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Commissioners' Proceeding for May 28, 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; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Neva J. Corkrum, Member, was absent attending the Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Committee Meeting in Seattle.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda items 1, 2 and 3 as follows, pulling item #4 for discussion:

Regarding item #4, Mr. Miller asked if we separate District 2 from Districts 1 and 3, can't we do it either/or, because later on in four, six or eight years, the circumstances might change, for instance due to increases in the cost of living. He would like to keep all the districts even. The cost to buy a house in Pasco is more than even in Connell.

Mr. Miller asked what Mr. Koch plans on for using a vehicle for travel away from the county. Mr. Koch said he talked to Shop Superintendent Darrel Farnsworth about a vehicle that could carry all three commissioners and the county administrator from the commissioners office to meetings. He said if Mr. Miller wanted to use that vehicle to go to a meeting, he could do so.

Mr. Miller asked what would happen if he (Mr. Miller) was using the vehicle that was assigned to Mr. Koch; would you use your vehicle and get paid for it?

Mr. Koch said I'm eliminating the travel allowance by doing this. Mr. Miller said I understand that. I think the job is paid enough that the travel allowance is good enough. He asked do we have a vehicle in the budget? He asked would we have to open the budget to purchase the vehicle? Mr. Miller asked Mr. Bowen if the money is available. Mr. Bowen said we have the money. It can be transferred from another account.

Mr. Koch said he talked to Prosecutor Steve Lowe because he gets a vehicle allowance also. Mr. Lowe told Mr. Koch when Mr. Lowe was hired, there was an option.

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Mr. Miller said exactly. That's why he would like to have the resolution give an option for Districts 1, 2 or 3 to do that. The reason is because later on if someone becomes a commissioner in six years or whatever, they have the option. Mr. Miller said I am really against doing special things for one district because I don't think it looks good. I think we should keep it the same for all three. So if we all have the option, I think that's well. Not that I want it, but then we have the option to take advantage of it and we have the resolution setting it that way.

Mr. Bowen asked you're saying you're not opposed to Mr. Koch getting a vehicle but you want the resolution to be that all three are the same, that each commissioner has the option to either take the allowance or take the vehicle? Mr. Miller said yes. Mr. Bowen said so it's a resolution that gives you the choice to make one choice or the other. Mr. Miller said I think that appears to be a lot better. He said if someone is elected in my district who lives say down by Radar Hill, they have that option also. I don't think it looks too good to just sort one out and say this guy's going to get a pickup and gas and all this or mileage on his car not being used.

Mr. Bowen said you're saying you want one resolution that addresses all three districts that gives the option of choosing one or the other. Mr. Miller said I think that's clean and that looks better. It also gives a person a choice if they want. Reading this resolution, it looks like we're being special to one district and everything for this district here. He said there could be further discussion. Mr. Bowen said I don't see a problem with that at all. Mr. Koch does not either.

Mr. Bowen said you asked if there was money in the budget. He told the Board he will be proposing two transfers to the Board today. There was a cash carryover of \$536,000 over and above what we anticipated when we did our budgets so we're going to ask to transfer \$500,000 and put it into capital projects and \$36,000 into contingency. He said a double-budgeted item was discovered of about \$40,000 so it will be put back into contingency. Earlier this year, the contingency fund had to pay TRAC \$50,000 that was not anticipated. Some of the contingency funds would go toward the purchase of the vehicle.

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Mr. Miller said he also feels we are not going to be able to pass any new taxes and because of not passing taxes but we've got to expand the jail or something else, we better be careful with that kind of money because we may be using it for something like this. I think we really need to tighten up here. Mr. Bowen said I think that's fine but I don't see how we have it in our budget to build a jail. Mr. Miller said I don't either but we're going to have to do something. Mr. Bowen said the only option he can see is that you rent beds somewhere else and that will cost an estimated \$1.3 million.

Mr. Miller said I know from what I hear from people, people that are retired, have a home, are paying taxes -- and it goes up all the time -- they're upset. We're not going to get a tax passed. I think we're going to have to come up with other ways. We're going to have to start really saving here or we're not going to be able to do these things. Mr. Bowen said that's your choice. Mr. Miller said I'm worried about it. He said I think our jobs are good jobs and we get paid well. I think it should cover any of the fuel or anything from that distance. I think we need to be as careful as we can be with what we do here because I think people are watching. I think people do care. I just think we've got to be careful. If it's anything that you could live with, I sure wouldn't be making any motions to increase ourselves, any money to us, because it doesn't look good. We're getting paid well. There was a raise in two salaries and most likely will be one in a third district. People don't see it this way. So I want to be very careful, not just for me but for the protection of all of us.

