049	558,891	7,842	1.42%
WEED	79,838	71,620	(8,218)	-10.29%
CORONER	64,419	61,152	(3,267)	-5.07%
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	101,476	101,992	516	0.51%
EMERGENCY SERVICES	0	111,265	111,265	#DIV/0!
PUBLIC HEALTH	1,291,375	1,279,580	(11,795)	-0.91%
FAIR/FAIRGROUNDS	168,441	217,800	49,359	29.30%
PARKS & RECREATION	266,785	205,503	(61,282)	-22.97%
INFORMATION SERVICES	293,810	259,067	(34,743)	-11.82%
CURRENT EXPENSE EXPENDITURES	9,987,387	10,355,450	368,063	3.69%
SELF INSURANCE REVENUE	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
SELF INSURANCE EXPENDITURES	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REVENUE	93,700	95,150	1,450	1.55%
BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES	93,700	95,150	1,450	1.55%
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING REVENUE	205,550	218,000	12,450	6.06%
COUNTYWIDE PLANNING EXPENDITURES	205,550	218,000	12,450	6.06%
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REVENUE	491,094	507,311	16,217	3.30%
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES	491,094	507,311	16,217	3.30%
EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS REVENUE	0	800	800	#DIV/0!
EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS EXPENDITURES	0	800	800	#DIV/0!
VETERANS RELIEF REVENUE	18,500	21,000	2,500	13.51%

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VETERANS RELIEF EXPENDITURES	18,500	21,000	2,500	13.51%
HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN REVENUE	0	57,800	57,800	#DIV/0!
HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN EXPENDITURES	0	57,800	57,800	#DIV/0!
COUNTY ROAD REVENUE	12,131,419	13,122,658	991,239	8.17%
COUNTY ROAD EXPENDITURES	12,131,419	13,122,658	991,239	8.17%
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT (.08) REVENUE	346,717	450,000	103,283	29.79%
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT (.08) EXPENDITURES	346,717	450,000	103,283	29.79%
ERGONOMICS REVENUE (Old Fund)	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
ERGONOMICS EXPENDITURES (Old Fund)	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
ERGONOMICS REVENUE	5,000	2,000	(3,000)	-60.00%
ERGONOMICS EXPENDITURES	5,000	2,000	(3,000)	-60.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING REVENUE	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING PAPER EXPENDITURES	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING-SOFTWARE REVENUE	15,000	10,500	(4,500)	-30.00%
COUNTY BULK PURCHASING-SOFTWARE EXPENDITURES	15,000	10,500	(4,500)	-30.00%
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVENUE- NEW	0	21,849	21,849	#DIV/0!
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX EXPENDITURES- NEW FUND #	0	21,849	21,849	#DIV/0!
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVENUE-OLD	31,000	0	(31,000)	100.00%
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX EXPENDITURES- OLD FUND	31,000	0	(31,000)	100.00%
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES REVENUE	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
BOATING SAFETY REVENUE	29,600	38,024	8,424	28.46%
BOATING SAFETY EXPENDITURES	29,600	38,024	8,424	28.46%
INMATE WELFARE REVENUE	42,000	42,000	0	0.00%
INMATE WELFARE EXPENDITURES	42,000	42,000	0	0.00%
EMERGENCY SERVICES REVENUE - MOVED TO CE	109,913	0	(109,913)	100.00%
EMERGENCY SERVICE EXPENDITURES	109,913	0	(109,913)	100.00%
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION/PROGRAMS REVENUE	0	11,730	11,730	#DIV/0!
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION/PROGRAMS EXPENDITURES	0	11,730	11,730	#DIV/0!
PATHS & TRAILS REVENUE	83,000	89,981	6,981	8.41%
PATHS & TRAILS EXPENDITURES	83,000	89,981	6,981	8.41%
CHIPMAN PATH REVENUE	106,000	113,860	7,860	7.42%
CHIPMAN PATH EXPENDITURES	106,000	113,860	7,860	7.42%
BCPT-SPECIAL DONATIONS REVENUE	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
BCPT-SPECIAL DONATIONS EXPENDITURES	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
REET TECHNOLOGY FUND REVENUE	12,100	43,300	31,200	257.85%
REET TECHNOLOGY FUND EXPENDITURES	12,100	43,300	31,200	257.85%

