

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 47
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for May 23, 2006

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date in continued session from May 22, 2006. Present for the meeting were Neva J. Corkrum, Chairman; and Frank H. Brock, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Bob Koch, Chair Pro Tem, was absent to attend the Sustainable Rural Enterprises Ag Conference in Ritzville.

The Board met in the Commissioners Chambers of the newly remodeled Courthouse for the first time.

U.S. COMMUNITIES PURCHASING PROGRAM

Peter Foley met with the Board. He described the U.S. Communities Purchasing Program. He answered questions from the Board and Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Brock asked would we buy from you or from a distributor? Mr. Foley said the companies will deal with you on a local basis, depending on what type of product. The transaction is directly with suppliers, not with ourselves.

Mr. Foley explained how the competitive bid process is handled.

Mr. Bowen asked how the competitive bid crosses state borders. Mr. Foley said there is a copy of the RCW on our web site that allows it.

The program is nonbinding, non-exclusive, and there are no fees to use it. You can use it for buying one pen or pencil or outfit an entire building. You can still continue to do business as normal. We want to be available as an option.

Mr. Brock asked where the tax dollar goes. Mr. Foley said taxes would be applied here as appropriate. He gave an example.

Mr. Foley said the structure of U.S. Communities is a non-profit 115(c) organization. Mr. Bowen asked how do you get funding? Mr. Foley said a 1% fee is paid on all sales that go through on the program. It is distributed between the management of the program and distribution to national sponsors and regional sponsors. WSAC is a regional sponsor. The lead public agency gets part of the fee also. He explained further how the system works.

Mr. Foley asked the Board to consider the program as an option.

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Mr. Bowen asked how the county would get involved. Mr. Foley explained the procedure. There is no joining fee. You can withdraw at any time. It is nonbinding and nonexclusive.

Mr. Foley said there are 15,000 other agencies using the program right now. Benton County just signed up. Yakima County is happy with the program. Spokane County has been using the program for some time.

Mr. Foley said copy machines can be leased or based on a per-copy charge.


Mr. Brock wants to talk to Yakima County and Benton County. Mr. Bowen will talk to the Prosecutor's office to make sure the RCW allows using the program.

Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

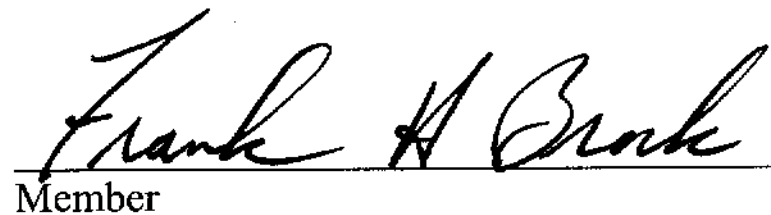
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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 31, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman


Chairman Pro Tem


Member

Attest:


Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed June 7, 2006.