

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 47
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 1, 2006

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Neva J. Corkrum, Chairman; Bob Koch, Chair Pro Tem; and Frank H. Brock, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board.

JOINT BI-COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Present: Benton County Commissioners Max Benitz, Leo Bowman and Claude Oliver. Benton County staff members present were Administrative Services Director David Sparks, Deputy Prosecutors Sarah Villanueva and Rea Culwell and Human Resources Director Melina Wenner. Franklin County staff members present were Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Verhulp, County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Human Resources Director Rosie H. Rumsey. Other audience members: Raymond Morrison, Terry Morrison, John Trumbo from Tri-City Herald and Brooke Dubois.

Mrs. Corkrum opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Presentation of Award from Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)

Mr. Bowman said as commissioners we're elected to serve our constituents here at home. However, from time to time some of us volunteer for other assignments that will have state-wide impact. It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor that I would present to Commissioner Frank Brock a memorandum of his service on the Transportation Improvement Board just a few years ago. Mr. Brock said the award is for his service from 1995 to 1998.

Raymond Morrison, Terry Morrison, John Trumbo and Brooke DuBois left the meeting.

Executive Session at 1:32 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) expected to last 30 minutes.

Open Session at 1:47 p.m.

Kendra Simpson and Diana Ransom of Human Services Department, Raymond Morrison, Terry Morrison, Reporter John Trumbo, Brooke DuBois, Connie Simpson, Jeanie Welch of Goodwill and Andrea Candrian of KEPR-TV joined the meeting.

Mrs. Corkrum announced there was no decision made in our executive session.

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Consent Agenda

- a. Lease for Substance Abuse Assessment Center (Franklin County Resolution 2006-382)
- b. Lease Extension for Crisis Response Unit (Franklin County Resolution 2006-383)
- c. Agreement with Diaz & Associates for Jail Mapping Exercise
- d. Agreement with Clegg & Associates to Review Delivery System
- e. Response Letter to Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH)

Motion – Mr. Bowman: I move to approve items a, b and g on the consent agenda and pull items c and d. Second by Mr. Oliver. 3:0 vote in favor.

Motion – Mr. Brock: I'll make the same motion for Franklin County. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Contract review

Mr. Benitz asked Kendra Simpson some questions about a contract that is currently proposed for only Benton County with Policy Research Associates. He asked if Franklin County can be included for the same amount of money (\$18,200). Ms. Simpson is not sure. She will check. Mr. Benitz thinks it would be in the best interests to combine the contract for the two counties for the mapping requirements for Human Services.

Mr. Benitz said the contract states the ownership of materials will be retained by the consultant. He is reluctant to have a consultant come in and then retain the ownership. Ms. Simpson will contact the consultant to see if we can change that clause.

Mr. Bowman said he agrees. However, he is confused because the beginning of the agreement says it is made "between Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services." Mr. Oliver said staff has tried to set up a program for the Human Services Department that delineates where services are located. Ms. Simpson said that the Franklin County jail can be included in the mapping process. Mrs. Corkrum said we've been asking for this ever since we knew there were services in the Benton County jail.

Mr. Benitz said the Policy Research Associates contract has nothing to do with jail mapping.

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Ms. Ransom explained the differences between the services provided by the contracts. She said simplistically speaking, Policy Research Associates is going to do a 1-1/2 day jail mapping exercise. It includes a survey that was sent to people in the community and to others. Policy Research Associates will then compile information from the survey, hold an exercise for a day and a half, and discuss how to link various social services with the jail.

The Diaz & Associates contract will involve gathering data and crunching numbers about people in jails but will not include jail mapping.

The Clegg & Associates agreement involves a review of the system and is totally different from the other two contracts. They will incorporate or include the jail mapping information.

Mr. Benitz said his two questions are: First, can Franklin County be included in the \$18,200 cost? Second, he wants the counties to retain the information rather than turning it loose to be used somewhere else. Ms. Ransom said the survey is the consultant's document. It's a tool they use to do the jail mapping. They use this tool in other counties such as Yakima County. They don't want to give away their proprietary tool. Mr. Benitz would like legal counsel to review the contract requirement to ensure that the material that is gathered is not used somewhere else.

Mrs. Corkrum said the Franklin County Commissioners gave approval for the Benton County jail mapping project in May, and asked at the time why Franklin County was not included.

Mrs. Corkrum announced there is no action today on the agreements with Diaz Associates or Policy Research Associates.

Agreement with Clegg & Associates to review the delivery system

Mr. Brock said there was a meeting with about 45 people in attendance. One concern that came up was that the Clegg & Associates proposed contract does not include Developmental Disabilities in the scope of work. Kendra Simpson said after that meeting, we asked Clegg & Associates to incorporate Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse into the scope of work as well as jail mapping. The representative from

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Clegg & Associates has not had time to update the contract but would like to prepare an amendment.

