

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for March 19, 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 - Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-121** for disposal of an 18-volt Milwaukee drill battery as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-122** for disposal of an obsolete wood walk-thru metal detector as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-123** in the matter of approving the Benton and Franklin Counties Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board's change to the bylaws, holding regular meetings once per month instead of every other month. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **Resolution 2008-124** for the following:
 - Rescind Franklin County Resolution Number 2008-060;
 - Create line item 585.00.00.0000 (Prior Year Accrued Expenses/TRAC Subsidy) in the 2008 Current Expense Aids to Other Government Agencies Budget, Number 001-000-720; and
 - Approve an inter budget transfer of \$50,001 from the Non-Departmental Budget Number 001-000-700, line item 519.90.10.0001 (Contingency Reserve) to the Aids to Other Government Agencies Budget, Number 001-000-720, line item 585.00.00.0000 (Prior Year Accrued Expenses/TRAC Subsidy), and authorize the Auditor to move the expenditure to the new line item.
5. Approval of **Resolution 2008-125** 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 102-000-001, line item 514.75.40.0000 (Other Services & Charges).

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- 50% paid from the 2008 Miscellaneous Elections Equipment Revolving Fund, Number 104-000-001, line item 511.70.48.0000 (Repairs & Maintenance).

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve warrant 62278 for March 12, 2008, as listed in the amount of \$4900.00. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Recessed at 9:11 am.

Reconvened at 9:13 am.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board.

Department Update

The first evening meeting of the Planning Commission was held since the security system has been in place. One screener was at the guard house.

Recessed at 9:28 am.

Reconvened at 9:33 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife and Shop Superintendent Darrell Farnsworth met with the Board.

2008 County Road Vehicle Purchase

Mr. Koch said WSU Extension needs a pickup. Mr. Farnsworth does not think there is a pickup immediately available.

Mr. Farnsworth said a Jeep that has been used by Public Works will be transferred to be used by the Planning and Building Department.

The blade men for the Public Works Department have been using a four-wheel drive pickup since the Sheriff's Office did not use it any more. It has been carrying fuel tanks. The plan is to replace it with a two-wheel-drive pickup.

The Road Superintendent would use a new four-wheel-drive pickup with a crew cab. It is a five-cylinder vehicle so will be more fuel efficient. It is on the state contract.

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We don't have a delivery date on when the new vehicles would come because most of the manufacturing sites are on strike. The price would be locked in. Therefore, the availability of the used vehicles for WSU is unknown.

Public Works has a black and white pickup that was a reserve vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Farnsworth said the black and white pickup may be excessed. Two pickups have high mileage but could continue to be used if they are not driven a lot of miles. Mr. Koch said the black and white pickup would be ideal for WSU because they have to haul chemicals and it has storage boxes.

Mr. Farnsworth said one new vehicle is available locally for a cheaper price. The other vehicles are cheaper from the state contract. The crew cab Colorado is a mid-size pickup that should get 21 miles per gallon. In its estimated life, over 100,000 miles, it should save the county about \$10,000 based on current fuel prices.

Mr. Koch asked if the purchases are in the Public Works budget. Mr. Fife said yes and they are in the Public Works Plan.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we purchase the 2008 county road vehicle purchases listed for the amounts as listed. The bottom line is \$56,865.75 including tax and license. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Recessed at 9:45 am.

Reconvened at 9:57 am.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$11,041.67 and the County Road Payroll for \$67,272.85. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

TREASURER

Treasurer Tiffany Coffland met with the Board for a department update.

Warrant Concentration Account

Bank of America credited our account \$30,000. We are now in balance.

Investment Earnings

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Investment earnings are about \$14,000 less collected this year compared to last year. At budget time, we increased our budgeted investment earnings up to \$600,000. Ms. Coffland is not sure if we will be able to meet that amount this year. She will be watching the figures. About 10 bonds were called early between January and February. The money was put back into the state pool.

Sale of Tax Title Property

We had an auction on March 7. Kathryn Adams had requested the sale of the property but did not attend.

The Treasurer's Office is making a complete list of county-owned tax title property. The assessor can determine a value on the property. Ms. Coffland said we need to get the properties back on the tax roll and figure out the best way to do that, whether by us auctioning them or being sent to an auctioneer. She is doing some research to find out how liens can be removed from some of the properties so the titles would be clear, which may involve going through the court system.

Requests for Foreclosure Information and Overbid amounts

The Treasurer's Office has been receiving a large number of requests for foreclosure information and overbid amounts. If the bid comes out higher than taxes and fees, then it's an overbid. The people have a three-year period to claim the excess money unless there is a lien attached. There has been a lot of interest from people trying to see what the overbid amounts are and who they should be paid to. Some people have been trying to find the information so they can collect a fee similar to a finder's fee. We are trying to get as much information on the web site as possible because it is all public information.

We have received some actual public records requests so we have to provide the information in-house for those type of requests.

