

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 47
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 14, 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.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Sharon Paradis, Judith Gidley and Janine White.

National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference

Mr. Bowen and Mr. Koch attended a NACo Conference last week. Mr. Bowen said there are NACo committees that he would like to be on if the Board would support his continuing in NACo. He told about contacts he made regarding jail expansion funds and jail programs. If he was to continue attending NACo meetings, he would like to be on criminal justice committees for the purpose of finding out background information and what programs are available. He would also like to be on the methamphetamine committee because meth is such a big problem.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks it's important for Franklin County to have a presence in NACo but if the county's finances diminish, it would not be possible. Mr. Brock thinks we need to have committee presence on NACo committees if funding is available.

Mr. Koch would like to be a member of the Rural Communities committee. He said the networking that occurs at conferences is valuable. Mr. Koch feels at least two of the three yearly conferences should be attended, the Annual conference and the Western Interstate Regional (WIR) conference.

Mrs. Corkrum said the general consensus is if we can afford it, we want both Mr. Koch and Mr. Bowen involved. Mr. Bowen said his immediate focus will be the jail. Inter Budget Transfer of \$25,279 from Capital Outlay Budget to Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Contingency Reserve line item

Mrs. Corkrum would like to talk to the Treasurer's Office to ask that no funds be released from accounts that do not have the appropriate funds available without a transfer

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into the account. Mr. Bowen told the Board about conversations he has had with Chief Accountant Tom Westerman. Mrs. Corkrum described her understanding of the differences in identifying available funds between the Auditor's Office and Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a resolution to transfer \$25,279 from the Capital Outlay Budget #001-000-710, Computer Hardware line item, to the Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Contingency Reserve line item.

Motion – Mr. Brock: I move the approval of Resolution 2006-403 as listed. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Interfund loan of \$100,000 from 2006 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Rainy Day line item, to Miscellaneous Expense FC Capital Projects fund Budget #300-000-001, for Work Release expansion

Motion – Mr. Brock: I move the approval of Resolution 2006-404 as listed. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Bowen gave an update on the Work Release expansion work. He expects it will be completed in about 30 days.

Interfund loan of \$100,000 from 2006 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Rainy Day line item, to Miscellaneous Expense Courthouse Renovation Fund Budget #310-000-001

Mr. Bowen said a portion of the loan will be used to pay for the jail fire alarm system that cost about \$60,000.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move that we accept Resolution 2006-405, inter fund loan amount of \$100,000, to Current Expense for the Courthouse Renovation project. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Bowen said when the county receives the funds for the Courthouse Restoration grant, we will transfer all this money back.
Fountain and statue

The fountain and statue have been received in the county. The basin for the fountain is also ready.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board.

Defense Panel contracts

All of the defense panel contracts are nearing renewal time. Benton County Commissioners are considering using an outside attorney to do the defense panel contracts. Franklin County has been using Attorney Tim Klashke for preparation of defense panel contracts. The two Boards will make decisions about contract terms. Ms. Paradis asked to also be informed of the Board's decisions because she will be negotiating for the contracts. Mrs. Corkrum expressed her concerns about how cases are counted.

Mr. Bowen asked is the Board in favor of us using Tim Klashke?

Motion – Mr. Brock: So moved. Second by Mr. Koch. Mrs. Corkrum said Prosecutor Steve Lowe has approved using Attorney Tim Klashke. 3:0 vote in favor.

Union Contracts

Ms. Paradis said some union contracts are up for renewal.

BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)

Judith Gidley and Janine White of the CAC met with the Board.

Quarterly Report

The Board has previously received the quarterly report. Ms. Gidley told the Board about how the council group is functioning. She said the Benton-Franklin Counties' 10-year plan for reducing homelessness was rated second to the best for the small counties.

There are two new pieces of legislation for affordable housing and for homelessness. She has given the Board members a written summary of the proposed legislation previously. If the new legislation is passed, 90% of the funds will remain in the local community.