Upon review, Ms. Culwell said the start date of the proposed contract with Clegg & Associates is today. Ms. Culwell answered further questions, following which Mr. Oliver said we need to hold off on signing the contract.

Response Letter to Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH)

It was determined that the letter to GCBH needs to be redone because of the actions since the consent agenda was passed.

Motion – Mr. Bowman: I move to rescind the letter. Second by Mr. Oliver. 3:0 vote in favor.

Motion – Mr. Brock: I make the same motion as Benton County. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Human Services Interim Director Position

Mr. Benitz said our board would like to table this issue until certain processes are completed and then come back with a possible recommendation on where we're at. We feel at this time that we would like to hold off until the current events take place.

Mr. Brock said I couldn't agree more. Mr. Koch and Mrs. Corkrum agreed.

Mr. Bowman said we can wait. Mr. Oliver said he concurs. He asked Diana Ransom about the current functioning of the Human Services Department. Ms. Ransom said we can continue operating as we have been doing.

Proposed GCBH Letter

Mr. Koch said the proposed letter to GCBH does not list an August 1 date. He wondered why it can't be sent now. Mr. Benitz said he would like the letter to be clarified and also expanded to include Franklin County. Mr. Oliver said a concern from Dr. Lippman has been that the per-bed-day rate be defined. Mr. Benitz said we are looking at overall services and a per-bed-day rate and moving forward as rapidly as we can. Mr. Koch said he didn't know you had to break it all out. If you start breaking out word-for-word, then you will lose something.

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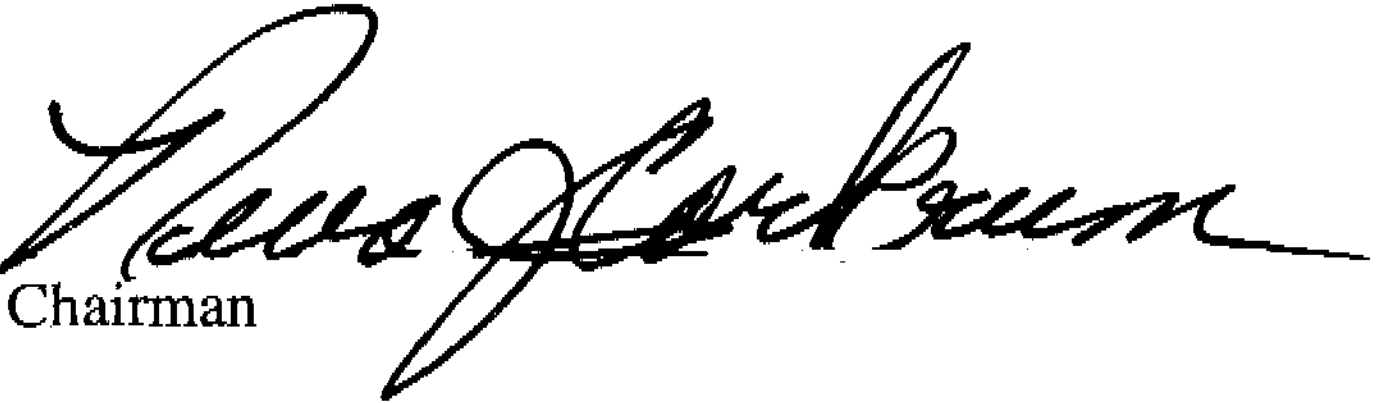
Mr. Oliver suggested having the chairmen sign off on a letter as soon as it can be coordinated.

Adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

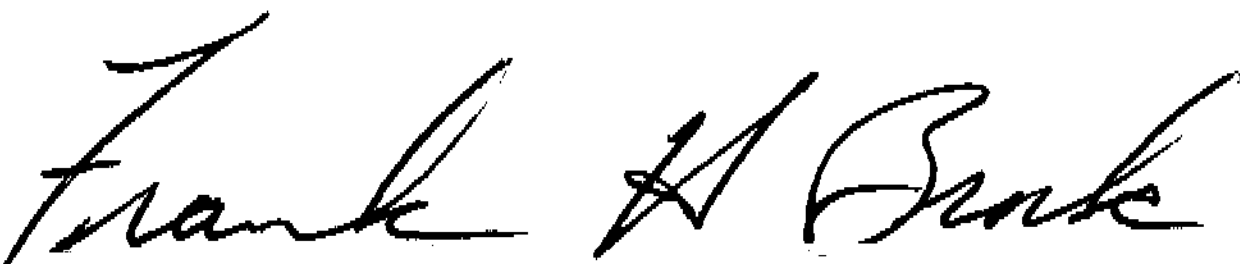
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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 2, 2006.

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Chairman


Chairman Pro Tem


Member

Attest:


Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed August 2, 2006.