

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for January 22, 2008

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Bob Koch, Chairman; and Neva J. Corkrum, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem, was absent due to a travel day to attend the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee Retreat in North Carolina.

**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 **joint Resolution 2008-027** setting the 2008 Juvenile Center Operations Budget at \$5,298,821 and Facilities Budget at \$172,093.
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-028** authorizing flat monthly payments from Franklin County in the amount of \$127,939 for the 2008 Juvenile Center Operations Budget and Facilities Budget, payable to Benton County Treasurer by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-029** in the matter of adopting the percentage rates for salaries for Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court personnel.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2008-030** re-appointing Ed Kinion to serve as General Contractor on the Mid-Columbia Building Appeals Commission for a five-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2012.
5. Approval of **Resolution 2008-031** for the contract between Franklin County and Rotschy, Inc., for CRP 596 / R-170 Landslide Area, Phase I – Canal Relocation.
6. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the *Delegation of County Legislative Authority to Serve on Canvassing Board* form, designating each Board member to act on said board throughout the year 2008. (Exhibit 1)

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

Change of Status:

Mr. Bowen explained about a Change of Status in the Facilities Department for Jennifer Wagner because of a job change from her previous position to her current position.

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Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of the **2007** vouchers in the amount of \$43,448.71 as listed: Current Expense warrants 61108 through 61116 for \$6,454.08; Trial Court Improvement warrant 3 for \$1,264.38; Franklin County Capital Projects warrants 357 through 364 for \$1,070.83; Franklin County Public Facilities Construction warrant 832 for \$14,904.68; Franklin County Enhanced 911 warrants 1279 through 1284 for \$6,747.26; Jail Commissary warrants 2419 through 2424 for \$5,966.32; Current Expense warrants 61117 through 61121 for \$4,627.68; Courthouse Renovation warrant 552 for \$132.13; and Franklin County Capital Projects warrants 365 through 367 for \$2,281.35; for a total of \$43,448.71. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of the **2008** vouchers as listed: Current Expense warrants 61122 through 61134 for \$51,726.04; and Current Expense warrants 61135 through 61178 for \$52,008.16; for a total of \$103,734.20. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Minutes

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners proceedings for January 14, 2008, and authorize Rick Miller's signature when he returns. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

**PROSECUTOR**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Superior Court Case: *Ryan David Matthews v. Franklin County Treasurer*

Mr. Verhulp said the Board approved a \$650 payment on December 6, 2007, to Mr. Matthews as ordered by the judge. After that date, the plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration asking the judge to order increased fines beyond the \$650. The judge has now ruled regarding the motion and granted the motion, increasing the full fine by \$210 for a total of \$860. The fine was calculated on a penalty of \$5 per day. The only thing the judge changed was he looked at the dates the public records request was received by the Treasurer's Office and recalculated the amount of days between the two dates to assess the \$5 per day fine. The judge concluded an increased number of penalty days

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existed. Mr. Verhulp asked for approval of a resolution to issue a warrant for \$210 payable to Brian David Matthews.

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Resolution 2008-032 regarding issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$210 per Franklin County Superior Court Order in regard to Brian David Matthews versus Tiffany L. Coffland, Franklin County Treasurer, Cause #07-2-50999-5. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

**Mediation Agreement**

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Agreement to Mediate and we'll assign Resolution Number 2008-033. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Verhulp said the document is an agreement to use James M. Danielson to assist in the mediation of the current pending litigation case, *Lovejoy v. Harms Pacific Transport and Franklin County*. The hourly rate is \$325 per hour.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board.

**Budgeting**

Mrs. Corkrum said Grays Harbor County is using a cash basis type of accounting system. She explained the basic premise of the system. Mrs. Corkrum asked Ms. Lenhart to check into whether this type of basis can be used in Franklin County. Mrs. Corkrum thinks it would make bookkeeping much easier. Ms. Lenhart said she also thinks it might be easier.

**Legislature**

Ms. Lenhart told the Board about current legislative issues and about her testimony at a legislative hearing last week.

**FACILITIES**

Facilities Director Christopher Giles met with the Board.

**Salary Grid Placement for Employee**

Mr. Giles answered the Board's questions about placement of employee Jennifer Wagner on the salary scale. He is requesting placement at Grade 11 Step 4. Mr. Bowen said the Board has approved this placement previously during budget workshops prior to

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the position being filled. It is the same thing that has been done with other employees. Ms. Wagner's job duties are changed from previously.

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of Jennifer Wagner moving to Grade 11 Step 4. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. Mr. Giles said the change goes into effect as of January 16, 2008. Mr. Bowen will sign the original Change of Status form.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: five men.