The triage unit is in place for the home-based program. It processed 207 assessments in the second quarter and enrolled five families in a self-sufficiency program.

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Ms. Gidley told the Board about work to increase the number of beds for chronically homeless drug and alcohol disabled people and how the counseling services are connected.

Janine White said a public event will be held on August 29 to introduce the 10-year plan for reducing homelessness. It will be at the Mid-Columbia Library, Keewaydin Branch, at high noon. There will be a short program. Paul Carlson, Regional Director from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, will come on behalf of the Federal agency. One of the first outreach projects will be unveiled which is a centralized information kiosk that is being placed at the library. The information kiosks are a result of work from the ad hoc committee which determined that the first thing people need is information in one place. We hope to expand the kiosks very rapidly into all the libraries, food banks, and possibly hospital emergency rooms within the next year.

Ms. White said formal contacts are going to be made with law enforcement agencies to let them know about the program.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

COUNTY WEB SITE

Bryson Black and Jonathon Deason of BSolid met with the Board. Present in audience: Lance Frisbee, Adam Hoover and Melissa Blasdel of BSolid, Information Services Director Kevin Scott and Greg Mauseth.

Bryson Black is the sales manager of BSolid. He said we are looking at this meeting as an introduction and an opportunity to help you through the web site development.

Mr. Koch said we either need to upgrade or get rid of the web site. He feels the current web site is outdated.

Mrs. Corkrum said she understood some county departments have developed web sites and they are responsible to maintain them themselves.

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Scott his opinion about the condition of the county web site. Mr. Scott said there is an old section that he feels is dysfunctional. He said the web

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site is being updated a department at a time with a total new look and feel. The Treasurer's web site is up and running. The District Court, Public Works and Solid Waste web sites are being prepared. We picked a common feel and look. The web site is not wholly complete right now. The goal is that each department will be self-sufficient and able to make changes by themselves. Mr. Scott said some of the functionality has been knocked out in order to save some money.

Mr. Bowen asked if departments are actually updating their web sites. Mr. Scott said they can change content but not the look and feel. For instance, the Planning Department can change the design of a form that can be downloaded by a web site user.

Kevin Scott and Fred Bowen left the meeting.

Mrs. Corkrum asked the BSolid people how are you going to evaluate what you can do for us and provide a price? Mr. Brock said we have to analyze the need through Kevin Scott.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Bowen returned to the meeting.

Mr. Bowen said it is the responsibility of the Information Services Department to determine what the county's needs are and present it to the Board.

Mr. Brock asked is there a cost offset for having a county web site? Mr. Scott said there is a huge savings in manpower but not necessarily in dollars. He said we're working now on putting some Superior Court scanned images onto the web site.

The Board asked the group from BSolid to meet with Kevin Scott.

OTHER BUSINESS

Present in audience: Greg Mauseth and Jim Rabideau.

Goose on Courthouse

Mr. Rabideau asked the Board to consider asking the press to run a story stating that the bird on top of the courthouse is a goose.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of payment of the following vouchers/warrants: Grand Old 4th warrants 129 and 130 for \$2286.78; Capital Outlays ¼% Tax warrant 244 for \$12,547.75; FC Public Facilities Construction Fund warrants 762 and 763 for

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\$14,727.95; FC Capital Projects Fund warrants 121 through 129 for \$56,566.23; Law Library warrants 996 and 997 for \$163.33; Veteran's Assistance warrants 1296 through 1299 for \$2300.99; and Current Expense warrants 52411 through 52437 for \$17,929.03; for a total amount of \$106,522.06. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of the Salary Clearing payroll as follows:

Warrants 40926 through 41031 for \$161,810.70; warrants 41032 through 41036 for \$52,874.54; and Direct Deposit for \$233,650.71; for a total amount of \$448,335.95. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor.

