

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 48
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for December 10, 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 Rick Miller, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the consent agenda for December 10, 2007, as listed:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2007-633** in the matter of reappointing Ethel Krug to serve another two-year term on the Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Board, with said term expiring December 31, 2009. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2007-634** authorizing Information Services to purchase four Fujitsu Lifebook Tablet personal computers for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$9,855.30, to be paid from the Capital Outlay Budget, Number 001-000-710, line item 594.19.64.3501 (Computer Hardware). (Exhibit 2: Information sheet)
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2007-635** in the matter of the Amendment 1 to the 2007-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Department and Teamsters Local 839, Warehousemen, Garage Employees, and Helpers Union representing Juvenile Detention Unit, amending Franklin County Resolution 2007-077. (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **Resolution 2007-636** for the Memorandum of Agreement by and between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Department and Teamsters Union Local 839 representing Juvenile Detention Unit Employees, amending Franklin County Resolution 2007-077, and authorizing the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.
5. Approval of **Resolution 2007-637** creating line item 558.10.10.0070 (Planner I) in the 2007 Current Expense Planning & Building Department Budget, Number 001-000-130, and intra budget transfers totaling \$3,600 within the 2007 Current Expense Planning & Building Department Budget, Number 001-000-130, to line item 558.10.10.0070 (Planner 1) as follows:

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\$1,000 from line item 524.20.10.0800 (Extra Help);
\$1,000 from line item 524.20.45.0001 (Equipment Rental);
\$1,000 from line item 558.10.41.0001 (Hearing Examiner); and
\$600 from line item 558.10.43.0001 (Travel). (Exhibit 4:
Information sheet.)

Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Minutes

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for November 21, November 28, December 3 regular meeting and December 3 bi-county meeting. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Rainy Day Fund

County Administrator Fred Bowen said if the county decides to buy a building costing \$300,000, the Rainy Day fund balance would be about \$400,000. There is about \$175,000 left over in the Capital Projects and Courthouse Restoration fund that Mr. Bowen would rather use for the purchase of the building instead of dipping into the Rainy Day fund so the Rainy Day fund balance would be at about \$600,000.

There are enough available funds in the first 1/4 % excise tax fund to take care of the bond payment. There is a surplus in the Car Rental excise tax fund budget at this time which can be used at the Board's discretion. The Car Rental fund is set up to be used for TRAC Operations. If it is used instead of another account, Current Expense would be freed up by about \$75,000. The Contingency amount would be more than \$200,000 but Mr. Bowen is recommending setting the Contingency amount at \$150,000 and putting any additional funds above the \$150,000 into the Rainy Day fund.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Resolution: Road Restrictions

Mr. Fife asked for approval of a resolution allowing him to set road restrictions.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve Resolution 2007-638 to set the matter of restricting gross vehicle loads and vehicle speeds on county roads. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

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R170 and Juniper Dunes and paving of roads

Mr. Koch and Mr. Fife went on a helicopter flight with representatives from Senator Maria Cantwell's and Senator Patty Murray's offices to tour the R170 and Juniper Dunes areas. Funding is needed for roads in the two areas. Mr. Fife doesn't know that they have any money to give to us but at least they're aware of our issue. He said we did ask that Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray would come back for a tour like we just took.

Mr. Koch would like to begin setting up appointments for March at the Bureau of Land Management office. Senator Cantwell's representative will try to attend the meeting along with Mr. Koch.

Mrs. Corkrum said she still would like to use the 1/4% fund to pave gravel roads. Mr. Fife thinks we'll have to use it to get the 30 miles done because prices have increased.

Appeal of Planning Commission decision regarding Flower Farm application

Mr. Koch asked if the speed limit of 45 miles an hour on Road 68 can be dropped to a lower speed. Mr. Fife said it can be dropped. Mr. Fife said once there is more traffic activity, the speed limit can be reconsidered. Right now at the 45-mile speed limit, there is no accident history. Mr. Fife said we can also make them put in left-turn lanes. Mr. Koch asked is there enough room? Mr. Fife said yes. Mrs. Corkrum said there is one left-turn lane on Road 68 going into a housing project. Mr. Fife said a center turn lane is an option.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Richard Lathim, Jail Captain Rick Long, Lori Schmidt and Chief Accountant Tom Westerman met with the Board. Present in audience: Facilities Director Chris Giles.

