

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for January 9, 2008

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

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Planner Jeremy Underwood met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2007-27, an application by William Robison to short plat approximately 165.41 acres into two lots. Lot #1 is approximately 163.38 acres and Lot #2 is approximately 2.03 acres. The property is located in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) Zoning District.

Public Hearing convened at 9:15 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Will and Kola Robison, one unidentified man, Bill and Bardella Robison, and Auditor Zona Lenhart.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 1).

Mr. MacPherson showed a copy of the preliminary plat that was submitted by the applicant with a 2002 aerial photograph overlay on the screen. He reviewed the conditions of approval.

Mr. Koch asked three times if anyone in the audience would like to speak against the short plat proposal. There was no response.

Mr. Koch asked twice if anyone in the audience would like to speak for this proposal.

Will Robison spoke in favor as the person requesting it. He said he has lived there for about 30 years.

Mr. Koch asked for a third time if anyone would like to speak in favor. There was no response.

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Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2007-47 subject to the seven findings of fact and eight conditions of approval. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-010.

Recessed at 9:23 am.

Reconvened at 9:34 am.

INDIGENT DEFENSE COORDINATOR

Indigent Defense Coordinator Ray Gonzales and Judy Paxton met with the Board.

Attorney Fees

Mr. Gonzales has received a billing from a defense attorney for a case going back to early 2006. When the bill came in there was no funding to pay for it so we are considering paying the \$9899 from 2008 funds. There has been a practice to finish a case before it is billed, primarily in Benton County. That practice has been discontinued as of the beginning of 2008. Quarterly statements will be required. Mr. Gonzales said we have the money in the 2008 budget and the order has been signed by the court and we are fine with that. It's an issue that affects only the felony panels. District Court still has a flat rate for most cases.

Mr. Gonzales said both counties are now using our office to approve expert funds. He will be checking with Auditor Zona Lenhart to find out exactly how Franklin County wants to handle it.

Mr. Gonzales serves on a board that will meet in Olympia soon. One item of discussion will be regarding insurance coverage amounts for indigent defense attorneys.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Fire Protection District 5

Mr. Verhulp asked for approval of a resolution that specifies the exact terms for the first elected commissioners of Fire District 5. The statute governing the fire districts states the commissioner receiving the most amount of votes will receive the longest term so the terms are for two, four and six years. Jim Brooks would have a six-year term, Jim

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Jacobs would have a four-year term, and Roger L. Richardson would have a two-year term, expiring on December 31 of their corresponding year.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move to accept Resolution 2007-011 declaring the terms of office of recently elected commissioners of Franklin County Fire District #5. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Verhulp said the position numbers were determined by Elections Supervisor Diana Killian.

Pasco Sanitary Landfill (PSL)

Mr. Verhulp has reviewed the invoice for \$8043.68 from Aspect Consulting for consulting work on the Pasco Sanitary Landfill. Franklin County's one-sixth share is \$1340.61. It is consistent with the consultant's work. He asked for approval to pay the bill from the Landfill Trust Fund.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-012.

Land Use Petition Act (LUPA) lawsuit

A LUPA lawsuit was filed against the county this week by Janet Johnson. Mr. Verhulp will review the paperwork.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the consent agenda for January 9, 2008, as listed:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-013** for the Agreement between Franklin County and Culligan, Customer Order 001135, for point-of-use water cooler system for District Court on a monthly basis.
2. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request for Sheriff Richard Lathim to attend the Western States Sheriff's Training Conference in Reno, Nevada, March 4-7, 2008, for an estimated cost of \$593.03. (Exhibit 2)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-014** for an inter budget transfer in the amount of \$500 from the 2007 Current Expense Aids to Other Government Agencies

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Budget, Number 001-000-720, line item 512.21.50.0001 (Court Reimbursement/Benton County) to the Capital Outlay Budget, Number 001-000-710, line item 594.12.1651 (Superior Court Law Books). (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)

4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-015** recognizing Ken McMenammin for 25-1/2 years of dedication and commitment to the Benton and Franklin Counties Substance Abuse Administrative Board. (Exhibit 4: Information sheet.)
5. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-018** approving the Professional Services Agreement #MH2007-Cummings and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 5: Information sheet.)
6. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-016** authorizing the hiring of a Juvenile Probation Counselor III (1739), classified at a Grade 15, as a full-time, benefited FTE position to work with the CJAA – FFT Expansion Grant Program.

