

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 48  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 8, 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 to attend the American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of **Resolution 2007-540** authorizing the Auditor to purchase a microfilm reader from Comstor Information Management, Inc., for a cost of \$4,816, utilizing funds from the Auditor O&M Fund, Budget Number 102-000-001.
2. Approval to submit a conditional notice of intent to withdraw letter to Washington State Healthcare Authority and authorizing the Chairman to sign upon his return. (Exhibit 1)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2007-541** authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign the Application for Public Defense Funding in the amount of \$65,753 from the Washington State Office of Public Defense.

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

Minutes

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for October 3, 2007, with the signature of the chairman also approved. I also move that we accept the commissioner proceedings from October 1, 2007, and Commissioner Proceedings from October 5, 2007. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor.

**BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTIES OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**

Indigent Defense Coordinator Ray Gonzales and Judy Paxton, Administrative Assistant to the Benton-Franklin office of Public Defense, met with the Board.

Application for Public Defense Funding

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Mr. Gonzales told the Board about the application for public defense funding that was signed on the Consent Agenda.

Preparation of Public Defense Ordinance

Mr. Gonzales is working to prepare a public defense ordinance which he hopes will be in effect as of January 1, 2008. He feels it needs to include a policy statement that the counties are working toward implementing a defender agency. He feels the Franklin and Benton County Commissioners need to decide whether that is what they want to say as their general philosophy. Mr. Gonzales preliminarily believes a bi-county agency would work but there are lots of mechanical and administrative details that would have to be worked out.

Court Case

Mr. Gonzales gave an update on the Webster court case. An attorney has been hired to handle the case for the county for \$150 per hour.

**TRAC**

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Treasurer Tiffany Coffland.

Petty Cash Audit Trail

Mr. Woody gave the Board a paper showing the audit trail for the petty cash at TRAC (Exhibit 2). A resolution is being prepared that will clarify the amount of petty cash TRAC should have. Mr. Woody said the state auditors are satisfied with the answer to their original question about the petty cash. Resolution 96-095 stated TRAC could have up to \$25,000 petty cash but no documentation exists showing the \$25,000 amount was ever moved to TRAC.

Training: Public Facility Management School

Mr. Woody showed the Board information about a five-day conference called Public Facility Management School. He thinks it may be more valuable than another training he had planned to attend. The 2008 budget request includes funds to attend one of the two training meetings. He will be obtaining more information about the school.

Guest Letter

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Mr. Woody gave the Board a copy of a thank you letter to Maureen Vincent, TRAC's Director of Marketing and Sales, from Chris Anderson representing the Pasco High Class of 1962 (Exhibit 3).

Signs in Arena

About half of the signs have been sold. Mr. Woody hopes to have all the signs sold, built and installed by January.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Final Approval Short Plat SP 2007-21, J. R. Carr

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for final approval of Short Plat 2007-21 for J. R. Carr. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-542.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of the following vouchers/warrants for October 8, 2007, for the amount of \$551,347.16 as listed: Current Expense warrants 59308 through 59392 for \$54,104.80; FC Capital Projects warrants 319 through 335 for \$394,947.06; TRAC warrants 709 through 759 for \$73,125.31; FC Enhanced 911 warrants 1271 and 1272 for \$503.28; and Current Expense warrants 59393 through 59437 for \$28,666.71. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

**PROSECUTOR**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.  
**Executive Session** at 9:46 am regarding litigation based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) expected to last 15 minutes.

**Open Session** at 10:05 am.

Staircase Safety Issue

Mr. Bowen said installing a new staircase railing will cost about \$15,000. The proposal has been sent to Olympia to have the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation determine whether it will meet the historical guidelines. Mr. Verhulp said the work could be done using a vendor from the Small Works Roster. Mrs. Corkrum asked Mr. Verhulp to let the Safety Committee members know that the county is working on the staircase safety issue.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Resolution: Contract between Franklin County Public Works and Jan M. Tomlinson, Historical/Archaeological Consultant

Mr. Fife said the Corps of Engineers has required that we have an archaeologist on site when we dig for the boat launch project. An archaeologist who lives in Pasco is qualified and is willing to work on a personal services contract basis at a charge of \$60 per hour. The whole area that will be worked on has been disturbed before with an archaeologist involved so Mr. Fife questions why the Corps of Engineers is requiring the work.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept an agreement between Franklin County and Jan M. Tomlinson, Historical/Archaeological Consultant, Contract Number FC-PSC-07-01. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-543.

Resolution: Acceptance of Road 88, Sterling Road, Turquoise Court and Coral Court as shown in the Final Plat of Chiawana Estates and declaring them county roads

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept Road 88, Sterling Road, Turquoise Court and Coral Court as shown the final plat of Chiawana Estates and declare them county roads. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-544.

Mr. Fife said the name “Chiawana Estates” is a new name. The area was known by a different name previously.

Senator Meetings

Staff members from Senator Patty Murray's and Senator Maria Cantwell's offices will be holding meetings throughout the state. Mr. Fife said it may be a good time to schedule a field trip for county road projects while they are here. A session will be held in Walla Walla and another session in Ellensburg. Mrs. Corkrum said the county's two issues are R170 (from the landslide) and access to Juniper Dunes. Mr. Bowen said it might be best to fly the representatives over the two sites rather than drive.

Mrs. Corkrum would like Chris Endresen, Senator Cantwell's aide, to see the sites.

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**CLARKTOWN WATER SYSTEM**

Consultant Mike Corcoran met with the Board.

Request for contract amendment

Mr. Corcoran explained the need for a contract amendment to reallocate \$5000 of the total contract amount. The Board reviewed a letter from Christy Batayola of Harms Engineering, Inc. (Exhibit 5).

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept Amendment #1 between Harms Engineering, Inc., and Franklin County for Clarktown and Beneficial Water Systems' Planning Project, amending Franklin County Resolution 2006-579. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-545.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen and Facilities Director Christopher Giles met with the Board.

Contract for Emergency Backup Generator

Mr. Giles said the state will fund up to \$40,000.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the Public Works Contract between Franklin County and Farmers Electric, Inc., for the removal of an existing emergency backup system and installation of a new Onan/Cummins Northwest Genset Generator for a cost not to exceed \$41,381.00 including sales tax. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-546.

An electrician will look at the old generator to see if it can be used at TRAC. It is over 30 years old.

**Adjourned** at 10:44 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 10, 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 October 15, 2007.