

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for March 17, 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

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows, pulling item #6:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-115** rescinding Franklin County Resolution 94-078 and designating the Human Resources Director as County Coordinator to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and adopting a grievance procedure and policy.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-116** for disposal of a punch code door handle utilized on the Clerk's Office hall entry door as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Facilities Director, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-117** in the matter of the request for signature from the (Chairman of the) Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Personal Services Contract amendment between the Juvenile Justice Center and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., thus, amending Benton County Resolution 07-041 and Franklin County Resolution 2007-038, for a term commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating on December 31, 2008. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-118** in the matter of the request for signature from the (Chairman of the) Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Fee for Services Rendered Contract between the Juvenile Justice Center and the City of Pasco, for a term commencing January 1, 2008, and renewable for a one-year period on an annual basis. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
5. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-119** in the matter of the request for signature from the (Chairman of the) Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Interagency Agreement, IAA08258, between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington, Administrative Office of the Courts,

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for a term commencing January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, with a renewable option for FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)

(Clerk's Note: Item 6 was pulled from the consent agenda because the approval from the Auditor's O&M Committee had not yet been received.)

6. Approval of **Resolution 2008-___** authorizing the Franklin County Auditor to rent two storage units from Express Storage for approximately six months at a cost of \$200 per unit per month, splitting the monthly charges as follows:
 - 50% paid from the 2008 Miscellaneous Auditor O&M Fund, Number 102-000-000, line item 514.75.40.0000 (Other Services & Charges).
 - 50% paid from the 2008 Miscellaneous Elections Equipment Revolving Fund, Number 104-000-000, line item 511.70.48.0000 (Repairs & Maintenance).

7. Approval of **Resolution 2008-120** in the matter of the request for signature from the Board of Franklin County Commissioners on the Interagency Agreement IAA08256 between Franklin County (Franklin County Superior Court) and the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, effective January 1, 2008, through June 30, 2008, with an option to extend for state FY 2009 (July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009) if mutually agreed upon by the parties. (Exhibit 4: Information sheet and comments from Prosecutor's Office.)

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Discuss the public parking issue; possibly designating the north/west parking area as public parking only; possibly requesting Franklin County employees with handicap parking permits to park by the old Heath Department building, leaving the two handicap parking spaces near the Security Building for the public.

Mr. Koch said there has been discussion about not having enough handicapped parking spots and people discussing how far they have to park away from the courthouse. The Board members mentioned that employees have to park further away from the courthouses in Yakima, Spokane or downtown Seattle than in Franklin County. In some cases, they have to pay to park. For many businesses such as Columbia Center or grocery

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stores, employees have to park a considerable distance from the building they work in. The Board will discuss the matter further when there is more time.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Public Hearing: Subdivision Text Change TC 2007-01, an application to update the Franklin County Development Regulations – Subdivision Ordinance 3-2000, to ensure consistency with the Growth Management Act RCW 58.17 and the Franklin County Growth Management Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code.

Public Hearing convened at 9:15 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the Background Information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 5). The county just did a major update to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan that was required by the state of Washington. As part of that requirement, the state requires an update no oftener than once a year but at least once each seven years. Now we're following up and making sure our development regulations are consistent with the growth management plan. There are four parts: County Zoning Ordinance Update, Critical Areas Ordinance Update, Shoreline Management Master Program, and Subdivision Ordinance Update. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed subdivision ordinance.

We completed a major update in 2005 for the Zoning Ordinance so we have to hold a consistency hearing to just go on record and state we've reviewed the zoning ordinance and state it is consistent with the comp plan.

We have until the end of the year to complete the Critical Areas Ordinance.

We have until 2012 to complete the Shoreline Master Program.

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A hearing was held with the Planning Commission regarding the subdivision ordinance. It was then sent to the state for a 60-day review. We have held off on coming to the Board with revisions because we wanted to get the comp plan adopted first.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the main changes to the text as shown on the Action Summary on page 2. Mr. MacPherson said the ordinance was not reviewed by the City of Pasco.

One text change relates to rural lot access requirements. The code has said you can't have any more than two lots off of an existing access easement. We've tried to be more flexible. In the ag area we allow four lots on a short plat. We have changed the language to allow up to four lots. Another issue came up with regard to rural remote areas such as five-acre tract areas that were created before Growth Management. About 80% to 85% of those are accessed via access easements. We have exempted those from the standard. Both the zoning and the comp plan encourage infill of the five-acre minimum density.

Mr. MacPherson showed maps on the screen.

In the Martindale Road area, if the ordinance is adopted there is a potential that some ten-acre tracts could be split into five-acre tracts.

Another text change would encourage pre-application meetings for Short Plat applications. Mr. MacPherson answered Mrs. Corkrum's questions about the pre-application meetings. The Planning and Building Department has prepared a checklist. The department can help people know what has to occur. Mrs. Corkrum said that should alleviate a lot of confusion.

