

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for February 13, 2008

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

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 2008-062** for the Web Development Agreement between Bullhorn Marketing Group and TRAC and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payroll as follows: Salary Clearing payroll warrants 45002 through 45103 for \$168,740.89; warrants 45104 through 45113 for \$69,598.16; and Direct Deposit for \$283,259.55; for a total amount of \$521,598.60.

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

The cover sheet also includes the following amounts: Emergency Management payroll warrants 9280 through 9286 for \$3408.13; warrants 9287 through 9291 for \$1849.31; and Direct Deposit for \$8370.87; for a total amount of \$13,628.31; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 13241 through 13254 for \$7892.94; and warrants 13255 through 13258 for \$1332.79; for a total amount of \$9225.73. (Exhibit 1)

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Executive Session at 9:10 am based on RCW 42.30.110.1(i) for potential litigation expected to last 10 minutes.

Open Session at 9:15 am.

Denial of Claim for Damages

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Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that we deny a claim for damages of Kari Lee in the amount of \$1154.83. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-063.

Ben Franklin Transit

Some terms were discussed regarding a potential contract with Transit for a parking area at TRAC. Mrs. Corkrum asked Mr. Bowen to check into availability of funds from the second 1/4% sales tax budget.

Recessed at 9:23 am.

Reconvened at 9:27 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

City of Pasco: Animal Control

The Board members have reviewed a letter from Stan Strebel of the City of Pasco regarding animal control services (Exhibit 2). Mr. Bowen said Benton County is not involved in animal control at all. He said if Franklin County became involved with the cities regarding animal control, it would probably cost about \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year. Currently the county only deals with dangerous dogs, primarily when a dog has bitten a person or taken down an animal. The county currently spends about \$3000 a year which could go as high as about \$5000 per year. Mrs. Corkrum said she feels that is sufficient. Mr. Miller agreed.

Inter Budget Transfer of \$2614 from Security Department Budget to Professional Services

Mr. Bowen said J&J Security is still doing work for the county. They were paid out of an incorrect line item. He asked for approval of a budget transfer resolution to make the correction so the cost is paid out of the Security line item.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval for Resolution 2008-064, inter budget transfer of \$2614 from Security Department Budget #580 to Non-Departmental Budget #700. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Planning Department Update

Mr. MacPherson told the Board he plans to start giving the Board a monthly update regarding the Planning Department.

Mr. MacPherson and Mr. Wendt told the Board in general about the two matters that the Planning Commission will be considering at their next meeting. The Planning Commission also is starting the process of the Critical Area Ordinance update which has to be completed by December.

Mr. MacPherson answered the Board's questions about a growth management issue.

The Planning Commission has recently updated its bylaws. The Planning Commission requested that we have legal counsel review the bylaws. Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp determined that our bylaws referenced an incorrect RCW. It was correct at the time the bylaws were initially adopted in 1953. In 1959 the state adopted the Planning Enabling Act which was specifically for counties. The length of terms for Planning Commission members should be four years instead of six years. Three Board members have completed or are nearing the end of four-year terms.

Mr. MacPherson said we have been working with the prosecutor's office to bring the commission into compliance. One way is to reduce the terms by two years. The terms can be renewed for an additional four years. There is no legal problem involved.

Mrs. Corkrum said we cannot circumvent the state law. Mr. Verhulp has suggested a resolution could be approved that would reduce the terms by two years with some language that those serving can continue to serve until the replacement process is completed.

The Planning Commission members would like to be involved in an interview process with applicants who want to serve on the commission. Mrs. Corkrum said if two or three people were applying for the same position, she could see that, but normally there has not been more than one person applying. Mr. MacPherson said there is a lot more

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interest now than in the past. Mr. Wendt asked if the Board chooses to do interviews, would they like to have a member of the Planning Commission sit in on the interview also? The Board decided they want at least the chairman of the Planning Commission to sit in on interviews. Mr. Wendt said the Planning Commission member(s) could participate in an advisory role to the Board of Commissioners during the interview process.

Building Department

The January 2008 Building Department report was reviewed. In the first month of the year the Planning and Building Department received almost 30% of its projected revenue for the whole year. This included about 15 permits for the Mesa Dairy for some big dairy facilities.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

R170 Road Reconstruction

Mr. Miller said he met with some property owners in the vicinity of the Road 170 project who would like the route changed. Mr. Fife told some history of the decision for the route. He said if there is a change made now, a deviation process would be required. He feels a deviation would not be approved.

Mr. Miller has asked the property owners to talk to Mrs. Corkrum and Mr. Koch as well.

Regarding the canal work currently taking place on the project, Mr. Fife said we've called off the installation of the culvert. We can't do it because we don't have the alignment in place yet.

Mr. Fife said for the design, we have to look at it from the viewpoint of the public. The previous road had a speed limit of 50 miles per hour so we have to replace it with something as good as that or better.

Mr. Miller said the bridge is too narrow for trucks to pass each other. Mr. Fife said we can address the bridge issue later. He does not feel it is too narrow.

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Mrs. Corkrum told Mr. Miller that she has to rely on our consultant and our engineer.

Mr. Fife said we told the property owners that we would meet with them and tweak the design. We've done that. We have moved the design to where the property owners said they would accept it but now they are saying they don't want to accept it. He said there is a drain that confines us in one area. Mr. Fife explained the changes that have been made at the landowners' requests. However, the landowners now say it isn't good enough.

Mrs. Corkrum said she is willing to listen to the landowners but she wants it to be in front of all the commissioners and the engineers.

Mr. Fife will ask the engineers involved to make a presentation about where we started, the options we reviewed, and how we've modified the design. He said in the meantime, the delay is holding up right-of-way acquisition and installation of the culvert.

Resolution: Personal Services Contract, Franklin County and John T. McFaddin, MAI

Mr. Fife explained how the appraisal process is working for the Road 100 project. Mr. Fife would rather do the whole project at once but it may have to be phased. He asked for approval of a contract with an appraiser.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for the approval of an agreement between Franklin County and John T. McFaddin, MAI appraiser. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-065.

Mr. Fife said the soonest we can start on the project is this summer but that is contingent upon the right-of-way process. Road 100 will be what Easy Street is now.

2008 Emulsified Asphalt Bid

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that we approve the 2008 emulsified asphalt bid to Sems Materials for \$341.15 per ton, delivered anywhere in Franklin County, for approximately 2400 tons, for a total value of \$818,760. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Mr. Fife said the asphalt will be used to do maintenance and Group 3 of the Public Works Trust Fund paving project, which we're doing ourselves.

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Flood Damage

A preliminary estimate of flood damage is about \$100,000. Mr. Fife said it may be necessary to declare a disaster area. He is working with the Emergency Management office.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for February 6, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 10:37 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until February 20, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board