

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 47  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 16, 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.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board. Present in audience: Glen Clifford, Boyd Gray and Greg Wendt.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Brock: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2006-406** authorizing payment of one-half the monthly base charge plus half of the tax for the personal cell phone for Christian Giles retroactive to May 1, 2006.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2006-407** for a Service Provider Contract modification (#2) between the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council and Career Path Services for the contract period June 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for the Dropout Prevention/Intervention Program (DPI 2), effective July 24, 2006, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said contract modification on behalf of the Board.

Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Planning and Development Department

Assistant Planning Director Greg Wendt met with the Board.

Final Approval Short Plat SP 2006-15, Bardella Johnson Robison

**Motion** – Mr. Brock: I move for the final approval of Short Plat 2006-15 as specified.

This is Resolution 2006-408. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

TRAC Parking Lots

The designs for new parking lots at TRAC have been completed. Ben Franklin Transit has \$250,000 set aside in next year's budget to help pay for the lots. Mr. Bowen asked the Board if they want to go out to bid on the parking lots. The initial estimate to

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do all three areas (two soccer fields and one area in front) is a little over \$800,000. The price has probably gone up at least 20% to 25%. We would take the \$250,000 from Ben Franklin Transit away from that total. The Board wants to get the whole project done in one shot. The Board gave **consensus approval** to move forward. Mrs. Corkrum said we need to clean up the parking lot. She asked if the price includes the landscaping. Mr. Bowen said yes, it is a complete new parking lot. Two grass fields in front will be taken out. Six acres of parking will have electrical and water services in the islands similar to some existing parking lots. The county's share of the cost will be paid for using land sale proceeds.

### HEALTH DISTRICT

Bruce Perkins, Director of Environmental Health, Benton-Franklin Health Department, met with the Board to give a department update. Present in audience: Glen Clifford, Boyd Gray and TRAC Manager Troy Woody.

#### Recent events

The Health District inspectors have been busy with inspections at events such as the Water Follies, Allied Arts, and Hot Jazzy Nights in Richland. To his knowledge, nobody came down with any foodborne illness. One vendor was shut down at the Water Follies.

Mr. Perkins answered Mr. Brock's question about some food vendors.

#### Web Site

The Board told Mr. Perkins they would like the Health District web site to be more user friendly for the section dealing with food safety inspections.

Mr. Woody suggested using a five-star system based on infractions the place has received. Mr. Perkins said the problem is that at a particular inspection, it may have been good or bad. A star system would be difficult to maintain because of the particular inspection time. He said the Health District is considering something like that. However, there are lots of pitfalls with doing that.

Mr. Perkins told the Board that it takes a great deal of time to put the food inspections on the internet, involving at least three staff members.

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Pandemic Flu Summit

About 300 people attended the pandemic flu summit meeting including Mr. Koch. The state provided the funding.

Enforcement efforts regarding no tobacco use in public places

A case is going to court in Benton County next week. The number of complaints has greatly reduced since the law was first enacted.

Benton-Franklin Fair

Approximately 43 vendors will be serving food at the fair next week. The Health District will have its full food surveillance staff doing inspections. There will be handwashing stations at the fair.

West Nile Virus

A West Nile virus group continues to meet on a monthly basis. So far there have not been any West Nile cases that originated in Washington state or British Columbia.

Flu Clinic

The flu shot clinic is tentatively scheduled for October 23 at the Senior Center. Mr. Koch would like to set up in the courthouse to have as many employees as possible receive the vaccine. Mr. Perkins will let Dr. Jecha know.

**TRAC**

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Glen Clifford and Boyd Gray.

Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Bowen named three options regarding the continuation of the Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> event: no longer have the event; give it another run in its full context like the last two years; or scale back into a series of three nights of concerts.

The Board reviewed some proposed budget figures for the concert series showing county-only budget figures. Clear Channel could be used to hire and manage bands for Friday and Saturday. A third band would be handled by local radio station 88.1. TRAC would manage parking, garbage, etc. The county would put in \$80,000. TRAC is estimated to receive \$30,000 in profit. Mr. Woody said the question is in the long run,

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can this type of concert series become so profitable that it will offset the subsidy? He is not sure it can unless you factor in the benefit to the public. The concerts have been successful for two years in a row.

Mrs. Corkrum thinks we need to look at something different. If we could have collected a parking fee and if our vendors could have provided some of the food during the fireworks, it would have helped. Those particular concerns would have to be cleared up if she would proceed with the Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> again.

Attendance was down this year. The high temperatures were a big factor. Vendors could be moved inside under air conditioning. Mr. Bowen said the vendors have been helpful for the revenues but the vendors have not received much benefit from being at the show. Food vendors have done fine but commercial vendors have not. The carnival could be located out front, the food vendors out front, the activities in the Expo Hall, and the concerts in the rodeo arena. The event could be scaled down to fit inside the facility. Those changes would not change the budget very much because the costs would still be around \$130,000.