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DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING REVENUE	8,710	45,866	37,156	426.59%
DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING EXPENDITURES	8,710	45,866	37,156	426.59%
TREASURERS M & O REVENUE	17,873	39,132	21,259	118.94%
TREASURERS M & O EXPENDITURES	17,873	39,132	21,259	118.94%
DRUG ENFORCE/QUAD CITY REVENUE	218,950	222,887	3,937	1.80%
DRUG ENFORCE/QUAD CITY EXPENDITURES	218,950	222,887	3,937	1.80%
CRIME VICTIMS/WITNESSES REVENUE	37,521	36,500	(1,021)	-2.72%
CRIME VICTIMS/WITNESSES EXPENDITURES	37,521	36,500	(1,021)	-2.72%
HOUSE BILL 3900 REVENUE	21,499	20,981	(518)	-2.41%
HOUSE BILL 3900 EXPENDITURES	21,499	20,981	(518)	-2.41%
JUVENILE- CASA REVENUE	1,790	1,200	(590)	-32.96%
JUVENILE- CASA EXPENDITURES	1,790	1,200	(590)	-32.96%
INTER-LOCAL DRUG REVENUE	13,000	16,100	3,100	23.85%
INTER-LOCAL DRUG EXPENDITURES	13,000	16,100	3,100	23.85%
DOCUMENT PRESERVATION REVENUE	47,000	172,520	125,520	267.06%
DOCUMENT PRESERVATION EXPENDITURES	47,000	172,520	125,520	267.06%
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE	43,500	43,500	0	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES	43,500	43,500	0	0.00%
JUVENILE JUSTICE REVENUE	62,000	62,000	0	0.00%
JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPENDITURES	62,000	62,000	0	0.00%
COMMISSIONERS RESERVE REVENUE	150,000	350,000	200,000	133.33%
COMMISSIONERS RESERVE EXPENDITURES	150,000	350,000	200,000	133.33%
ELECTIONS RESERVE REVENUE	18,750	17,000	(1,750)	-9.33%
ELECTIONS RESERVE EXPENDITURES	18,750	17,000	(1,750)	-9.33%
SPECIAL ELECTIONS PROJECT REVENUE	344,000	344,000	0	0.00%
SPECIAL ELECTIONS PROJECT EXPENDITURES	344,000	344,000	0	0.00%
PROSECUTORS STOP GRANT REVENUE	28,394	30,000	1,606	5.66%
PROSECUTORS STOP GRANT EXPENDITURES	28,394	30,000	1,606	5.66%
ELECTRIC MONITORING REVENUE	6,210	4,000	(2,210)	-35.59%
ELECTRIC MONITORING EXPENDITURES	6,210	4,000	(2,210)	-35.59%
WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT REVENUE	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING REVENUE	150,000	152,800	2,800	1.87%
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING EXPENDITURES	150,000	152,800	2,800	1.87%
WASHINGTON HOUSING SHB 2060 REVENUE	48,000	65,000	17,000	35.42%
WASHINGTON HOUSING SHB 2060 EXPENDITURES	48,000	65,000	17,000	35.42%
MARTIN HALL DEBT-REVENUE	46,469	44,139	(2,330)	-5.01%
MARTIN HALL DEBT-EXPENDITURES	46,469	44,139	(2,330)	-5.01%

