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FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for November 7, 2007

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Bob Koch, Chairman; Neva J. Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Rick Miller, Member, was absent attending a Regional Research and Extension Water Quality Conference in Stevenson, Washington, and Fred Bowen, County Administrator, was absent attending a Federal funding symposium in Seattle, Washington.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2007-597** authorizing Franklin County regular tax levy for 2008 in the amount of \$5,893,728. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2007- 598** for the Collection Service Agreement Renewal between Franklin County District Court and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., effective January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie-Pascua met with the Board.

Homeless Housing

Human Services has worked with the Community Action Committee (CAC) to prepare a response to a state survey. It has been sent to County Administrator Fred Bowen for review before being sent to the state. An affordable housing plan will be required, which is different than the 10-year plan for homeless housing that was prepared earlier by the CAC.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks it may be a good idea to have a Bi-County Law and Justice Committee instead of a separate committee in each county. Ms. Huie-Pascua thinks there would be some benefits.

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There was discussion about the need for the Prosecutor's Office and the Sheriff's Office to be more involved, including discussions about jail mapping. Ms. Huie-Pascua has met with the Sheriff's Office and will continue to do so.

Mr. Koch said regarding review of contracts before Board approval, if it's the same contract as last year with a new date, the Prosecutor's Office doesn't need to spend very much time reviewing it.

Mental Health

The transition of clients from Sunderland to other providers continues to go very smoothly. Sunderland has moved to a new office that is only two blocks from the Human Services office. They have downsized. They are continuing to do business.

As part of the closing out of Sunderland's contract, any equipment that was bought and paid for by the counties will have to be returned to the counties. There are two computers that are servers that HS expects to be returned by November 15. HS has a need for those computer servers in our own office. Catholic Family has access to infrastructure funds to pay for half of some equipment needs. HS has also given them some other machines that were already on our inventory.

There is about \$193,000 that Sunderland had in reserve that will need to come back to the counties also. That is a concern only from the standpoint that it truly was a surprise to Mr. Simpkin of Sunderland. We are hoping there will not be any dispute regarding that. The deadline to return those funds is November 29.

Nueva Esperanza: Ms. Huie-Pascua talked to the chief financial officer who told her they anticipate delivering the audit report today, no later than tomorrow. The audit firm doing the work is in Bellevue. We hope for the best but we must plan for the worst. The deadline is November 13 at close of business. There have been preliminary discussions with staff regarding plans for what to do in a worst case scenario. HS currently has three providers in our network. Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about possible ways to provide the services if Nueva Esperanza is no longer able to do the work.

2008 Human Services Budget Narrative

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Ms. Huie-Pascua gave the Board a copy of the 2008 budget narrative. She is considering doing some internal restructuring of staff which she hopes will be much more efficient use of current staff resources. Quite a few people will be retiring in the next two years. The 2.4% COLA is standard for Benton County.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if HS has considered using the building on Canal Drive where the Health District was housed. Ms. Huie-Pascua said it was considered but she has been told by information technology staff that the building will not support the computer hardware that needs to be in place for the contractors. From a technical standpoint, it's not going to work. Mrs. Corkrum asked if the computer work could be run out of the administrative office. She thinks the building would be big enough.

Ms. Huie-Pascua said the building is 10,000 square feet. Currently the Crisis Response and Assessment Center use 5000 square feet and the Detox Center uses 4000 square feet. We would want to have 16 beds instead of 12. The Detox Center has 12-bed capacity currently.

Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board that a Consolidated Crisis Response Work Center Group is looking at all these types of things. We're considering at least two different scenarios, possibly three, and comparing the costs including transportation costs that might be saved by combining staff, salary costs, phone costs, etc.

A bi-county meeting will be held to review the budget in detail.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2007-24 to consider an application by Wayne Kane to short plat approximately 3.32 acres into three lots. As proposed, Lot #1 is approximately 1.10 acres in size, Lot #2 is approximately 1.12 acres in size, and Lot #3 is approximately 1.10 acres in size. The property is located in the Residential Suburban 20,000 (RS-20) Zoning District.

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Public Hearing convened at 9:50 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Corkrum; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Wayne Kane.

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

Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial photograph with a parcel overlay on the screen. There is City of Pasco water in Wernett Road and Road 54. Part of the city's requirement for extension of water is that Mr. Kane would have to extend city water from Road 52 and Wernett northward and also connect further up north to make a loop system. It would be cost-prohibitive to do that, especially when the county and the city don't have a development standards agreement as to how things are to be developed. The city wasn't excited about this proposal but understood. Mr. MacPherson has talked to City Manager Gary Crutchfield about preparing an agreement and expects the City of Pasco will be requesting a discussion about developing a city-county development standards agreement and maybe using a consultant to help with the process.

Mr. Kane said the cost for the city's request would have been around \$100,000. He told the amounts of pipe involved.

Mr. MacPherson said Richardson Road will be built 20 feet wide and hard-surfaced. The road does not extend to the east of this property at this time. When the property to the north develops, that property owner will be required to give right-of-way for 30 feet of roadway.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if an agreement with the city would include phasing in road taxes and that sort of thing. Mr. MacPherson said it could. Mr. Wendt said it could include an annexation agreement.

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the conditions of approval.

Mr. Koch asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against this proposal. There was no response.

Mr. Koch asked if anyone would like to speak for this proposal.