There was no one present in the audience to comment.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we grant approval of the Text Change application 2007-01 subject to the five findings of fact which enacts Ordinance #2-2008 and repeals Ordinance #3-2000. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

Public Hearing: Certification of Compliance Application: An application to certify that the Franklin County Development Regulations (Zoning Ordinance 7-2005) are consistent

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with and implement the 2008 Franklin County Comprehensive Plan as amended, as required by RCW 36.70A.130 (seven-year update requirement).

Public Hearing convened at 9:30 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. MacPherson requested a continuance of the hearing to April 14 at 9:45 am. He said the process was started in 2005, 2006 and 2007 with a series of public meetings and workshop meetings with the Planning Commission. We need to formally do a public hearing at the Planning Commission level to have them forward some findings and certification to the Board. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for April 1.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I'll move that we continue the Certification of Compliance Application Public Hearing to April 14 at 9:45 am. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Public Meeting: ZC 2008-01, to conduct a county-wide zoning map update. This Zone Change application is being completed to ensure consistency between the County Zoning Map and the County Development Regulations (Zoning Ordinance), and the County's Growth Management Comprehensive Plan.

Public Meeting convened at 9:32 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 7). This is an update to our county-wide zoning map for areas outside the urban growth area boundaries.

The first map change is for the Kahlotus area where we adjusted their urban growth boundary (UGB). At their request it was made smaller. We prepared land use designations for the areas that were removed from the Kahlotus UGB. Mr. MacPherson

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showed a map on the screen. He explained which areas would be designated as AP-20 or as AP-40.

Mr. Wendt said the Pasco UGB changed near Alderson Road. It is a small portion that will allow an existing house to be conforming in land use and changed from industrial zoning to agricultural zoning consistent with the area. Mrs. Corkrum asked why it was done originally. Mr. MacPherson said he thinks no one knew they were there and that they probably used section lines when the work was done in 1993 before aerial photos were available and they followed section lines and roads.

Mr. MacPherson showed the overall county zoning map re-establishing zoning for unincorporated areas of the county outside the UGBs. Except for the Kahlotus and Pasco UGBs, the rest of the zoning stays the same because an update was done in 2005 and does not require other changes.

The ordinance includes a large-format map as an attachment. We are a large county with over 1250 square miles. The map includes some blown-up areas that have more detail.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I'll move that we grant approval of the Zone Change application ZC 2008-01 subject to the six findings of fact. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Ordinance 3-2008. (Exhibit 8)

Recessed at 9:41 am.

Reconvened at 2:02 pm.

BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)

CAC Director Judith Gidley and Debra Biondolillo met with the Board.

Award Presentation

Ms. Gidley presented plaques to the Commissioners in recognition of work with Pathways Out of Poverty for our Children program in 2007.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board.

Department Update

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Ms. Paradis gave the Board a sheet showing referral data for the years 1999 through 2007 (Exhibit 9). We are struggling a bit, particularly in terms of the probation caseloads and trying to determine some things we can do to impact the probation caseloads. The caseloads are very, very high. We have an extraordinary group of people working for us right now. She showed the Board a newspaper article titled "Program Guides Troubled Teens" that talks about a program at the JJC. The probation counselors are trained in aggression replacement training and rotate through the training in addition to their caseloads. We are now running a Recognition for Success program to recognize kids who are making progress to try to increase and improve the work they do. The impact is extraordinary, both on kids and parents. The Juvenile Drug Court is functioning. The Domestic Violence Intervention Project is still running on a grant which will end in June. We're going to try to preserve what we can of that program because it has been effective. WSU has been evaluating the program for three years. It certainly shows a reduction in recidivism. All these programs are added programs on top of the work the probation people are doing one-on-one with kids.

We are looking at the number of 18-year-olds on our caseloads. A substantial number, maybe 20%, are over 18 where we've extended jurisdiction and are trying to help those kids. Ms. Paradis said her contention is we've got to pull the plug someplace.

There is a deferred disposition program. If kids successfully complete generally lesser offenses and are pretty early on in the system, the law allows them to defer disposition; then eventually their record is cleared. If the kids violate probation and they are placed back on regular probation, we've been extending it out for an additional 12 months. We're trying to cut out some kinds of court hearings because of the size of the dockets. We're trying to cut out regular reviews in deferred dispositions unless there is a significant violation.

It doesn't surprise Ms. Paradis that numbers have come up. The population has been increasing. Economic factors also play a role.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

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Executive Session at 2:23 pm regarding real estate acquisition based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) expected to last 15 minutes.

Executive Session continued at 2:43 pm expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 2:47 pm.

Franklin County Historic Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Application book

Mr. Bowen gave the Board a copy of the completed book. They cost \$16 each. Five of the books were made. The books were made to comply with the grant application and also to document the process, partly so other counties could benefit. Mr. Bowen would like to put one in the time capsule. The Board **gave approval**. The Board **gave approval** to make five more copies and sell one to Garfield County.

Sheriff's Office

A sheriff's deputy was involved in a vehicle collision this morning.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Proceedings of Commissioner Minutes for February 26 and 27 and March 12, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 2:52 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 19, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed March 24, 2008.