Mr. Koch said this proposed resolution does say in the second paragraph that the Board of Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney are authorized to have a vehicle.

Mr. Miller said the title of this just doesn't appear to be -- He asked we're rescinding 2005 and then --

Mr. Koch said that was because in 2005 there was a terrible cash shortage and the vehicle allowance was cut back to about \$200 a month and that had never been rolled over so that was just a cleanup. He asked Mr. Bowen if that was correct. Mr. Bowen said yes.

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Mr. Miller said so what we have to work on is that the title of the next resolution be correct for even the future here because we don't want to change them every year, or is it likely that you will? Mr. Bowen said it can be changed every year; it's up to the Board's discretion.

Mr. Miller said I'm not comfortable with signing the resolution here now.

Motion - Mr. Koch restated the motion for approval of items 1, 2 and 3 and pulling item #4. Mr. Miller said that was the motion. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-202** adopting the copy fee schedule for the Commissioner's Office.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-203** authorizing the Chairman to sign the Microsoft Volume Licensing Select Signature Form and the Microsoft Products Purchase Agreement between Franklin County Information Services and Washington State Department of Information Services, effective through May 31, 2011.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-204** authorizing the Chairman to sign the Application for Group Membership and the Memorandum of Understanding and Membership Agreement between Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and Franklin County for membership in the Retrospective Rating Pool for program year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

(Clerk's Note: Item #4 was pulled from the consent agenda.)

4. Approval of **Resolution 2008-__** rescinding Resolution Number 2005-008; approving reimbursement for the use of a personal vehicle for official travel for the Franklin County Commissioners, District 1 and District 3, and the Prosecuting Attorney; and authorizing Public Works to purchase a vehicle to be used by the District 2 Franklin County Commissioner on a daily basis.

Out-of-State Travel

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of *Out-of-State Travel Request* for Dan Werr to attend the Intergraph 2008 Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 31 through June 6, 2008, for an estimated cost of \$1,618.66 (to be reimbursed by state E911). Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Vouchers/Warrants

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Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of vouchers as listed: Current Expense warrants 63386 through 63388 for \$2,245.32; Current Expense warrants 63389 through 63422 for \$291,096.34; Current Expense warrants 63423 through 63525 for \$105,011.77; Ending Homeless Fund warrant 15 for \$15,094.32; Current Expense Cumulative Reserve warrant 138 for \$1,272.30; Supplemental Preservation warrant 13 for \$77.97; TRAC Operations warrant 10230 for \$108,586.32; Franklin County Capital Projects Fund warrants 405 through 408 for \$169.92; Affordable Housing Fund warrant 6 for \$71,750.00; Supplemental Preservation warrant 14 for \$710.00; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 468 through 470 for \$251.73; Law Library warrants 1075 through 1076 for \$6,350.91; Jail Commissary warrants 2469 through 2474 for \$5,835.78; DOC Building Inspection warrant 73 for \$1,152.00; Boating Safety warrants 422 through 423 for \$561.35; Veteran's Assistance warrants 1417 through 1420 for \$888.02; and Franklin County Noxious Weed warrants 3027 through 3034 for \$2,244.80; for a total of \$613,298.85. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

EXTENSION OFFICE

Extension Director Kay Hendrickson and Area Extension Educator Phil Petersen met with the Board. Mr. Petersen gave a presentation on the screen showing the types of work he has done. His three major emphases are taking places in four counties: Forage variety trials, soil conservation/air quality research, and economic analysis to support crop production.

Mr. Peterson told the Board about the alfalfa variety research trials that are being conducted. He explained how the value of \$34,580,000 was determined of knowing the top five alfalfa varieties versus the bottom five varieties.

Conservation tillage studies are being conducted at four locations. Disc versus undercutter residue is significant. Now we have to prove to the growers that the undercutter will do as good of a job. He showed some photographs of fields. He showed a picture of an undercutter machine.