Mr. Bowen said in 2006, the county put \$52,400 into TRAC and the fireworks show with no potential for revenue to come back other than money that TRAC received to offset their subsidy. TRAC kept \$23,000 of the \$30,000 they received as rental. TRAC had costs for security and running TRAC.

Mr. Woody said it isn't out of the question to consider year three. The event has the potential to not only break even but truly make money down the road because of the volume. If you keep the concerts going, the other parts could be a big moneymaker in the future.

Mr. Brock said there needs to be more activity during the day to keep people's interest while they wait for the concerts. Mr. Bowen said we had good entertainment on the outdoor stage. It was just too hot. It was 108 degrees. He said if you do the full-blown event, we're proposing that it all be brought inside the Expo Hall where it is air conditioned. Mr. Koch said he feels there was enough entertainment but it was too hot, even under the covered areas, at about 105 degrees with no breeze. You can't compare

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apples to apples. It was just adverse weather. Mr. Woody said the people who run the fair expect up to a 40% reduction in fair attendance on any day that the temperature is expected to be above 100 degrees.

Mr. Bowen said the carnival people told him that it boiled down to it was too hot. Kids were getting blisters from touching the rides.

Mr. Bowen said the Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> could be held the weekend before the actual July 4<sup>th</sup> and continue to hold the fireworks on July 4th. The City of Pasco is reluctant to charge for fireworks because they don't allow fireworks to be used in the city. It costs \$7 per car at the Columbia Park fireworks show. Mrs. Corkrum would like to charge for parking, perhaps \$2 a car.

Mr. Bowen said the county could do the weekend event with the city doing the fireworks on July 4th. In 2006, we did go up in revenues due to receipts from food vendors but attendance was down. Mr. Brock thinks we need to have the event tied to July 4th and have it last two days. Mr. Woody thinks an event can be called the Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Celebration and be held the weekend before July 4<sup>th</sup>. He said it needs to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, not on weekdays.

Mrs. Corkrum asked about the feelings of the Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> committee. Mr. Bowen said the committee is ready to try it again. There are City of Pasco representatives on the committee. The City Council has not decided yet.

Boyd Gray asked to make a comment as an observer who attended the event. He said a car show, either classic or antique, would be a good event to include. He has attended many when it is very hot and people come anyway.

Mr. Bowen said the committee members have also suggested opening at 4:00 p.m. instead of noon.

The Board asked to keep moving forward at this time. Mr. Bowen will send a letter to the City of Pasco telling them that the Board is interested in moving forward for the third year with some alterations.

Mrs. Corkrum would like to broach the idea of charging for parking.

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Mr. Bowen said we're renting our own facility (TRAC) and the county is putting \$52,000 into something that you already have. Mrs. Corkrum said if we don't rent the facility, we're subsidizing it, so it's just moving money from one place to another.

**Recessed** at 10:09 a.m.

**Reconvened** at 10:14 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Execution of Contract: CRP 555 Glade North Road Phase II

A pre-construction meeting was held yesterday. The road work will be started on August 28. Portions of Glade North Road and Fir Road will be closed up to 20 days starting August 28. After that time, the road will continue to be closed during the day but open during the evenings.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of the contract between Franklin County Public Works and Copenhaver Construction for CRP 555 Glade North Road Phase II. This is Resolution 2006-409. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor.

Other Business

Mr. Fife showed the Board a copy of a map of the Overton Road area. A section of the road is only half the width. Mr. Fife described a problem with a property owner trying to obtain permission to use the City of Pasco's road while building his house that adjoins Overton Road also. The City of Pasco in some cases has been annexing half of roads (to the centerline) into the city. Mr. Fife said this is illegal.

Mrs. Corkrum said at the time the county's Boundary Review Board was dissolved, the Board was told by the county planner at the time that if we were a growth management county, we didn't need it. She asked if we can we take this to the Growth Management Hearings Board. Mr. Fife said yes. He will first talk to the person who is allowing it to occur for the City of Pasco and see if it can be taken care of.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)**

LifeQuest – Water Rights

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Mr. Bowen asked if the Board would be willing to sell LifeQuest some water rights for the 10-acre piece of property that LifeQuest purchased from the county. The water rights exist but have been held in reserve by the county. The county is not using them. We would still maintain the water rights on the 32 acres that the county owns. At the time of the sale to LifeQuest, the county pulled the water rights off of the 10 acres and added it to the county's water rights but we are not utilizing it.

