

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for February 11, 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; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Shults asked to pull item 1 from the consent agenda because not all of the material has been received.

Motion - Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the February 11, 2008, consent agenda, pulling item 1, approving items 2, 3 and 4 as listed:

- (Clerk's Note: Item 1 was pulled from the consent agenda.)
1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-__** adopting Revision 2 of the Franklin County Veteran's Assistance Fund Policy and Procedures in its entirety.
 2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-055** in the matter of appointing Randal Fox to the Mid-Columbia Library Board of Trustees, with said term expiring December 31, 2010.
 3. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$73,755.27 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$10,948.13 for pay period ending February 7, 2008.
 4. Approval of **Resolution 2008-056** authorizing destruction of two U.S. flags as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from Facilities, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-__** authorizing the Franklin County Treasurer to sell the tax-title property legally described as Parcel Number 112-461-088, Willetta's Addition to Pasco Lots 19 & 20, Block 11, for a minimum cash sale price of \$1,071.97.

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2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-___** authorizing the Franklin County Treasurer to sell the tax-title property legally described as Parcel Number 112-461-104, Willetta's Addition, Lots 1-14 and Lots 18-22, Block 12, for a minimum cash sale price of \$5,500.00.

Mrs. Corkrum and Mr. Miller have both received phone calls from a person who wants to purchase two parcels of tax-title property. Mrs. Corkrum had talked to Treasurer Tiffany Coffland about the matter. Mr. Miller had talked to Planner Jerrod MacPherson. Treasurer Tiffany Coffland has sent the Board a letter regarding the history of the parcels (Exhibit 1). The property will be placed for public auction.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we re-sell the Tax Title Property Parcel #112-461-088 and the bid will be handled by the Treasurer's Office by public auction. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-057.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move to re-sell Tax Title Property Parcel #112-461-104 for a minimum cash price bid of \$5500.00, Lots 1 through 14 and Lots 18 through 22, Block 12. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-058.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of 2008 vouchers for Current Expense warrants 61367 through 61411 for \$103,976.70; Boating Safety warrant 415 for \$4760.97; Current Expense warrants 61412 through 61433 for \$6118.54; Current Expense warrants 61434 through 61457 for \$9005.25; and Veteran's Assistance warrant 1384 for \$200.00; for a total amount of \$124,061.46. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board. Present in audience: Troy Woody.

Building Inspection Services, City of Connell

Franklin County is under contract to provide building inspection services to the City of Connell. Pasco School District has some bleachers they can donate to Connell High School. However, the bleachers do not meet code in several categories including

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handrails, guardrails, tread depth and aisle width. The contractor is not thrilled about that determination and is looking at alternatives in dealing directly with the City of Connell if Connell wants to take on the liability.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if we're contracting to do the building inspection, can we defer that to the City of Connell? She asked Mr. MacPherson to check with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp. Mr. MacPherson said the contract is silent on who is the designated building official for the City of Connell. Franklin County is the building inspector.

Mr. Koch said he is having a hard time understanding why the school board would even accept the bleachers because of liability. Mr. MacPherson said the bleachers will hold 1000 people (89 ton). He said there is a lot of liability that comes along with that. Mr. Koch said the bleachers could be retrofitted to meet the codes.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Marketing

Mr. Woody told the Board about TRAC marketing efforts which include television commercials, magazine ads, brochures, and new business cards. Efforts have been made to have the different types of marketing look the same.

Grant Training

Mr. Woody will be attending a grant training workshop in Yakima regarding Federal grants for sports- and recreation-type projects. It is possible the TRAC warm-up arena would qualify for grants.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Woody to look at the facility at Deschutes County in Redmond, Oregon, for ideas.

Positive Customer Comments

Mr. Woody gave the Board copies of two emails from TRAC customers.

2007 Budget

Mr. Woody gave the Board a preliminary final 2007 TRAC budget. He said there have already been a few changes but it is very near being final. The paper that was

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reviewed compares three sets of numbers: TRAC's numbers, County Administrator's numbers, and the Auditor's numbers.