The following information is also included on the cover sheet:

Emergency Management payroll warrants 8153 through 8159 for \$2578.23; warrants 8160 through 8163 for \$1012.79; and Direct Deposit for \$6117.52; for a total amount of \$9708.54;

Irrigation payroll warrants 11947 through 11962 for \$7673.59; and warrants 11963 through 11966 for \$1097.44; for a total amount of \$8771.03. (Exhibit 2)

COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk Mike Killian met with the Board. Present in audience: Greg Mauseth, Jim Rabideau, Jim Reed and Jeanie Nelson.

Credit Card Machine

Mr. Killian requested authorization to purchase a credit card terminal. Currently the Clerk's Office uses the Official Payments company which will continue to be used for some purposes on-line from people's homes. The credit card terminal will allow us to process credit card payments from the office. We will charge them a fee. The current fee schedule was reviewed. Mr. Killian would like to use the same fee structure for using the credit card terminal. He gave the Board a copy of RCW 36.23.100 that authorizes use of the electronic payment of court fees. The Clerk's Office would charge 5% as a user convenience fee. The bank will charge the county 1.57%. The credit card machine costs \$675. He would request that it be purchased using money from the Legal Financial Obligation (LFO) Fund in the Miscellaneous Budget #117-000-001. There is \$50,000 in the fund. We only need one machine. The Board asked if the bank will upgrade the

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machine as needed. Mr. Killian said yes. There is no annual fee. The Board asked Mr. Killian to work with Secretary Patricia Shults to have a resolution prepared.

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move that we accept the Commissioners minutes for August 2, 7 and 9, 2006. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND

Jim Reed, Jeanie Nelson and Jim Rabideau of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 34 (VFW), met with the Board. Present in audience: Greg Mauseth.

Jim Reed gave the Board some information about current budget figures for the Veterans Assistance fund. Mr. Koch asked what is the percentage of the veterans using the funds? Mr. Reed does not know because he has only been doing this since October. Ms. Nelson and Mr. Reed do expect most of the users (perhaps 90%) to use the entire allocated amount. Ms. Nelson anticipates at least five more new veterans will come on because there has been an average of one a month to this point of the year. The VFW anticipates an additional \$7500 will be needed in the fund for 2006. They would like \$20,000 added to the fund so it doesn't run short. Mr. Koch asked you have a total of \$8900 but you want \$20,000? Ms. Nelson said we're predicting for the rest of the year if we get five new veterans in. We're asking that the amount allotted be raised and the income level be raised also to be more in line with Benton County's income level.

Mr. Rabideau asked how often the Board needs to meet with the VFW group. The Board thinks a quarterly meeting would be helpful.

Mrs. Corkrum said she hopes you have some kind of system to make sure veterans don't go across the river and get money from both counties. Ms. Nelson said we do.

The Board does not want to increase the income amount until budget time.

They asked the VFW group to schedule quarterly meetings with the next meeting in October.

The county needs to get a copy of the preliminary 2007 budget to the VFW group when it becomes available.

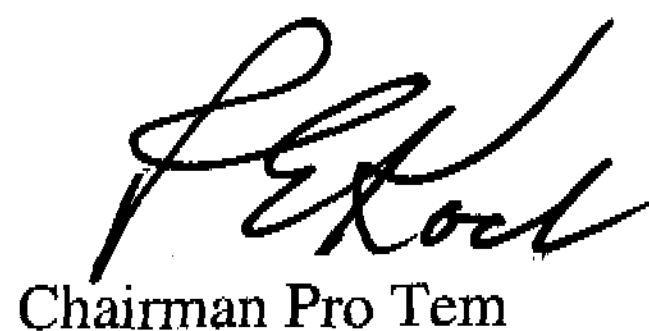
Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