**TRAC: \$200,000 Floating Loan Interest Accrual**

Mr. Bowen asked if the \$200,000 interest can be used towards the subsidy cost for TRAC. The Board **gave approval**. A resolution will be prepared.

Engineer Tim Fife joined the meeting.

**Sheriff's Office: Vehicle Accident**

The estimate for repair of a sheriff's vehicle is \$20,698.39. Replacement cost would be \$33,153.36. A question was asked about whether the vehicle could be repaired and then safely used as a pursuit vehicle. Mr. Fife said we can but we don't like to. Mr. Koch said there was no frame damage to the vehicle. Mrs. Corkrum asked is it necessary that each officer needs a vehicle to drive back and forth to home? She said it didn't used to be that way. Mr. Fife said some deputies do not drive back and forth to home if they live in Benton County. Mr. Bowen said he has been told at conferences that it is a union issue. He will need to review the union contract.

Mr. Koch asked if there are any other wrecked vehicles. Mr. Fife said there are two. The Prosecutor's office is requiring the Public Works Department to hold them for awhile.

The Board decided to not take action today to approve either the repair or the replacement of the car. Mr. Koch does not see any reason why the vehicle could not go back on the road as a patrol vehicle. Mr. Fife said the car could be sent to Columbia Basin College (CBC) for repairs but it would take a long time, perhaps as long as a year or even more.

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Bid Opening (continued from January 16, 2008): CRP 592, 2006 Gravel Road Paving  
Upgrade Group 3

Bid opening convened at 11:00 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Corkrum; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Engineer Tim Fife; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers; Information Services staff members Marc van den Dikkenberg and Dan McCann. Present in audience: eight men.

Mr. Fife explained there were three bids involved: the base bid, the base bid plus Schedules A and C, and the base bid plus Schedules B and C.

Four bids were received:

Selland Construction of Wenatchee, Washington

Base bid	\$ 382,923.50
Base bid plus Schedules A and C	\$1,694,618.00
Base bid plus Schedules B and C	\$1,813,700.00

Copenhaver Construction, Inc., of Creston, Washington

Base bid	\$ 320,369.50
Base bid plus Schedules A and C	\$1,435,380.80
Base bid plus Schedules B and C	(did not bid)

Transtate

Base bid	\$ 305,210.14
Base bid plus Schedules A and C	\$1,572,601.84
Base bid plus Schedules B and C	\$1,562,073.18

Inland Asphalt

Base bid	\$ 326,065.20
Base bid plus Schedules A and C	\$1,548,352.90
Base bid plus Schedules B and C	\$1,467,481.70

The engineer's estimate was:

Base bid	\$ 434,139.72
Base bid plus Schedules A and C	\$1,661,171.72

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Base bid plus Schedules B and C      \$1,602,999.12

The bids will be reviewed. Mr. Fife will report back to the Board on Monday, January 28. He expects to ask for award of the bid at that time. Group 3 includes four roads: Crestloch, Cypress, Fir and Everett. (Clerk's Note: The January 28 Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

Vouchers – 2007

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payment of 2007 vouchers as listed: County Road Fund for \$81,647.03; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$24,977.47; Solid Waste Fund for \$17,510.50; and Solid Waste Fund for \$325.33. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payment of 2008 vouchers as listed: County Road Fund for \$9839.17; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$7608.03; and Solid Waste Fund for \$2650.00. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Additional Costs for Security Project

A list was reviewed of additional items needed for the security project (Exhibit 6).

Facilities Director Christopher Giles returned to the meeting to answer the Board's questions about the items.

The Board members feel no one in the courthouse should have a gun unless they are a commissioned officer. There is a county ordinance prohibiting weapons inside the courthouse or public safety building.

Mr. Giles said Security Officer Rick Rochleau and he looked at Benton County signs. We need to post the policies that the county will have. One sign would have the policies in a case that is mounted on the side of the brick wall as you go through the doors. Another sign would tell people to check weapons. That sign would be placed over the desk area. There would also be some signs in the parking lot to encourage people to leave weapons in their vehicles. Mr. Giles said there are a few other signs involved.

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Mr. Giles told the Board about the directional sign that is being made. It will be installed on the sidewalk next to the Carriage House. The sign was already approved by the Board. It's a dual signboard. One side will have the listing of where buildings are located and there will also be a place to post information about night meetings or jury duty.

The Board **approved items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11.** The Board **did not approve item 9 (free-standing gun locker).**

Mrs. Corkrum asked Mr. Bowen to do some checking about employees carrying guns to work.

**Adjourned** at 11:56 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until January 30, 2008.

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 January 30, 2008.