Internet Service

Mr. Woody asked if a contract for internet service can be placed on the consent agenda after Chief Civil Deputy Ryan Verhulp completes his review. The Board said yes.

Events

Mr. Woody reviewed some recent events held at TRAC.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Basin City Water and Sewer District

Mr. Bowen told the Board about work he is doing with the Basin City Water and Sewer District. He has asked Attorney Jeff Nave for information about the use of the money that is available.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed some current legislation information from Lobbyist Jim Potts. Mr. Potts had requested Board input regarding some legislation. After some discussion, the Board called Mr. Potts to ask some questions. The Board told Mr. Potts they are against Bill 6595 without funding being provided.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie-Pascua met with the Board.

Deputy Director Position

The deputy director position has not yet been filled but has been advertised and is an approved position in the budget. However, there had not been a formal resolution to place the position at Grade 21. Benton County has already signed the resolution. Technically it is a new position. It is replacing the Human Services Manager position but the grade level and terminology are different. Ms. Huie-Pascua said she felt there was too much of a gap between the positions of director and deputy director. She described some of the duties of the deputy director position and commented about the great (large) expectations for the person filling the position.

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Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that Franklin County approve the bi-county resolution in the matter of establishing a salary grade for the Human Services Deputy Director in the Human Services Department at Grade 21. Second by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Koch asked why does it say “temporary grade”? Ms. Huie-Pascua said she has to talk with Melina Wenner of the Benton County Human Resources Department to find out why. After reading the resolution again, Mr. Koch said it is probably temporary until the committee referenced in the resolution can look at it.

Vote: 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-059.

Ending Homelessness Conference

Ms. Huie-Pascua said the conference she and Robin Callow attended last week in Seattle was very useful. She hopes to be able to implement many of the ideas presented.

The state mental health division is funding a Housing Institute to increase the expertise of our local communities regarding mental health around the issue of affordable housing. Our team was selected as one of the teams. There will be ten two-day sessions over a five-month period. It is very, very intense. There will be costs for tuition as well as travel and accommodations.

Ms. Callow is hoping to maximize the number of units that are allowed in the development, developing 24 single-occupancy units. A project will be developed. There would be some implementation of the project that comes out of our team in 2009. The team will be learning all the pathways to all the funding streams to put together a successful project. It is considered to be a supporting housing project for our community. Our team has five people, consisting of a representative from all three Housing Authorities, Brooke Dubois representing the Mid-Columbia Housing Options (MCHO) and Robin Callow. It may not necessarily be new housing; it might be refurbished housing.

There is a \$2000 fee for each team. Ms. Huie-Pascua has approached Bill Wilson of Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) about a share of the costs. Human Services will also have to foot the bill for all travel and accommodations.

Housing: Trailers

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Ten trailers are located in Pasco. There was some significant water damage to one trailer from a broken pipe. Just to clean it, not to bring it back up to livable condition, will cost about \$5000 to \$6000. There is no insurance. Mr. Koch asked what is the house worth? Ms. Huie-Pascua said the repair is estimated to cost \$30,000. The trailers were in good condition. When Clegg & Associates were here, Judy Clegg did a tour of all the housing and she felt they were in very good condition. However, we did not want to commit \$30,000 to bring it back up to speed. Our intent is to take care of the water damage at \$6000 and then to sell that particular trailer and try to recoup our costs from that. Fortunately, the trailer was empty. We were just about to place a client there. A Lourdes employee had just done an inventory the day before.

Mr. Koch asked is it worth \$6000? Ms. Huie-Pascua said she believes it is. She told about the work that has been done to determine the assessment.

Mrs. Corkrum asked why would we put \$6000 in it and then hope to sell it? Ms. Huie-Pascua does not know the year the trailer was made. Mr. Koch asked Ms. Huie-Pascua to find out if it is sellable or if it is too old.