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Mr. Kane spoke in favor. He said it's mostly the water costs that convinced me I had to go with three one-acre lots rather than more, smaller lots. The city wanted the whole thing or nothing.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2007-24 subject to the seven findings of fact and six conditions of approval. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-599.

Public Hearing: To consider repealing Ordinance #37-2002 relating to the placement of factory-assembled structures and requirements and adopting a new "Factory Assembled Structures Placement Ordinance"

Public Hearing convened at 10:04 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Corkrum; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 3). He showed the Board the fee schedule which is part of the proposed ordinance.

There are two main substantive changes to the ordinance. One is the fees. The other is that the Hearing Examiner process for enforcement is no longer listed. The law requires it has to be a criminal citation. We're changing that Hearing Examiner process to be consistent with the Building Code process.

Mr. MacPherson recommended approval of Ordinance 8-2007.

No one was present in the audience to comment.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we grant approval of Ordinance 8-2007 which adopts the Franklin County Factory-Assembled Structure Placement ordinance, repealing previously adopted Ordinance #37-2002, subject to the three findings of fact and recommendations. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Updates of other codes

Mr. MacPherson said the Fire Code will be updated in early December. In the future, he hopes to incorporate the Building Code and Fire Code updates in the same process. The Business Registration Ordinance update and the Fee Schedule Ordinance updates will be done in 2008.

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Final Approval Short Plat SP 2007-02, Thomas Maulden

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for final approval of Short Plat 2007-02 for Thomas Maulden. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-600.

Recessed at 10:15 am.

Reconvened at 10:28 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Department Update

Mr. Fife talked with the Board about general Public Works Department matters.

No action was taken.

Recessed at 10:42 am.

Reconvened at 10:45 am.

DISABILITY BOARD

Disability Board Clerk Sheri Kroodsma and Human Resources Director Rosie H. Rumsey met with the Board.

Disability Board: Insurance for retired employees insured under LEOFF 1

Prior to 2004, insurance policies were provided by the county for two retired employees. They were also receiving insurance through policies in their current workplace. Mrs. Corkrum said the county probably didn't know they had policies through their current work. The county's PEBB insurance will not provide double coverage. The matter has not come up again until now. The two retired employees feel the county is required to pay. Mrs. Corkrum said the law does not require the county to pay for medical insurance. The insurance premiums cost the two retired employees who are now employed at CBC an additional \$28 out of pocket. Mr. Koch said they could send it to the Disability Board as a cost, similar to a prescription reimbursement.

The Board had **consensus agreement** that the county does not have to provide double coverage. If the retired employees don't have insurance at some time during the year, the county does provide them the opportunity to come onto the county's insurance.

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COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)

Continuum of Care Manager Cricket Cordova and CAC Director Judith Gidley met with the Board.

Executive Session at 10:55 am regarding real estate acquisition based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 11:14 am.

County Clerk Mike Killian joined the audience.

Re-entry of offenders into the community: #6157

Mrs. Corkrum asked Ms. Gidley about a requirement that the county respond to a state request by January 1, 2008. Ms. Gidley asked, "Do you want us to do it for you?" Mrs. Corkrum said yes. Ms. Gidley said we had anticipated that. Two key things have to happen:

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has to be in place between the counties and the Department of Corrections (DOC). CAC can work with the Prosecutor's Office to get that MOU in place.

Secondly, an inventory needs to be done of what housing is available. CAC is in the process of doing the inventory for Benton County. The majority of that information is in our handbook. Also, some other players including the Sheriff's Office need to be brought to the table.

Ms. Gidley told the Board about work the CAC is doing with Coyote Ridge prison regarding re-entry of prisoners into the community on a temporary basis.

Mr. Koch asked what amount of funding is required for the CAC to do this work. Ms. Gidley said the law allows the counties to draw up to \$1600 to do the process. By doing this work, the counties will have the opportunity to apply for additional funding to deal with inmates afterwards. She said the CAC will help the county with that, too.

COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk Mike Killian met with the Board.

Voucher for storage costs

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Ms. Killian answered the Board's questions about a voucher for storage space. He said the storage space at Bekins will be used on a temporary basis. A contract is being reviewed by Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp for using another storage facility.

Mr. Killian showed the Board some pictures of records his office has that are located at the Franklin County Annex. His intent is to move all the records from the Annex to the new storage site.

Mr. Killian said after files have been imaged and certified by the Secretary of State's office, then the paper copies can be destroyed. He has asked Information Services Director Kevin Scott to expedite the work required by Information Services to help get the records certified.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we send a letter to the Auditor regarding payroll authorization and release for November 15. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Letter of Thanks

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we send a letter to Vicki Contini at the Washington State University Franklin County Extension Office regarding a conference that was held at TRAC, thanking them for bringing that conference to the TRAC facility and Franklin County. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payment of vouchers/ warrants as listed: TRAC warrants 809 through 846 for \$56,703.13; Franklin County RV Facility warrant 393 for \$781.64; Courthouse Facilitator warrant 93 for \$950.00; Jail Commissary warrants 2392 through 2395 for \$5,625.87; Current Expense warrant 59785 for \$1,743.76; Current Expense warrants 59786 through 59829 for \$55,746.80; Current Expense warrants 59830 through 59863 for \$10,991.91; and Current Expense warrants

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59864 through 59915 for \$12,434.88; for a total of \$144,977.99. Second by Mr. Koch.

2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7)

Adjourned at 11:38 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 19, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed November 26, 2007.