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LIMITED TAX GO BOND 2002 REVENUE	161,717	163,418	1,701	1.05%
LIMITED TAX GO BOND 2002 EXPENDITURES	161,717	163,418	1,701	1.05%
DEBT SERVICE-COMPUTER SYSTEMS REVENUE	0	123,797	123,797	#DIV/0!
DEBT SERVICE-COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPENDITURES	0	123,797	123,797	#DIV/0!
HARRISON BUILDING DEBT-REVENUE	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
HARRISON BUILDING DEBT EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL REVENUE	45,462	250,000	204,538	449.91%
CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL EXPENDITURES	45,462	250,000	204,538	449.91%
CP-ASSET ACQUISITION REVENUE	41,800	41,800	0	0.00%
CP-ASSET ACQUISITION EXPENDITURES	41,800	41,800	0	0.00%
CP-COMPUTER SYSTEMS REVENUES	169,200	558,300	389,100	229.96%
CP-COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPENDITURES	169,200	558,300	389,100	229.96%
CP-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVENUE	42,000	100,000	58,000	138.10%
CP-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPENDITURES	42,000	100,000	58,000	138.10%
CAP PROJ-KLEMGARD PARK REVENUE	0	123,500	123,500	#DIV/0!
CAP PROJ-KLEMGARD PARK EXPENDITURES	0	123,500	123,500	#DIV/0!
CP-AIRPORT REVENUE	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
CP-AIRPORT EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION REVENUE-OLD	19,970	0	(19,970)	-100.00%
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES-OLD FUND	19,970	0	(19,970)	100.00%
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION REVENUE-NEW	0	20,802	20,802	#DIV/0!
CP-MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES-NEW	0	20,802	20,802	#DIV/0!
CP-GO BOND 2002 REVENUE	292,700	246,000	(46,700)	-15.95%
CP-GO BOND 2002 EXPENDITURES	292,700	246,000	(46,700)	-15.95%
SOLID WASTE REVENUE	2,638,318	2,914,136	275,818	10.45%
SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES	2,638,318	2,914,136	275,818	10.45%
SOLID WASTE RESERVE REVENUE	92,000	80,000	(12,000)	-13.04%
SOLID WASTE RESERVE EXPENDITURES	92,000	80,000	(12,000)	-13.04%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING REVENUE	4,459,763	5,142,720	682,957	15.31%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & REVOLVING EXPENDITURES	4,459,763	5,142,720	682,957	15.31%
PHOTOCOPIER REVOLVING REVENUE	57,945	73,993	16,048	27.70%
PHOTOCOPIER REVOLVING EXPENDITURES	57,945	73,993	16,048	27.70%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REVOLVING REVENUE	35,000	37,000	2,000	5.71%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REVOLVING EXPENDITURES	35,000	37,000	2,000	5.71%
INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE REVOLVING REVENUE	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
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COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING REVENUE	130,258	170,044	39,786	30.54%

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COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING EXPENDITURES	130,258	170,044	39,786	30.54%
ERNIE DIPPEL MEMORIAL FUND REVENUE	3,608	3,660	52	1.44%
ERNIE DIPPEL MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES	3,608	3,660	52	1.44%
ZAIDEE PARVIN MEMORIAL FUND REVENUE	10,562	11,058	496	4.70%
ZAIDEE PARVIN MEMORIAL FUND EXPENDITURES	10,562	11,058	496	4.70%
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR BUILDING REVENUE	1,771	1,836	65	3.67%
PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR BUILDING EXPENDITURES	1,771	1,836	65	3.67%
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SERVICES REVENUE	113,318	170,000	56,682	50.02%
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CURRENT EXPENSE REVENUE	9,987,387	10,355,450	368,063	3.69%
OTHER REVENUE	23,379,651	26,825,652	3,446,001	14.74%
TOTAL REVENUE	33,367,038	37,181,102	3,814,064	11.43%
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	33,367,038	37,181,102	3,814,064	11.43%

064866 **2.** Assessor Joe Reynolds read the proposed 2006 tax levy resolution. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Wigen **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 064666

In the Matter of Setting the 2006 Taxes for Whitman County

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington, met on Monday, December 5th and 12th, 2005, and held the budget hearing for the Budget for fiscal year 2006, for the County Current Expense Fund, Special Revenue Funds, annually appropriated Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Internal Service Funds and,