Lourdes has been handling the trailers since Sunderland is no longer under contract. However, Lourdes feels the trailers are a property management function, not part of the mission of provision of services. They are giving Human Services a timeline of the end of March to get out of the business of managing trailers. Ms. Huie-Pascua said we are looking at all combinations of handling the properties. Lourdes would continue to do on-going outreach case management services.

Jadwin House

Ms. Huie-Pascua said contrary to some rumors, we do not know what organization may have purchased Jadwin House.

Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

The Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) team is going very well. Currently, the RSN is managing it. They plan to transfer management to Human Services in October 2008. PACT is working closing with Kendra Simpson of Human

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Services so she understands all of the requirements and monitoring that is required.

We're very pleased that we'll be able to manage that out of our office.

Survey

We're continuing to work on aligning our crises services so they continue to be responsive to the community. A client satisfaction survey specifically for mental health clients who had accessed mental health crisis services is being done for the six months from July to December.

Inpatient Savings

Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) sent a resolution regarding release of \$1.2 million in inpatient savings for Benton and Franklin Counties. It goes back more than a year. The plan for these dollars is to continue our very successful program of the SWIFT team. This has reduced our inpatient hospitalization of kids tremendously. The other program that is being supported by inpatient savings is the Wraparound Services. We want these programs to be sustainable. The programs are very successful. They are being replicated in Yakima.

Substance Abuse Assessment Center

We have already gotten very positive feedback from the community and advisors about some of the things the new Assessment Center supervisor Sandra Knighton has done. She has increased the capacity to do intake assessments so the treatment providers are now able to focus on treatment.

Developmental Disabilities (DD)

DD as a system is coming in line with what's happened already with mental health and with substance abuse. There is clear separation of Federal dollars and state dollars into funding streams. We are truly becoming a Medicaid system with 70% Medicaid/30% state-only funding. There is a lot of need on the state-only side of individuals that have a need and can benefit from services but the dollars are so few. Our proportion of individuals needing the services but who are not Medicaid-eligible is in a different proportion than our funding. We are going to be overspent on the state funding side and

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underspent on the Medicaid side. We are working very diligently with the regional office to work it out.

Advisory Boards

We are working on development of an annual work plan with each advisory board.

Recessed at 10:33 am.

Reconvened at 10:46 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Vouchers

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval for County Road Employment Security voucher for \$548.75. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Road Status

Mr. Fife said about 20 roads have water over them or are washed out and are closed at this time. Mrs. Corkrum asked are they gravel roads? Mr. Fife said not all of them. The list is included as Exhibit 4. Mr. Fife said this is a perfect opportunity to take pictures so when people say we don't need borrow ditches, we can show that we do need them.

Executive Session at 10:51 am expected to last about 10 minutes regarding acquisition of real estate, based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

Open Session at 11:00 am.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

David Manterola of the Franklin County Farm Bureau met with the Board. Also present: Lisa _____, Ramona Rommereim, Steve Cooper, Keith Middleton and David Morgan.

Right to Farm Ordinance

Mr. Manterola said we had a copy of the Franklin County Right to Farm Ordinance. We thought it would be a good idea to put an ordinance together with more specifics. He talked to Chief Civil Deputy Ryan Verhulp. Mr. Verhulp asked

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Mr. Manterola to bring it to the Board for comment. He asked if the Board would want to put it in place of Ordinance #23-94 (now Chapter 5.12 of the Franklin County Code).

Mr. Koch asked where are the shortfalls in the current ordinance? Mrs. Corkrum said sometimes when we go into a lot of detail, it's more problematic than if it is more vague.

Mr. Manterola said across the state we've seen some things happen. He gave an example from the Yakima area which resulted in a lawsuit when the type of crops being farmed was changed. Also, there is a disclosure that we would like to see given to anyone who buys property in the county. He gave an example of buying property near an egg farm.

Mr. Koch said it would be fine for Mr. Manterola to work with Mr. Verhulp.

Mrs. Corkrum asked how do we notify people who move in next to a farming operation? Mr. Manterola is not sure. He said when property is purchased, there are always disclosures, but he is unsure of the exact process. Mrs. Corkrum said maybe we should work through the title companies but she is unsure of how we would do that.