2007 Jail Budget

Sheriff Lathim told the Board about additional revenue totaling \$171,700 that has been received this year. He gave the Board a handout showing budget information (Exhibit 5). He expects to receive more funds because of outstanding billings. He said

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the Corrections Budget needs a supplement of \$105,000 to complete the year and the Kitchen budget needs a supplement of \$22,000 to complete the year. The handout gives the reasons for the budget shortfall.

Some of the increased revenue is coming from the Work Release program because it began running sooner than we had anticipated. There were also increased costs over the costs that were budgeted.

The Jail has received a bill from the Facilities Department for a salary for one Facilities employee for about \$27,000. Another bill for repairs totaling about \$24,000 has been received from the Facilities Department, half of which has to be paid back to the Facilities Department. There are also regular bills that have to be paid.

Mrs. Corkrum asked why is this information coming in this late in the year? We're in crunch time to get it advertised to open up the budget. We have to advertise for two weeks. Sheriff Lathim said we've watched this and it's been close but when we get down to the end of the year it's just not going to make it.

Mr. Bowen asked if the revenues are new revenues that were not anticipated or are they budgeted for 2008? Sheriff Lathim said we have increased the budget for 2008. He briefly reviewed some specific budget categories.

Mr. Bowen said we used your additional unexpected revenue that you received this year, anticipating a cash carryover to balance the budget. Sheriff Lathim said SCAP money no, maybe yes on Work Release. There is \$131,000 that is fresh new money so it will not pull away from the cash carryover amount for 2008. There are amounts owing of \$105,000 for Corrections and \$22,000 for the kitchen.

Mr. Bowen said the frustration is you would think you can anticipate running out of money before this time. It's just that you would think you would see this \$105,000 coming in September or October and that would give us more time to prepare for it. If we can catch this sooner, if we can see this coming, then we can all prepare for it.

Chris Giles was asked in the future to either bill monthly or once a year at the beginning of the year for the salary of the one employee.

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Sheriff Lathim explained that the insurance amount was unknown. Mrs. Corkrum said the insurance rates fluctuate. The formula includes the number of vehicles and L&I hours.

Mr. Bowen said a public hearing will be set to consider adding \$131,000 as additional revenue and increasing the bottom line.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if the amount spent in the uniforms line item was due to the four new people we hired to handle the contract with the Port of Pasco at the airport. Sheriff Lathim said we're tracking what our actual costs are for those positions including equipment. There wasn't additional money in the budget. The bottom line was not increased.

Mr. Westerman said the salaries line items in Budget 530 are negative, mostly because of retroactive amounts that have been paid. He asked if the funds that have come from the Port of Pasco can be used to take care of the salaries. Mrs. Corkrum said yes, that's what it's for.

Some budgets were reviewed briefly. Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Westerman to make a few changes to the proposed 2008 budget.

Sheriff Lathim, Captain Long and Lori Schmidt left the meeting.

Mr. Giles said he has found out that the Jail can save money on cleaning supplies and paper products for Care and Custody because they can buy wholesale due to the volume needed. Mr. Bowen asked that a line item be put on the expenditure side and revenue side in the Maintenance budget for these items.

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Westerman to add a Care and Custody line item into the Maintenance budget. He wants the item left in the Jail budget also.

Mr. Giles said it cost almost \$8000 to fix two doors in the jail. The doors broke in November. He was notified in July.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

TRAC Arena Upgrade

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It will cost \$45,678 to build the lighted sponsor boards that will go into the arena. TRAC had planned to use the revenues they would receive from the signs to pay for it. However, Mr. Bowen would prefer to use some of the surplus funds in the .09 Distressed and Rural County fund. This use is allowed because the Economic Development Plan includes capital improvements for the rodeo arena at TRAC. The revenue from the signs could be used instead to offset the TRAC Operations budget. The Board **gave approval**. A resolution will be prepared.

