

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for April 2, 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. Present: Carrie Huie-Pascua and Ed Thornbrugh.

Bid Opening: Printing Franklin County Legal Notices for one year (July 2008-June 2009)

Bid Opening convened at 9:02 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Secretary Patricia Shults; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Carrie Huie-Pascua and Ed Thornbrugh.

One bid was received from Franklin County Graphic for \$8.50 per column inch for Franklin County legal notices for one year on six-point solid type.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I would move for approval to award the bid to Franklin County Graphic. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of the following vouchers/warrants: TRAC Operations warrant 1192 for \$745.12; Election Equipment warrants 464 and 465 for \$52.67; Growth Management warrant 209 for \$42.00; DOC Building Inspection warrant 68 for \$30.00; Boating Safety warrants 419 and 420 for \$293.33; Jail Commissary warrants 2447 through 2450 for \$4792.68; Franklin County Enhanced warrants 1286 and 1287 for \$6692.59; Law Library warrants 1067 and 1068 for \$5445.13; FC Capital Projects warrant 393 for \$378.09; 1999 Distressed warrant 4 for \$100,000.00; and Current Expense warrants 62492 through 62601 for \$152,638.16; for a total amount of \$271,109.77. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie-Pascua and HS Deputy Director Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board for a department update.

Developmental Disabilities (DD)

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Funding: The spending plan is being adjusted. We had forecast that we would be underspent in the Medicaid portion and overspent in state-only funds portion. We have met with the state since January trying to get it resolved. We have submitted an amendment and have received assurances from the Region 2 office that we will not have to cut back on services. We have now received a little more definitive notice in writing from the Region 2 office. This affects the current year and the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The Transition Work Fair was the first one held for students with developmental disabilities. It was successful. McDonald's is well-known for employing persons with developmental disabilities. Mr. Adams, who along with his family owns several McDonald's and has been a staunch support of DD students, was given a plaque and gave a brief keynote speech. Representatives from Fluor Daniel Hanford, JC Penney, and some grocery stores were present, along with other companies.

Housing Services

Ms. Huie-Pascua gave an update on the Housing Institute training. The training will bring lots of expertise to this community.

Benton County is completing work on their Affordable Housing Plan (2060). Franklin County prepared its plan several years ago.

HS staff member Robin Callow facilitated the Ringold Workgroup meeting last week. The focus will be to develop a local project. Ms. Callow is going to work hard to make sure that state staff members are involved and attending the meetings.

Mental Health Services

Carol Latorre and Patti Davis are new Mental Health Advisory Board members. Charlie McCary has resigned due to a conflict of interest.

Crisis Response Unit (CRU): Joyce Ninnemann retired last week. Mr. Thornbrugh is acting as the interim manager of the CRU. He is working closely with clinical supervisor Gordon Cable to continue restructuring the unit. CRU staff is working to improve the services and to be more efficient.

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Mr. Thornbrugh said one of the things we have talked about is designing some very specific performance measures that can be presented on an ongoing basis, not just quarterly. We've structured the collection to monitor the Washington Institute for Public Policy as set forth in their work in the North Sound area. We're going to look at using integrated systems as the benchmark and see how we compare. We want to narrow down the problems so we can determine what some of the outcomes and goals are that we expect to see. We hope to have an operational framework ready at the same time a feasibility framework is being built. Mr. Koch said it will make it easier to keep an eye on things for everybody to be looking at.

Medication Management Services: We're working closely with providers for consumers to continue to keep emergency medication appointments within their agency. We are providing access for crisis clients who may need medication management at the emergency departments. We are in ongoing negotiations with two providers to provide some of the crisis medication management. We are not intending to replace the retiring person's position in-house with another full-time person who can do prescriptions but plan to subcontract the service out instead. There were only 14 prescriptions issued in two months. The procedure is being realigned to provide more accountability.

Transition Living Trailers: Lourdes has transferred the housing functions back to HS. Other mental health agencies and Benton-Franklin Community Action Committee (CAC) were approached but all declined to handle the trailers. The Pasco Franklin County Housing Authority is interested so negotiations are ongoing. If that does not work out, the Richland Housing Authority is also interested.

Consolidated Crisis Response Center (CCRC): Ms. Huie-Pascua wants to utilize the CRC committee that already exists as the study proceeds regarding a new Consolidated Crisis Response Center.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Services

Drug Court: A new Release of Information (ROI) form is being developed jointly by the Benton County Drug Court and the Substance Abuse Assessment Center with assistance from the Benton County Prosecutor's Office.

