

## Minutes for December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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**063243 THE BOARD OF WHITMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in their Chambers in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington for **December 27, 2004** at **9:00 a.m.** Les Wigen, Chairman, G.R. "Jerry" Finch and Greg Partch, Commissioners and Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board attended.

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

Present: Sharron Cunningham.

**063244 1.** Items discussed included .08 fund transfer, committee assignments and "Pondering the Palouse". No action taken.

**9:20 a.m. - Recess.**

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

Present: Tammy Lewis and Megan Doyle.

**D063244A 2. Motion** by Commissioner Finch to approve the consent agenda. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Partch and **carried**.

**063245 3.** Claims/Payroll warrants numbered **171705-171860** for **\$532,924.12** approved.

FUND	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
001	Current Expense	54,011.45
102	Building & Development	112.36
103	Countywide Planning	4.18
104	Developmental Services	37,868.62
110	County Roads	2,405.30
118	Inmate Welfare	795.37
119	Emergency Services	2,207.69
127	Drug Enforcement	3,257.97
134	Elections Reserve Fund	1,508.94
142	Whitcom-911	194,179.56
400	Solid Waste	91,476.09
501	Equipment Rental & Revolving	2,662.87
690	Clearing & Suspense	142,105.39

**063246 4.** December 20, 2004 minutes approved.

**063247-063250A 5.** Personnel board orders approved.

063251 6. Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to appoint Mary Collins to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission representing Commissioner District III. Ms. Collins term will expire January 3, 2009.

063252 7. Commissioner Partch **moved**, Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve an interfund loan of \$30,000 for Fire District #4.

**RESOLUTION NO. 063252**

**Before the Board of Whitman County Commissioners**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Whitman County Commissioners met in regular session on the 27th day of December 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the Whitman County Fire District #4 is authorized by R.C.W. 36.69.350 and has requested an interfund loan to be used for monthly operating expenses beginning January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, this request complies with R.C.W.'s 39.69.010; 39.69.020; 39.69.030; and 39.36.020 regarding loan agreements and debt limitations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the interfund loan will be repaid in one payment on March 31, 2005 at an interest rate of 1.91%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS ORDERED** that an interfund loan of \$30,000.00 be loaned to Whitman County's Fire District #4 from the Whitman County Current Expense Fund, to be repaid as stated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of December 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Les Wigen, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

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G. R. Finch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Maribeth Becker, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

063253 8. Commissioner Finch **moved** Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion to sign a resolution rescinding the use of the IRS mileage rate

reimbursement and setting the reimbursement at \$.375 per mile for 2005. This action is taken as a cost-saving measure. Motion **carried**.

**RESOLUTION NO. 063253**  
**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington recognizes the need to take cost-cutting measures whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Whitman County, State of Washington recognizes the need to rescind the previous resolution setting the mileage rate reimbursement to align with the Internal Revenue Service's mileage rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe that the mileage rate should be fixed at 37.5 cents per mile.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that Whitman County will reimburse mileage at a fixed rate of 37.5 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2005.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of December 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Les Wigen, Chairman

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Greg Partch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

**9. Motion** by Commissioner Partch **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried** to sign delegation of purchase orders, claims and payroll responsibilities authorization forms for the following departments:

- 063254** Administrative Services, Commissioners, Human Resources
- 063255** Assessor
- 063256** Auditor
- 063257** Clerk

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063258 Cooperative Extension  
063259 Coroner  
063260 Developmental Services  
063261 District Court  
063262 Information Services  
063263 Juvenile Court Services  
063264 LEOFF I Board  
063265 Parks, Fair and Facilities Management  
063266 Prosecuting Attorney  
063267 Public Health and Emergency Management  
063268 Public Works  
063269 Sheriff  
063270 Superior Court  
063271 Telephone Invoices  
063272 Treasurer  
063273 Web Site Development  
063274 Weed Board  
063275 Whitcom

063276 10. Notice of the proposed preliminary plat and planned residential development to be known as "Whispering Hills" subdivision was received from the City of Pullman.

063277 11. An executed copy of DSHS contract #0463-58788 for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant was received.

063278 12. An executed copy of the District Court Indigent Defense contract with Snyder & Martonick was received.

D063278A 13. Commissioners' pending list reviewed.

10:30 a.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Mark Storey, Mark Bordsen, Alan Thompson, Megan Doyle and Tammy Lewis.

**Action Items:**

063279 1. The proposed zone change for James Thorsten was before the Board for their decision.

063280 Commissioner Finch **moved**, Commissioner Partch **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Zoning Map change for James Thorsten, rezoning 23.365 acres from the Agricultural District to Cluster Residential District.

**ORDINANCE NO. 063280**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHITMAN COUNTY ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.**

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, it having been determined by the Board after hearing the Recommendations and Findings of Fact of the Whitman County Planning Commission that these should be accepted and this action is consistent with the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.

Change the zoning of the Thorsten 22.365 acres from the Agricultural District to Cluster Residential District as may be allowed by the Whitman County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19.04. The site of this proposed rezone is located on Sunshine Road east of Pullman, approximately 1 mile south of the intersection between SR 270 and Sunshine Road, in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 2 and the NE ¼ of Section 11, Township 14 N., Range 45 E.W.M., Whitman County, Washington.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Whitman County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Les Wigen, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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G.R. Finch, Commissioner

**Engineering Division:**

**D063280A 2.** Staff continues design work for 2005 projects.

**Financial Division:**

**D063280B 3.** Public Works Financial Division is busy completing the required federal, state and county reports for 2004.

**Maintenance Division:**

**063281 4.** Quotes for 2005 grader blades sought and awarded to Western States Equipment for \$16,645 without tax.

**D063281A 5.** Crews are grading and ditching where possible.

**D063281B 6.** The bridge crew has approximately 50% of the bridges left to inspect.

**D063281C 7.** Many staffers are off in varying degrees.

11:10 a.m. - Recess.

1:30 p.m. - District Court Judge Doug Robinson.

Present: Sherry Partch; Donna Finch; Tricia, David and Adam Blehm; Tom, Melissa, Eric, Evan and Owen Beavolt; Joannie, Bert and Jenny Frazier; Don Schmick; Kaye Engel; Sharron Cunningham; Susan Nelson, Kelli Campbell, Megan Doyle and Tammy Lewis.

Judge Robinson administered the oaths of office for:  
063282 G.R. "Jerry" Finch, County Commissioner District II,  
063283 Superior Court Judge David Frazier, Position I and  
063284 Greg Partch, County Commissioner District I.

All terms are for 4 years beginning January 1, 2005 and expire December 31, 2008.

1:35 p.m. - Recess.

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

Present: Dane Dunford and Phil Meyer (2:15 p.m.) and Bev Welch (2:30 p.m.).

D063284A 14. Items discussed included Public Works and Information Services related issues. No action taken.

D063285B 15. Commissioner Partch **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.

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

D063284C Commissioner Partch **moved** to adjourn the **December 27, 2004** meeting. Motion **seconded** by Commissioner Finch and **carried**. The Board will meet in regular session, in their Chambers', in the Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington, on **January 3, 2005**. The foregoing action made this **27th** day of **December 2004**.

ss/ G.R. FINCH, Commissioner  
ss/ GREG PARTCH, Commissioner

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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LES WIGEN, CHAIRMAN  
Board of County Commissioners