WHEREAS, any and all taxpayers appearing at the hearing to be heard for or against any part of the budget have been given the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial need due to the elimination of Criminal Justice Funding from the State of Washington because of the passage of Initiative 695, and

WHEREAS, Whitman County ranks 5th in the State of Washington with 1914 miles of County Roads with continued need of construction, maintenance and repair, and

WHEREAS, the Current Expense Fund Budget revenue is estimated to exceed expenditures by approximately \$97,759 at the time of budget adoption, and

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WHEREAS, the County Commissioners, with the help of Department Heads, reduced the Current Expense Preliminary Fund Budget requests or had an increase in revenue from several sources, the difference totaling approximately \$815,759, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Whitman County that with a one percent increase over the previous year's tax levy of \$34,273.14 which translates to a decrease in the levy rate computation from 1.78% to 1.77%/\$1,000, increases in new construction and improvements to property of 77,153, and no increase in the value of state-assessed property, \$3,538,740 is hereby authorized for 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Whitman County that with an increase in the regular property tax levy of one percent or \$17,603.40, increases of new construction and improvements to property, and no increase in the value of state-assessed property, \$1,788,392 is hereby authorized for 2006 for the County Road Fund.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 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

11:00 a.m. - Kathy Lemon, Revenue Officer.

Present: Bob Lothspeich, Don Nelson and Thinkh Nguyen.

064867 Ms. Lemon distributed copies of a petition for resale of tax title property submitted by Tom Kammerzell for the Wilcox Rock Quarry. Public Works is in agreement to sell this property. They do request a 60' right-of-way be included that would always be retained by the county. Parcels A, B, C, and D will be sold as one item. The dirt fill would be sold along with the property.

The Assessor has set a value of \$2,400, which Mr. Kammerzell feels is an unusually high amount for this site. It doesn't qualify as a building site, cannot be farmed and non-commercial. Kathy Lemon read a letter from Mr.

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Kammerzell guaranteeing a minimum bid of \$1,001 on the day of the sale and noting the \$300-\$400 cost for advertising the sale.

Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the petition as presented.

11:20 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Bev Welch, Joe Reynolds, Eunice Coker, Janet Schmidt, Kelli Campbell, Tim Myers, Bob Lothspeich, Peggy Wright, Bob Reynolds and Thinkh Nguyen.

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

064868 The November 2005 ending financial report provided by Ms. Cunningham.

November 2005 Cash Balance - \$1,607,275

November 2004 Cash Balance - \$1,599,953

November 2005 Revenue - \$10,158,022 - 87.54% of budget.

November 2004 Revenue - \$ 8,316,508 - 91.69% of budget.

November 2005 Expenditures \$8,658,859 - 85.24% of budget.

November 2004 Expenditures \$8,459,256 - 84.73% of budget.

2:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

064869 24. A letter was received from a group of taxpayers, agribusiness owners and landowners concerning the proposed Rural Residential ordinance.

064870 25. A petition was also received concerning the proposed Rural Residential ordinance.

12:00 p.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - Dennis Roe and Kimberly Morris, Whitman Conservation District (WCD).

Present: Thinkh Nguyen.

064871 Kimberly Morris said Whitman Conservation District received a Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) grant to try to bring an oilseed crusher into the region. The district will work with 5 oilseed

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producers in the area on rotation and different precipitation zones to gather information. Some of the objectives are:

- Determining different oilseed varieties for the area,
- Documenting the oilseed crop growing conditions,
- Crushing the oilseed,
- Helping to market the two bi-products, oil and meal,
- District outreach programs, tours, workshop, meeting, articles, etc.

Part of this grant includes purchasing a small oilseed crusher to be put on a trailer for portability for the outreach programs and for use working with the producers.

The grant only provides for 25% of equipment expenses, therefore the District is looking for an additional 75% or \$15,000 cash match. The crusher with the trailer is estimated at \$20,000.