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Annual Contract Monitoring: DHS staff are busy doing contract monitoring site reviews.

Sub-acute Detoxification Center: The portable structure has been installed in Pasco at 1020 South 7th Avenue. The staff is very pleased with it. The additional space allows staff to do the clinical work in a nicer setting than before. The landscaping work will be done. The state licensing agency has given good ratings to the center. The facility is cleaned and sanitized every shift.

Prevention: The first Town Hall meeting to address underage drinking will be held tomorrow. We're anticipating a good turnout. The program is conducted in English but will be interpreted into Spanish. There are 50 headsets available for people to use.

Housing: Mr. Koch asked about the mobile home that had frozen pipes. Ms. Huie-Pascua said it was cleaned up and we plan to sell it because it would not be cost-effective to rehabilitate it.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for March 26 and March 31, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Recessed at 9:42 am.

Reconvened at 9:51 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Grand Old 4th

A contract is prepared with Deni Hermann Events and Entertainment to provide impressionists of four celebrities and a backup band at the Grand Old 4th. A radio station will promote the event. The Grand Old 4th will include a car show, a dance, a sock hop and a movie. The entertainment (impressionists) will take place at the baseball stadium just prior to the fireworks. The cost for the impressionists will be \$8000. The fireworks will cost about \$20,000 which will be split between the City of Pasco and the county. We are seeking sponsorships to help pay for the \$8000.

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The main event at TRAC will be a Rocktoberfest with a rock concert held in October. Both events will be using funds from the Grand Old 4th budget. The Grand Old 4th committee has decided they would like to have the two events instead of a larger Grand Old 4th event.

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board has any objections. The Board does not. The contract will be reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

R170 Road

A notice of public meeting and two drawings of potential designs for the Klamath Road/R170 intersection were given to the Board (Exhibit 2). Sagehill Road/R170 intersection drawings are also prepared.

Joint TIB Sidewalk Project

Mr. Fife showed the Board an aerial photograph and pointed out areas where the City of Pasco will develop a sidewalk, where the Pasco School District will develop a sidewalk, and where the county could develop a sidewalk to tie them all into existing or planned sidewalks. Mr. Fife asked if the Board would approve applying for a grant to do a joint TIB sidewalk project. He asked do you want curb, gutter and sidewalk? He said we can use money from the Paths and Trails funds for a match.

Mrs. Corkrum thinks curbs, sidewalks and gutters would be the way to go. Mr. Fife said it would be best. However, then there would be drainage issues. He said there are swales in place in some areas. The swales are working well.

Mr. Koch asked who is responsible for maintenance of weeds? Mr. Fife said the county would be. Mr. Koch said he would rather try to get the grant instead of having an ongoing expense the other way.

Bi-Monthly Progress Reports

Boating dock: The new boat dock ramp will be received Friday and put in place soon after.

Flood Control funds

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Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Fife if the money in the flood control account is already committed. Mr. Fife said some of it is committed to the boat launch project. Mr. Bowen said some of the funds could be used for the parking lot at TRAC to put in drywells.

Road 100 Update

The work on Road 100 can be started this fall with paving expected to be done next spring. The irrigation under Easy Street will need to be replaced before the paving is done. The appraisals for the property affected are being done now.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Steve Lowe and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Human Resources Director Rosie H. Rumsey.

Connell Prison Impact Reports

Mr. Lowe said there are still ongoing meetings regarding the impacts of the prison at Connell. Two or three prison buildings are open with total completion expected to be ahead of schedule. The deadline to submit information about the initial impacts to the legislature is the next session after the prison is completed, meaning January 2009.

Mr. Lowe re-emphasized that he would like to have a staff person from the county involved in the process so they can help with it when it is discussed in Olympia as the legislation will only be important to Connell and Franklin County. The City of Connell plans to hire a consultant. Mr. Lowe would like a county staff person to work with the consultant. He would like the staff person to attend the committee meetings.

Senator Schoesler from Ritzville is concerned about whether we can get a hearing on the bill at all. Senator Hargrove is a strong Democratic sponsor. If we make it bi-partisan and the budget gets better, we may have a better chance at receiving funding for ongoing impacts, which would involve keeping a portion of sales tax. One of the state's selling points when the prison was being considered is that prisoners will count towards sales tax equalization monies. However, the sales tax equalization monies are no longer available. We wanted a minimum security prison but the state made it a medium security prison.

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Mr. Lowe asked the Commissioners to keep telling the legislators of the needs over and over again.