Drop Box for tax payments outside the fence

Ms. Coffland said she has been contacted about having a drop box for payments including tax payments and court fines outside the Courthouse fence. She asked if it will

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be viable for April tax collections. Mr. Bowen said he doesn't see why it can't be if it's approved by the Board.

Ms. Coffland's concern is who is going to pick up the mail and payments and sort them, particularly on April 30 which is the last date for tax payments. There would be no postmark if they are in a drop box.

The Board decided some more thought and research needs to be done before deciding to use a drop box.

Press Release

Ms. Coffland gave the Board a copy of the press release that will be sent out regarding payment of property taxes.

DISPATCH

Dispatch Superintendent Ed Bush met with the Board.

Tax Revenue Update

Mr. Bush gave the Board a printed update regarding tax revenue (Exhibit 4). In November 2006 we went on the state contract. The numbers on the update represent what we were getting for wireless and wire-line phones. In most other states and areas, there were more wireless than wire-line. We utilized those numbers for that contract for that fiscal year (2006-2007).

In 2007, the estimates were made in May, totaling \$300,000. The fiscal year ended at March 20. The state contract gives \$20,000 leeway before being penalized. At the end of the year we came in at \$387,000. We are the fastest-growing county in the state of Washington. The state did what they call a traffic study with regard to taxing and revenues. They feel there are an average of four cell phones per household. The revenues are coming in higher.

When we did our mid-year budget in February 2008, for the first six months we had a total of \$205,000. We're going to have more than \$100,000 more in revenue coming in than was anticipated. Based on the state contract, Dispatch will have to pay the state back \$45,000 if it comes in. However, at the end of the year Mr. Bush expects to have an additional \$109,000.

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He asked if it is necessary for him to send the state the money since the state will have to send money back to the county. For audit purposes, if they paid it out, we have to pay them back. The figures won't be calendar year but fiscal year.

The state is trying to improve on getting funds back more quickly rather than being three or four months behind so it doesn't affect each quarter so much.

2007-2008 Annual Report

Mr. Bush gave the Board a copy of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Communications Division, 2007-2008 Annual Report. He will have copies of the report at the Oversight Committee Meeting scheduled later this week. A consultant told the committee that Franklin County has one of the least expensive costing factors for Dispatch in the state.

Mr. Bush told the Board about some tasks Dispatch does, which is basically any and all things associated with a 911 call. He has asked local police forces to do some of the clerical work. However, Dispatch will continue to do some of the clerical work as needed during the night.

Staffing Levels

We're authorized for 18 staff and have 16 now. Mr. Bush thanked the Board for authorizing a salary bonus to help with retention and recruitment.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget

Mr. Bush will be attending a state meeting this week. He will be bringing an amendment for this year's budget and coming in with next year's budget.

Engineer work

Mr. Bush told the Board about work an engineer has done to fix communications problems for the Pasco Fire Department. He will meet with Information Services Director Kevin Scott and Security Administrator Rick Rochleau about communications at the Courthouse as well as Public Works and Jail communications.

Mr. Bush plans to talk to the engineer about going on contract with the county to review our systems three or four days every quarter.

New Phone System

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The state is asking for volunteers to be a site location for a new phone system by Positron. Mr. Bush volunteered Franklin County. Rather than doing dispatching on a conventional radio system, a new system would involve a radio and phone system with the state paying for it. Portable radios would become a cell phone with CAD and photography capabilities. Mr. Bush explained briefly some of the details of the features the phones would have.

Communications

Mr. Bush answered Mr. Koch's question about communication for fire districts and others in the northern part of the county.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Freeway Sign Update

Quest is doing trenching work now. Hopefully by early next week we'll have a freeway sign functioning again.

Part-time Receptionist

Mr. Woody asked for official Board approval of the part-time receptionist to receive part-time benefits. The Board gave **consensus approval**.

January and February Profit and Loss Statement

The January and February Profit and Loss Statement was reviewed. Mr. Woody said we've changed to an accrual basis on the revenue side and a cash basis on the expense side.

Grand Coulee Dam Discussion

Mr. Woody said TRAC would be above the high water level if Grand Coulee Dam broke. However, TRAC is not big enough to handle all the emergency needs of Emergency Management if that were to occur.

Mr. Koch said the generator needs to be wired in. Mr. Woody said according to the electrician, it wouldn't come close to taking care of the basic needs. Mr. Woody and Mr. Koch will meet with the electrician soon.

Miscellaneous

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Jim Rabideau asked if TRAC can be donated for use when a portion of the National Guard is deployed. The Board said no.

Mr. Woody told the Board about recent and upcoming events at TRAC.

Mr. Miller asked about hockey at TRAC. Mr. Woody said we are working on figures. He said it will cost about \$225,000 to convert the building for year-round ice. He thinks it would be paid for in a year and a half with the rents.

Adjourned at 10:46 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 24, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed March 24, 2008.