The District is continuously supporting the oilseed initiatives, they are available for the producers, and they look at this as a great opportunity to obtain information about oilseed crops, to assist producers in learning how to grow oilseeds and adding value marketing to the crop.

Dennis Roe shared a picture of a crusher they are considering. It will handle 100 pounds/hour or one ton per day. For five farms up to 20 acres each equate to 100 acres worth of canola oil or mustard seed to crush into oil and meal. The crusher weighs 400 pounds and is made in Germany. There are other models elsewhere around the world but this particular model comes recommended by the University of Idaho engineers because of its quality.

This is to demonstrate to five farmers and hopefully their neighbors what the meal looks like, how the oil is produced, how much oil can be produced per acre of canola or mustard and then learn about the markets.

Canola meal is very popular as a livestock feed. Don Connelly with McGregor Land and Livestock Company at Hooper said he would be willing to purchase 200 tons in an instant. They are currently using imported protein supplements for their barley and this would provide a locally grown source.

In addition to the meal, there are places where the oil can be marketed. Biodiesel is the commonly known use. It can also be sold as biological engine lubricants, pharmaceutical markets and vegetable-oil markets in the grocery stores.

Last year, through the economic research service of USDA, it showed from 2-7 cents/pound premium for the meal and oil sold separately for markets across the country compared to just canola meal year by year.

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This would help the farmers with an alternative rotational crop and to have a greater return from the individual products or value added products compared to just selling commodity seed.

Mr. Roe said the District thinks this is good for Whitman County and eventually will help generate more dollars in the community. We have heard a lot about the possibility of large size oilseed crushing/biodiesel facilities. That hasn't happened. They find when talking with farmers there is more interest in these farm size small crushers than there is in investing a similar amount of money in a large facility that the growers are not sure they will ever see a return.

The District sees this as a step to help some farmers learn about the oilseed processing and ultimately, in the long term, there will need to be larger facilities, but this will help some farmers learn and be ready if there is a larger facility built someday.

Chairman Partch stated a meeting was held last week bringing together all the people who participated in a previous meeting when a proposal to the federal government appropriations committee for \$11 million in funding to construct a plant was developed. Since they were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant, they needed to talk about "where do they go from here". The county did contribute \$5,000 in 2001 to the District for the oilseed study.

1:45 p.m. - Michelle Dupler.

There has been a real interest from the cooperatives, mainly Whitman County Growers who would like to be involved. This would take large storage capacity and is aimed at the same farmers they currently deal with.

According to Dennis Roe, the 2001 study was published on the Cooperative Extension website in 2002. It has had more website hits than any other publication in the last 10 years. Commissioner Partch noted Steve VanVleet of Extension is hosting a biodiesel legislative meeting January 3rd.

Mr. Roe noted the five initial farmers who signed on are located in the Lacrosse, Wilcox, Colfax and Rosalia areas. Asa Clark has an elevator in Steptoe that these farmers can haul and store their product.

It is hoped 100 farmers will become involved in the future. The University of Idaho and Oregon State University are heavily involved and Washington State University is coming on board.

Commissioner Finch wondered if there was any money available through the legislature and Mr. Roe replied he was not aware of any legislation that would assist a small group like this. There are several federal tax incentives and at the state level there are encouragements for school districts buses to use biodiesel.

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Commissioner Partch commented that Representative Hons Dunshee, Chairman for the Capital budget in Olympia attended the Spokane Chamber of Commerce legislative meeting. He was very much interested in this program and wondered if there were enough acres. All studies point to Whitman County as being the hub for oilseed products because the Snake River is an asset for transportation.

Mr. Roe said there is a company that makes biodiesel in the south end of the Seattle harbor that could be supplied by barges from the Snake River. To ship the finished product by water is 10% of the cost of rail or truck.

The commissioners thanked the District representatives for their presentation and will visit with their Administrative Services Director concerning a possible cash match.

2:10 p.m. - Board Business Continued/BOCC Workshop.

Present: Kelli Campbell (2:10 p.m.) and Bob Reynolds, Sharron Cunningham and Fran Martin (4:00 p.m.).