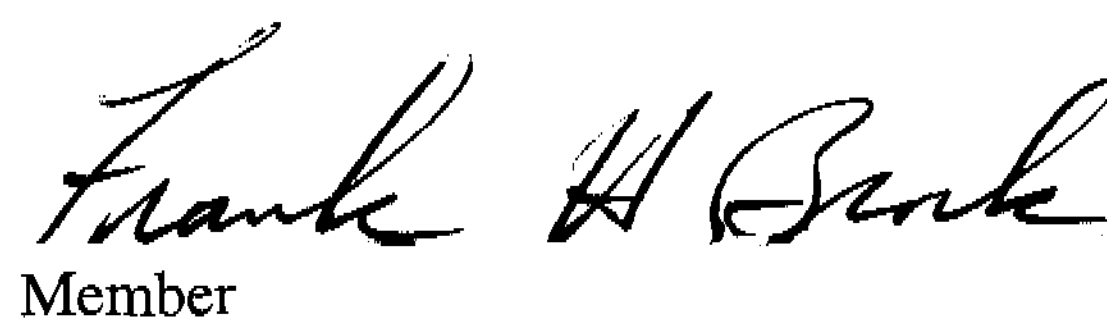
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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 16, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman


Chairman Pro Tem


Member

Attest:


Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed August 28, 2006.

EXHIBIT 1
Franklin County Auditor

August 14, 2006

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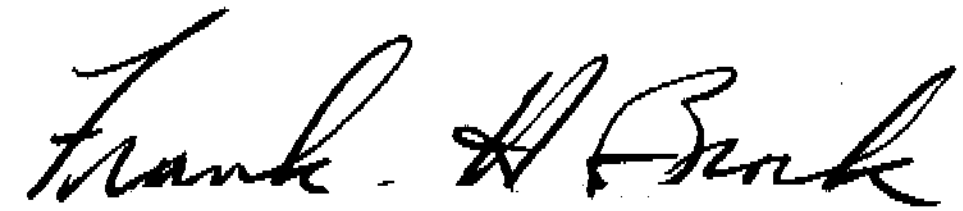
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, August 14, 2006,
Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:



FUND	WARRANT	AMOUNT
Expenditures	Range	Issued
Grand Old 4 th	129-130	\$2,286.78
Cap Outlays ¼% Tax	244	\$12,547.75
FC Public Facilities Const Fund	762-763	\$14,727.95
FC Capital Projects Fund	121-129	\$56,566.23
Law Library	996-997	\$163.33
Veteran's Assistance	1296-1299	\$2,300.99
Current Expense	52411-52437	\$17,929.03

In the amount of \$106,522.06. The motion was seconded by
And passed by a vote of 3 to 0



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545-3505

Elections
545-3538


Recording
545-3536

Licensing
545-3533

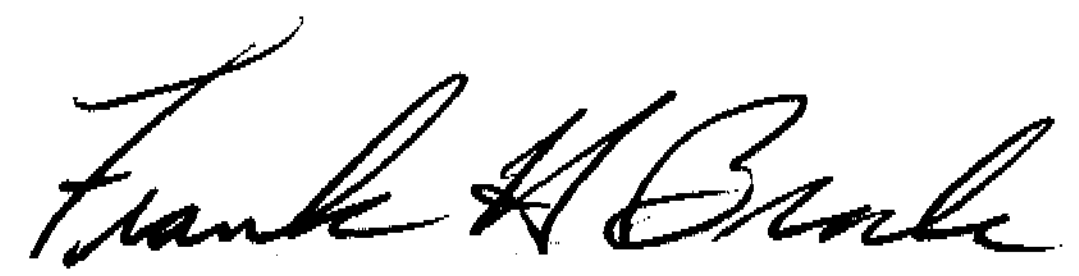
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	41032-41036	52,874.54
	Direct Deposit	233,650.71
	Total	\$448,335.95

In the amount of \$ **448,335.95** . The motion was seconded by  and passed by a vote of **3** to **0** .

Emergency Mgmt Payroll:

8153-8159	\$2,578.23
8160-8163	1,012.79
Direct Deposit	6,117.52
Total	\$9,708.54

Irrigation Payroll:

11947-11962	\$7,673.59
11963-11966	\$1,097.44
Direct Deposit	0.00
Total	\$8,771.03