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

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept the 2007 vouchers as of January 9, 2008, as listed for the total amount of \$217,430.10: Current Expense warrants 60976 through 61008 for \$108,203,03; and TRAC warrants 958 through 1007 for \$109,227.07. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

Public Works Contract: Air Conditioner in Dispatch Server Room

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we authorize the Public Works contract to purchase and for installation of a 9000 btu ductless split air conditioner in the Dispatch server room in an amount not to exceed \$9172 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 300.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-017.

Recessed at 10:20 am.

Reconvened at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

TRAC Parking Lot

Mr. Fife gave the Board a copy of a parking lot design for an area of TRAC that may be used by Ben Franklin Transit.

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Bid Opening: CRP 596 – R170 Landslide Area Phase I Canal Relocation

Bid Opening convened at 11:00 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Engineer Tim Fife; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: 20 people.

Nine bids were received:

Selland Construction from Wenatchee

Base plus A1	\$1,006,721.06
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Base plus Alternate 2	\$1,531,331.68
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Scarsella

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$981,577.05
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,392,681.14
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Halme in Davenport

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$1,060,116.21
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No bid on Alternate 2	
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Apollo

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$870,548.10
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,234,582.80
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Jansen

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$1,300,976.38
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,644,182.82
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North Central Construction

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$1,099,672.52
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,503,936.92
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Pegram

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$822,457.52
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,180,307.63
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Rotschy, Inc.

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$689,077.89
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Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,109,062.37
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Ray Poland

Base bid plus Alternate 1	\$834,102.23
Base bid plus Alternate 2	\$1,202,830.43

Engineer's estimate:

Base plus Alternate 1	\$968,484.07
Base plus Alternate 2	\$1,384,335.82

Mr. Fife and his staff will review the bids and plans to be prepared to award the bid at 1:30 pm today.

Those people in the audience left the meeting.

Mr. Fife answered Mr. Miller's question about the difference between the alternates. The irrigation district preferred using a particular material that is more expensive.

Mr. Fife said normally we don't pay sales tax for a county road project but we do have to pay sales tax for an irrigation project. A county road project will be done as part of the complete project but not until later so Mr. Fife did not feel comfortable with leaving out the sales tax.

Recessed at 11:17 am.

Reconvened at 11:30 am.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payment of Franklin County Public Works Department County Road Fund payroll for \$65,852.73 and Franklin County Public Works Department Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$11,026.15. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

LOBBYIST

Lobbyist Jim Potts telephoned the Board regarding the upcoming legislative session and to schedule his future calls with the Board.

Recessed at 11:35 am.

Reconvened at 1:37 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

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Engineer Tim Fife and Rob Richmond met with the Board.

Bid Award: CRP 596 R-170 – Landslide Area Phase I Canal Relocation

Mr. Fife said the bids were reviewed. The low bid is from Rotschy, Inc., from Yacolt, Washington. The bid from Ray Poland did not use the new proposal form so they left off one bid item. Rotchy's bid is a little over 28% under our engineer's estimate. It was a competitive bid because there was a range of bid amounts. Mr. Fife recommended award of the bid so the project can be started. The water comes in about March 15.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we award the bid for CRP 596 / R170, Landslide Area Phase I Canal Relocation, to Rotschy Construction, Inc., of Yacolt, Washington. The bid was \$694,763.65 and it was the lowest bid. Mr. Fife said that was for the base bid plus Alternate 1 which uses the PVC pipe. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7)

Mr. Koch asked do we pay tax at the site or at the office? Mr. Fife said at the office. He said the contractor pays sales tax at the site of a place where he buys materials. Mrs. Corkrum asked does the sales tax come back to the county? Mr. Fife said it's supposed to. We can make sure it does. The tax code for the area will be an item on the agenda for the preconstruction conference.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for January 7, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until January 9, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed January 16, 2008.