D064871A 26. Items discussed included non-represented employees salary schedule shift, Fair/Fairgrounds issues and CETC. No action taken.

5:00 p.m. - Recess.

6:00 p.m. - Board Business Continued.

Present: Commissioners from the Quad Counties.

D064871B 27. Items of joint interest/concern discussed. No action taken.

8:00 p.m. - Recess.

D064871C THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **December 20, 2005** at **1:00 p.m.** G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Les Wigen, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended. Commissioner Partch was not in attendance.

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order/Board of Health.

Present: Fran Martin, John Skyles, Michael Baker and Tammy Cochran.

064872 1. The Director said the County Prosecutor has assisted Public Health in interpreting their responsibilities with respect to the tobacco initiative. It is the Prosecutor's opinion that Public Health's role deals with the owners, buildings and those that operate an establishment. Law enforcement's role would deal with individuals. Given that interpretation,

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Policy/Procedures regarding presumptively reasonable distance pertaining to the new tobacco law were developed. If a complaint is received, Public Health will send up to three letters to the establishment not in compliance. The last step is to refer the establishment to the city attorney for a motion of injunction at which time a civil fine of up to \$100/day would be assessed until the establishment is in compliance.

The initiative also allows the Director of Health to examine and grant variances to the 25-foot rule. The burden of proof is on the individual(s) requesting the variance. The requester must have reasonable minimum circumstances or a circumstance that would warrant a variance. Ms. Marin said criteria were also developed to handle these types of requests at a fee of \$75/variance request.

Ms. Martin said until the Board instructs her differently, this will be the process Public Health follows concerning this initiative.

After much discussion, the commissioners tabled the proposed fee issues until the January meeting.

D064872A 2. John Skyles pointed out that the on-site sewage program activities are on-going. Cluster development has slowed down due to the weather.

D064872B 3. Environmental Health dealt with a rash of dog bites over the past couple weeks.

D064872C 4. Ms. Martin indicated Public Health is now referring people to Whitman Medical for flu shots because they still have vaccine left. Public Health has given 1297/1300 shots.

D064872D 5. The department continues to follow up on an active Tuberculosis case.

D064872E 6. Public Health is working with limited staff due to employees' holiday schedules. There will be at one least an environmental health specialist, one nurse, one clerical staff and one financial person to ensure all divisions are covered.

064873 7. Ms. Martin met yesterday with the Columbia County Commissioners and presented the 2006 interlocal agreement for administrative, fiscal and environmental services. Whitman County would be reimbursed \$3,257/month based on 15% for the administrator, 40% for an environmental tech, 20% for an environmental health specialist and 25% of the Public Health Physician's cellular/satellite phone, pager, meeting and educational costs for \$35,000/year.

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Commissioner Wigen **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to authorize the Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement between Whitman County and Columbia County for Public Health services.

1:30 p.m. - Kelli Campbell.

D064873A 8. Kelli visited about the request for the registered dietician critical/essential status from the Board went to the Classification Committee for consideration. The committee recommends denying the critical/essential status because they would rather see the position contracted than alter the classification system. It is now up to the Board to determine if the position should be deemed critical/essential.

Ms. Martin said this position has been advertised for months and not one application has been received. It appears there is a shortage of registered dieticians in the state. Therefore, contracting for this service seems the most logical method because she could just contract for the hours needed.

Ms. Campbell pointed out if the Board approves the critical/essential status it would be quicker time-wise, but if they prefer to contract the position, that will take more time because it must be negotiated with the union.

The Board will render a decision on this issue December 27th.

D064873B 9. The next Board of Health meeting is January 17, 2006.

1:40 p.m. - **Adjournment.**

D064873C Commissioner Finch **moved** to adjourn the **December 19 and 20, 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 27, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **20th** day of **December 2005**.

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

MARIBETH BECKER, CMC
Clerk of the Board

GREG PARTCH, CHAIRMAN
Board of County Commissioners