

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for May 16, 2008

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date for a Special Board Meeting. Present for the meeting were Bob Koch, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Patricia Shults, Pro Tem Clerk to the Board. Neva J. Corkrum, Member, was absent due to personal business.

**ELECTIONS**

Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against consideration of providing a voters pamphlet for the primary election.

Public Hearing convened at 10:00 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; Elections Administrator Diana Killian; and Pro Tem Clerk to the Board Patricia Shults. Present in audience: County Clerk Mike Killian.

Ms. Killian said the public hearing is regarding a local voter's pamphlet for the primary election in August. The way the ordinance is written, it would be for any upcoming primary where the state is producing a voter pamphlet. The previous ordinance the Board passed in 2007 was for general elections. Historically the State of Washington does not produce voter pamphlets for primaries, so it seemed moot to include it in the 2007 ordinance.

Ms. Killian thought it best to have an ordinance for all primaries where the state will be having one (voter pamphlet); that way we won't have to keep coming back to the Board for approval of public hearings and additional ordinances. There is no cost for the pamphlet this year because they are still operating with the federal grant received from the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. The grant is helping with production costs and the distribution of the pamphlet. They have had a lot of voters in the past that have really wanted to have a voter pamphlet. They have had an on-line voter pamphlet in the past. Not everyone has computers or gets the newspaper. They may not all watch television or have cable. So this way every household gets a voter pamphlet.

Ms. Killian said she heard the City of Pasco plans to place a bond on the ballot for the primary, so that is just more information the voters will get. When we have our County Commissioner race this fall they (the public) will want to know who the

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candidates are. Since they have been doing voter pamphlets they have had positive comments.

Mr. Miller stated he had no problem with approving an ordinance and thinks it is good information to get out so people can read it.

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I move that we provide a voters' pamphlet for the 2008 primary election as explained, an ordinance (Ordinance Number 5-2008) authorizing the publication and distribution of a Local Voters' Pamphlet for primaries as provided for in RCW 29A.32.210. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

**Adjourned** at 10:05 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 14, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

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Chairman Pro Tem

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Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed May 28, 2008.