Resolution setting 2008 benefits for bi-county non-bargaining workers

Mr. Bowen answered the Board's questions about a proposed bi-county resolution. The Board asked that the resolution be put on the consent agenda.

Recessed at 10:53 am.

Reconvened at 10:58 am.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)

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

Offender Re-entry Services (Substitute Senate Bill 6157)

Ms. Cordova gave the Board an overview of SSB 6157. The bill was passed which deals with offenders re-entering our community. The primary focus is the Department of Corrections (DOC) but it also involves local law enforcement and services. She reviewed the summary she had prepared (Exhibit 6).

The primary responsibility of the county was to compile an inventory of re-entry resources that were available. She said we have done that except she still needs to meet with local law enforcement and probation. She said we have covered housing, employment, education, treatment for substance abuse, mental health and specialized programs for batterers and treatment of sexual offenders.

She said we discussed capacity. DOC staff members were at the meeting. They were asked are we going to see an increase in people coming out of jail? DOC staff said no but there will be offenders hitting their maximum sentencing who will be released, regardless of whether or not they have anywhere to go or they have a re-entry plan. For

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most of the inmates who are re-entering society, they get out for good behavior and other reasons earlier but there are conditions on their release including a plan and community supervision, etc. The people released on the maximum date will be on their own.

Ms. Cordova said there are eleven categories of information we examined with a focus on six of those. Our local capacity falls somewhere between "somewhat inadequate" and "moderate capacity" levels. Housing for felons is very limited and we also have no treatment for the dangerously mentally ill and Level 2 and 3 sex offenders other than that which is provided by DOC. This is not an isolated problem. She referred to the page of Exhibit 6 titled "6157 Notes."

Ms. Cordova listed what we need to do for Franklin County as shown on the Notes page.

The first item to address is to meet with local law enforcement and probation.

The second item is that the county needs to sign and return a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that came from CTED regarding payment for completing the inventory. Mr. Bowen said there is a \$1600 payment for filling out the inventory. Mrs. Corkrum said the money needs to be paid to CAC for doing the work. Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller agreed. The MOU is supposed to be completed by January 1, 2008.

The third item is a question about whether the county is interested in applying for a Community Transition Coordination Network pilot program. It is a place where offenders can be connected to community resources. It is a four-year pilot program. The funding level will not be known until after the pilot programs have been awarded because it's being funded through a supplemental request. The lowest target goal is \$100,000 per year per program but the legislature might decide not to do that. Mrs. Corkrum said if the funding is not available, then we wouldn't have to do it. Ms. Cordova recommended checking "maybe will apply." Mrs. Corkrum asked if the CAC in your capacity would be able to do that for us. Ms. Gidley said yes, our agency would be able to do it.

Ms. Cordova said the fourth item to address is that the survey requires a county point of contact. Below that point of contact, her name on behalf of CAC and Franklin County will be listed as the person who actually completed the survey. Mrs. Corkrum

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said either the Board Chairman or County Administrator Fred Bowen should be the point of contact.

Ms. Cordova said a Community Justice Center is also referenced in the bill. It would be set up by DOC, a one-stop shop established by DOC. DOC says they are considering establishing one here in the Tri-City area. CTED said ideally it would be a coordinated network of services between the two organizations.

Law and Justice Council

Mrs. Corkrum asked did you ask if we can combine the Franklin County and Benton County Law and Justice Councils? Ms. Cordova has not asked. Ms. Gidley said the Act does allow for a bi-county criminal justice committee. Ms. Cordova said the bi-county does not come into play unless you go for the Community Transition Coordination Network. She said there is limited information available at this time.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Health District

Benton County has notified Franklin County this morning that they passed a resolution regarding the reconstitution of the members of the Board of Health at their meeting this morning. The Franklin County Board was asked to consider taking similar action today with signing of the original document to occur when it is received.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that Franklin County approves the joint resolution reconstituting the membership of the Benton-Franklin District Board of Health to be signed when we receive it from Benton County. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This will be Resolution 2007-639.

Adjourned at 11:43 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until December 12, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed December 17, 2007.