Mrs. Corkrum said we need a compensation for it. Mr. Bowen said there would have to be some type of an appraisal done. Mr. Brock does not want to short the county now or in the future for water. Mrs. Corkrum asked could we charge them an annual fee for the water? Mr. Brock asked without selling the water rights, could we lease the water rights to them under a renewable lease for a period of time? Mrs. Corkrum said a yearly fee like a rental fee could be charged. Mr. Brock said if we ever needed them, we could take them back. Mr. Bowen will find out. He said there will be pavement over 90% of the area that has water rights.

**PROSECUTOR**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Litigation Update

**Executive Session** at 10:35 a.m. regarding a litigation update expected to last 10 minutes based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Mr. Clifford and Mr. Gray left the meeting.)

**Open Session** at 10:49 a.m.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor Zona Lenhart, Chief Accountant Tom Westerman and Treasurer Tiffany Coffland met with the Board. Present in audience: Marie Schultz of the Treasurer's Office and Glen Clifford.

2005 Cash Balance

Mr. Westerman said at the end of the year there were four funds that had negative balances in the Treasurer's Office: TRAC, Public Works motor vehicle fund (traditionally called equipment rental), Boating Safety and RV Park. Mr. Westerman had

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showed it as negative cash on the balance statement but that is not allowed by the state auditors. He has prepared some resolutions to remedy the problem.

Mrs. Corkrum said in the future we need some kind of account so negative warrants are covered. Ms. Coffland explained the type of account that is being planned.

The Board reviewed the two resolutions that Mr. Westerman had prepared.

**Motion** – Mr. Brock: I move the approval of Resolution 2006-410 as specified. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Ms. Coffland said in the future, we will monitor our cash balances and not release warrants if there are not funds in the account and let the Board know by letter and phone call. There was discussion about how all the offices can work together.

**Motion** – Mr. Brock: I move for the approval of Resolution 2006-411 as specified. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0- vote in favor.

Ms. Schultz answered the Board's questions about the loan from Public Works Department and the interest rate.

#### Elections

Ms. Lenhart gave the Board an update on ballot preparation, election equipment and software. In November, voters will be able to access the Ballot Tracker program to know whether their ballot is going to be counted or rejected.

She told the Board about a signature checking software that she plans to add next year. She said she will be asking for funding for that software.

**Recessed** at 11:26 a.m.

**Reconvened** at 11:31 a.m.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

##### Facilities Director

Mr. Bowen would like to hire a Facilities Director this year rather than wait until January 2007. Mrs. Corkrum thinks the sooner the better. She asked what work will be done by the department in the winter. Mr. Bowen said they will take care of parking lots such as snow and ice removal. If there is no snow and things slow down, then they can paint. They will stay busy. He said we will constantly be upgrading the facilities with



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repairs and maintenance. Mr. Bowen would like the new department to prepare a one-, two- and three-year plan that includes monitoring equipment. The Board asked that the position be created, posted, and then filled. Mr. Koch listed some of the upcoming projects: remodeling Courthouse Annex, followed by remodeling current Health District Building, Work Release, and jail.

Statue

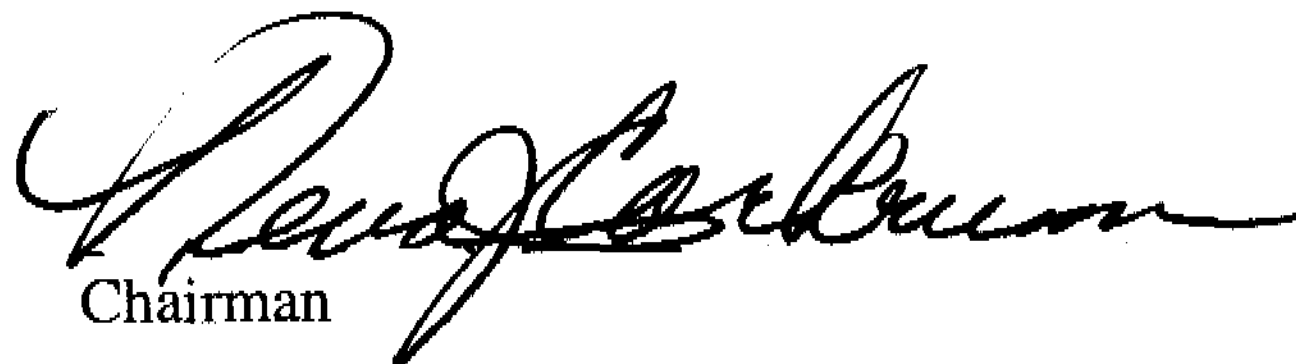
Mr. Bowen and Mrs. Corkrum have seen the statue that just arrived. Mr. Bowen feels it will be a nice addition to the courthouse. It will be placed in the rotunda. The statue is over six feet tall.

**Adjourned** at 11:42 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 21, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Attest:

  
Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed August 28, 2006.