2009 Budget Requests

Mr. Lowe said impacts to the county will begin when the facility opens up, well before legislation can be done. He will be asking for assistance in the August budget hearings. He will also need office space. He encouraged the Board to help. He knows the Board is working on it.

Security Issues

Mr. Lowe said the judges do not want cameras used in the courtrooms but he strongly objects to that. He has a meeting scheduled with the judges and Security Director Rick Rochleau.

The judges have asked to open the gates earlier. Mr. Lowe said he would suggest something that would not cost anything to the county to do that. He thinks the hours should be changed so the courthouse is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Most of the work in the courts is done in the mornings as opposed to the afternoons. His employees are generally more family-oriented with young families. They would rather come earlier in the morning than stay later in the afternoon. Mr. Koch said he had that same thought because that's what Benton County does.

The judges believe the prosecutor and deputy prosecutors should not carry firearms. Mr. Lowe thinks he has worked through the issue with the judges. He was assigned a firearm in his office but knows he cannot carry it into the courtroom. He thinks the judges are overstepping their bounds to tell him as another elected official that he cannot have a firearm. He is also a law enforcement official.

Pasco Sanitary Landfill

Mr. Verhulp asked for approval of a resolution requesting payment of Franklin County's portion of an invoice from Aspect Consulting for \$9158.76 for work on the Pasco Sanitary Landfill from the Landfill Trust Fund. The one-sixth portion is \$1526.46.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval for payment of \$1526.46 for Franklin County's portion of the invoice to the Landfill Group for \$9158.76 to Aspect Consulting,

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LLC, for professional services. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-143.

Executive Session at 10:25 am regarding a personnel matter based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) expected to last 10 minutes.

Executive Session continued at 10:35 am expected to last 10 minutes.

Open Session at 10:47 am.

BOOK: The Columbia River Basin: What you didn't know

John Hite met with the Board to bring the copies of the book he prepared in Poland that includes a page on Franklin County and a page on TRAC. Grant County will be taking some copies of the book to Korea. It has also been distributed to businesses and heads of state in Germany, Italy, Denmark and Poland. It was published by Amera-Pol sp.zo.o and printed in Poland by Drukarnia Ksiezy Werbistow.

Mr. Hite asked if the county wants to purchase more books. Mr. Koch asked for time to think about it. Mr. Hite said the cost of the books is on a sliding scale: 1-25 books at \$35 each; 25-50 books at \$32.50 each; 50-100 books at \$30 each; 100-150 books at \$27.50 each; and over 150 books at \$25 each. There will be a second edition.

Recessed at 10:52 am.

Reconvened at 11:04 am.

PROSECUTOR

Mrs. Corkrum presented Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp with a framed Certificate of Merit from the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

AUDITOR

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board.

Request for approval of out-of-state travel

Ms. Lenhart asked for approval for herself and Linda Lafferty of the Recording Department to attend the Aptitude Solutions User Group Meeting in Orlando, Florida, using funds from the Auditor's O&M account. The Recording Department system was just converted to the Aptitude Solutions system.

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Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the out-of-state travel request for Auditor Zona Lenhart and Linda Lafferty. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 3)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Interlocal Agreement for co-sponsorship of the Grand Old 4th

Mr. Bowen said the only difference in the contract with the City of Pasco from previous years is that we're splitting the event into two events, the Grand Old 4th and the Rocktoberfest when a rock concert will be held.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the City of Pasco for co-sponsorship of the 2008 Grand Old 4th at the Trade Recreation Agricultural Center (TRAC) and Rocktoberfest to be held in October.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-144.

Surplus Property

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval that we surplus the building located on parcel #112-012-027, address 1218 North 4th Avenue, the old Health Department Building. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-145.

Resolution approving destruction of old Health Department

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we pass the resolution for destruction of 1218 North 4th Avenue, Pasco, Washington, which is the former Benton Franklin Health District Building, parcel #112-012-027. Second by Mrs. Corkrum.

The Board asked Mr. Bowen to check with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp and Municipal Research Service Center for direction regarding preparation of Resolution 2008-145 prior to proceeding with demolition of the building.

Vote: 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-146.

Mr. Bowen said we'll do the process step-by-step starting with take out asbestos and other materials, then removing the building, and then eventually doing a parking lot.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

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Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of the following vouchers/
warrants: County Road Fund payroll for \$69,038.14; and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll
for \$11,685.51. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 11:25 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until April 7, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

Clerk to the Board