Mr. Koch asked Mr. Manterola to work with Mr. Verhulp and get his input on it. Mr. Manterola said the Stevens County and Grays Harbor County ordinances have been reviewed by the Farm Bureau.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Transfer of \$50,001 from Contingency to Aids to Other Government Agencies
Budget #001-000-720 for the 2007 TRAC Additional Subsidy

Mr. Bowen explained the need for the transfer to handle the TRAC subsidy payments. He said last year TRAC said the subsidy would be about \$75,000 for the county and \$75,000 for the city. We transferred \$25,000 into the account and Mr. Bowen asked TRAC Manager Troy Woody to bill the county as needed. We never did receive another bill. To settle the 2007 budget year, Franklin County still owes an additional \$75,000 that we paid back in 2007. We want to transfer that out of the 2008

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Contingency. We budgeted \$150,000 so that brings Contingency down to \$99,999. In addition, we will probably have to transfer another \$6000 to \$7000 out.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we accept the inter budget transfer of \$50,001 from Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Contingency Reserve line item, to Aids to Other Government Agencies Budget #001-000-720. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-060.

Out-of-State Travel

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval for Tom Hewitt, Troy Woody and Fred Bowen to do the arena research as listed and approve the out-of-state travel. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

HR director Rosie H. Rumsey and Kelly Schadler of the Prosecutor's Office met with the Board.

Disability Policy

In accordance with FMLA, Franklin County grants unpaid, job-protected family and medical leave to eligible employees for up to 12 weeks per 12-month period. To be eligible for FMLA, the employee must have worked for Franklin County for at least 12 months; and have worked at least 1250 hours over the previous 12-month period. An employee granted a leave will continue to be covered under his/her health insurance plan under the same conditions of coverage as would have been provided if he/she had been continuously employed during the leave period. If the employee returns to work within the 12-week FMLA, he/she is reinstated to his/her former position or an equivalent position with equivalent pay, benefits, status, etc.

Ms. Rumsey reviewed the Washington State Family Leave Act (FLA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The FLA and ADA state that while a female is out on temporary disability due to pregnancy, the employer must allow for leave, typically six to eight weeks, determined by the healthcare provider based on the individual's condition. The FLA and the ADA do not state that the employer must continue to cover the employee with his/her health insurance plan like the FMLA.

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Mrs. Corkrum asked if the Federal and state laws have this criteria and we enhance that or do something different, wouldn't that be considered a gift of county property? Ms. Rumsey does not know. She is not suggesting we do or don't do it; she is just saying we don't have a policy. Mrs. Corkrum said if we're following Federal and state law, to me that's all we have to do. She worries about us enhancing a program. She wonders if we can pay for medical benefits when the employee hasn't qualified under the state and Federal laws.

Ms. Rumsey said of the three responses she has received from other counties, none of them have a disability policy. She really is not expecting to find any counties that have one. She thought the Board at least needed to know what was going on.

Mr. Miller asked if the employees can join AFLAC. Ms. Rumsey said they are able to join when they're first hired and during open enrollment once a year.

Mrs. Corkrum said her feeling is if we follow state and Federal law, that's all we should do. Mr. Koch agreed. Mr. Miller agreed.

Ms. Schadler said the Prosecutor didn't feel like it was his decision.

Mrs. Corkrum said she would think the personnel policy and the union contracts would make a statement that we follow state and Federal guidelines. Ms. Rumsey said they do. Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks that's our answer. The Board had **consensus agreement** to not pursue writing a disability policy.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners minutes for January 30, 2008, and February 4, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Treasurer

Motion - Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Resolution 2008-061 regarding uncollectible personal property submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and the Superior Court Judge for cancellation in the amount of \$15,379.22. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

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Recessed at 11:30 am. The Board met with the Benton County Board of Commissioners in an afternoon session at 2:00 pm.

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There being further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was recessed until 2:00 pm on February 11, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board