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FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 9, 2007

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Out-of-State Travel: NACo Conference

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the travel request of Fred Bowen for out-of-state travel to Richmond, Virginia, for \$464. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Public Works Contract: Stripe Rite, Inc., to sealcoat TRAC parking lots

Mr. Bowen said the estimated cost is \$32,573 using funds from TRAC's capital projects budget. Additional costs will be split 50/50 between the county and the City of Pasco.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the contract to sealcoat TRAC parking lots from the Holiday Inn Express to Burden Boulevard: eastbound and westbound drive lanes, front main drive lane, and the drop-off loop, to apply two coats of sealer to all surfaces, fill and seal all cracks and patch any areas as needed, for a cost not to exceed \$33,573 including sales tax. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-327.

Detox Center

The county has received a letter from the City of Pasco regarding weeds and landscaping at the Detox Center that is owned by the county. Mr. Bowen asked for direction from the Board. Mrs. Corkrum said she doesn't think the county's maintenance department should have to do the work because the Human Services Department uses the property. Mr. Bowen will talk to Human Services Director Carrie Huie-Pascua. It is possible the county's maintenance department could be paid to do the work.

County Inventory of Offender Re-Entry Resources – SB 6157

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Some legislation is being proposed related to Work Release centers and programs in prisons including education and job training. The Board asked that Mr. Bowen work with Jail Captain Rick Long to prepare the inventory. Mr. Bowen said the work also includes mental health functions that would be handled by the Human Services Department. He will head up the project with the various agencies that are involved.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson and Assistant Director Greg Wendt met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2007-14, an application by Ray and Vanae Knight to short plat 109.2 acres into two lots. As proposed, Lot #1 is approximately 4.05 acres in size and Lot #2 is approximately 105.15 acres in size. The property is located in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) Zoning District.

Public Hearing convened at 9:17 a.m. Present: Commissioners Corkrum and Miller; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Dave Bechtold and Ray and Vanae Knight.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 2).

Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial photo with a plat overlay. He reviewed the Conditions of Approval.

Mrs. Corkrum asked three times if anyone in the audience would like to speak in opposition. There was no response.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak in favor. There was no response.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2007-14 subject to the seven findings of fact and seven conditions of approval. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-328.

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2007-15, an application by Ray and Vanae Knight to short plat 104.13 acres into four lots. As proposed, Lot #1 is approximately 5.00 acres in size, Lot #2 is approximately 69.54 acres in size, Lot #3 is approximately 4.81 acres in size

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and Lot #4 is 24.78 acres in size. The property is located in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) Zoning District.

Public Hearing convened at 9:23 a.m. Present: Commissioners Corkrum and Miller; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Dave Bechtold and Ray and Vanae Knight.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 3).

Mr. MacPherson said this proposed short plat is a little to the southeast of the previous one. He showed an aerial photo with plat overlay on the screen. Lot #3 is for a daughter. Lot #4 is going to one of the children also. It is in compliance with our zoning. He reviewed the Conditions of Approval.

Mrs. Corkrum asked three times if anyone in the audience would like to speak in opposition. Mr. Bechtold shook his head no. There was no other response.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. Ray Knight showed one portion that will be broken off for agricultural purposes only. He said his son has farmed an adjoining piece of property. The portion will allow his son to farm a complete circle sprinkler area. The short plat is for financial reasons only.

Mrs. Corkrum dispensed with further public comment.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2007-15 subject to the seven findings of fact and seven conditions of approval. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-329.

**Stutz Drive name change to Stutz Lane**

Mr. MacPherson said when some development was done, the street name Stutz Drive was requested but that street name already exists in the City of Pasco. No buildings or homes have been built on the plat yet. He asked for approval of a resolution changing “Stutz Drive” to “Stutz Lane” so there are no E911 problems with the City of Pasco.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we change the road name from Stutz Drive to Stutz Lane. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-330.

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Mr. MacPherson said the county Engineer will be following up with appropriate paperwork at the Auditor's Office.

**Recessed** at 9:34 a.m. Mr. Bowen left the meeting to meet with representatives from U.S. Representative Doc Hastings' office regarding R170 and Juniper Dunes road areas.

**Reconvened** at 9:36 a.m.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda as listed for July 9, 2007:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2007-331** for amendment number 5 between the Department of Corrections and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services on Contract Number COCO5508, effective July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said amendment on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 4: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2007-332** for amendment number 3 to the agreement between the ARC of Tri-Cities and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services to add funding and provision for individual and family assistance through the Partners N Pals 2007 Summer Day Camp per Amendment #0507-DD-ARC-3, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said amendment on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 5: Information sheet.)

Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

A portion of warrant number 57846 was pulled because it was previously paid to North Coast Electric Company: \$12.24 (included in the total amount shown as \$754.49) and \$156.69, correcting the total vouchers from \$102,565.65 to \$102,396.72.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the vouchers as listed in the amount of \$102,396.72: TRAC Operations warrants 463 through 497 for \$46,927.68; Franklin County RV Facility warrants 356 through 361 for \$2,423.36; Current Expense warrants 57819 through 57874 for \$34,340.02; Current Expense warrants 57875 through 57891 for

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\$15,189.57; and Current Expense warrants 57892 through 57909 for \$3,685.02; for a total of \$102,396.72. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve warrants 1034 and 1035 for \$5321.66. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7) They are vouchers for the Law Library.

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GWMA)**

GWMA Coordinator Paul Stoker met with the Board. Present in audience: Dave Bechtold from Franklin County Irrigation District #1.

Request for approval of Budget Development, September 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007

Mr. Stoker gave the Board a budget report covering January through May 2007 (Exhibit 8). He said we're well in the black and have no problems and have a residual. He gave the Board a list titled "Potential Projected Programs and Funds" which includes funds that have been approved and current projects (Exhibit 9). He requested approval to extend the budget from September 1 through December 31, 2007.

He said the BPA funds on the list are running through local public utility districts' books. Mr. Stoker is coordinating the work. The BPA funds are at least a three-year process but the current budget shows the funds just for one year.

Mr. Stoker told the Board what mapping has been completed and what remains to be done. The legislature allocated \$2 million for the stratigraphy mapping.

Mr. Stoker said a new budget will be prepared. We're not showing you a new budget at this time but asking for permission to move past August.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mrs. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we approve Columbia Basin Groundwater Management to extend their budget from September 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. Mr. Stoker said we will bring the budget to you in September or August. 2:0 vote in favor.

Request to approve contract negotiations

Mr. Stoker said it is necessary to negotiate a contract with the Department of Ecology (DOE) for administration of the \$2 million contract grant. Franklin County is

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the fiscal management county and has designated the physical management to the Franklin Conservation District. It took about a year's worth of study to figure out what to do. When we got the study back and we proposed it to the legislature, the proposal was to do the work over about a three- to four-year period to figure out where groundwater is coming from because we don't know what we're going to find out. The legislature gave us 18 months, which turns out to be 12 months. The legislature wants us to be back with all the answers by January 2009. That affected the plan because we now can't do it in two phases. We met with various people to put together a plan of work for the next 12 to 15 months. It will be reviewed.

We have to hire the consultants to help us prepare the new plan. We advertised for what we're calling RFP #1. This particular RFP is for evaluating all the data we have in hand and coming up with a plan of how to get from here to there by the first of August, with a report filed by the end of the year. We're asking you to give authorization to the Franklin Conservation District for two things: one, to enter into general contractual discussions with DOE on the \$2 million to start the discussions; two, to ask DOE for a prior letter of authorization so we can spend a little bit of the money before we get all the details ironed out. He gave the Board a copy of a draft document to be submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology dated June 22, 2007 (Exhibit 10).

Mrs. Corkrum asked can you do the project in two years and come up with a good product? Mr. Stoker said yes because we've been working on it for about eight years already. We will still have unanswered questions. We will be trying to separate out things that will give us good results in the next 18 months from the things that require more time.

Mr. Stoker told how the study is attempting to find out how groundwater in the multi-county area is being recharged and how much recharging is occurring.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve that the GWMA Lead Agency submits this document to the Washington State Department of Ecology for review and request approval and prior authorization to expend funds beginning July 1, 2007, to allow GWMA to proceed with the activities. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor.

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GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Stoker gave the Board a copy of a letter from GSI Water Solutions, Inc., which is a summary of the reply to the \$75,000 RFP #1 regarding groundwater solutions, including what is expected to be done in the next three or four months, evaluating the wells, and schedule of work (Exhibit 11)

Mr. Bechtold asked does this relate to the Odessa Aquifer? Mr. Stoker said no and explained. He said the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District feels some of the water belongs to it. Mr. Bechtold said some of the groundwater belongs to Franklin Irrigation District, too. Mr. Stoker answered Mr. Bechtold's other questions.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Assistant Public Works Director Guy Walters met with the Board.

Invitation to Bid: CRP 586 – Wernett Road Phase II

CRP 586 is a project to pave Wernett Road between Road 62 and Road 64. Estimates were reviewed.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we have an invitation to bid for CRP 586 – Wernett Road Phase II for Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 12)

Annual Water Follies Agreement with City of Pasco and Water Follies Association

The Board asked Mr. Walters to have Chief Civil Deputy Ryan Verhulp review the agreement prior to Board consideration.

**VOUCHERS/WARRANTS**

Yesenia Torres from the Auditor's Office said a warrant that was considered earlier this morning should have been approved because the amount has not been paid. She asked for Board approval.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve Current Expense warrant 57846 for \$168.93. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 13)

**Adjourned** at 10:25 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 11, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

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Chairman Pro Tem

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Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 18, 2007.