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Mr. Petersen said the economic analysis of forage crops work includes alfalfa fertility guide, timothy fertility guide, alfalfa crop enterprise budget and timothy crop enterprise budget work.

Mr. Petersen listed the client services he is providing including university advisor to Washington State Hay Growers Association, Franklin County Crop Improvement Association, and a fieldmen organization.

Replacement Position

Ms. Hendricks said the first meeting of the committee to find a replacement for Mr. Petersen is set for June 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

North Franklin School District (NFSD)

Mr. Koch asked what the speed limit will be on the newly paved roads. He has received a request from NFSD so they know prior to setting their bus routes for the fall. Mr. Fife said the speed limits will change to 50 miles per hour.

Resolution: Interlocal Agreement for Franklin County Rural SAFETEA-LU Program, Supplement #1, amending Resolution 2007-290

Mr. Fife asked for approval to amend the agreement with small cities to extend it by two years into the fiscal year 2011 so we can borrow ahead on STP funds and get the current projects completed. It extends the not-compete agreement that we have.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept Resolution 2008-205, Supplement #1, amending Local Agreement for Franklin County Rural SAFETEA-LU Program, Resolution 2007-290. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Resolution: Quit Claim Deed for proposed Richardson Road

Mr. Fife said property owners Raymond and Laverne Debevec are in the process of selling a portion of their property off of Road 72. Part of the condition of the sale is that people in order to be able to subdivide it would have a road along the north half of the parcel. The quit claim deed gives the north half to the county for road purposes. Mr. Fife asked for approval of a resolution. He said the reason the county requires the

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quit claim deed is so that not just everyone deeds off their property to the county. He said this particular corridor is needed.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the quit claim deed for proposed Richardson Road for a portion of Parcel #118-371-030. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-206.

Resolution: Local Agency Agreement LA 6175, Supplement #2, between Franklin County and Washington State Department of Transportation for CRP 591 – countywide Safety Corridor Program Phase II – Flashing Lights

Mr. Fife asked for approval of Local Agency Supplemental Agreement. The work involves installation of flashing lights at about eight intersections using federal safety funds that are available to us. The original resolution is Resolution 2007-273.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move to approve Resolution 2008-207 for Local Agency Agreement LA6175, Supplement #2, between Franklin County and Washington State Department of Transportation for CRP 591, county-wide safety corridor program phase II flashing lights. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Fife said the balance of the money left in the program will be used for a few culverts that will be extended and then we'll start flattening slopes this fall, working with the property owners, primarily along Glade Road, until the money runs out.

Franklin County Stockpile Site Agreement

Mr. Fife explained where the stockpile site is located. He said we have stockpiled there before. Chips will be stockpiled for a construction project on Crestloch Road.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move we accept the Stockpile Site Agreement between Franklin County and Paul Halliday. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-208.

Other Business: Subdivision SUB 2007-06, Lamb Estates

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson joined the meeting. Also present: Assistant Planning Director Greg Wendt and Planner Jeremy Underwood.

Mr. Fife and Mr. MacPherson said a subdivision application was approved requiring a full road to be built but they have determined a narrower road would be

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sufficient. Mr. MacPherson said Lamb Estates received preliminary approval to subdivide in 2007. It is located between Roads 64 and 62 south of Court Street. He showed the subdivision on the screen. He said the staff report was prepared and approved based on an original recommendation by Public Works for a full road. Subsequently, Public Works approved half a road instead of a full road but the second recommendation did not get put in the staff report.

Mr. MacPherson said we looked at the site last week. He told the Board about existing paved sections of Road 62. One portion of the road is in the county and another portion of the road is in the City of Pasco. Mr. MacPherson said Mr. Fife's recommendation is that the two existing roads line up. Mr. Fife said the fence lines on the east side are all placed to the center line of the right-of-way. Property owners were allowed to put improvements and irrigation lines in. Mr. MacPherson said the Planning Commission had some opposition because they didn't want to see half-acre lots but wanted it to remain a grape vineyard. He said people who lived in this area (indicated) were opposed to having the road go through at all because of traffic and other issues.

Mr. MacPherson said there is no prescriptive standard to move the road. He said the only way he thinks it can be done is to hold a public hearing to take testimony for and against changing the requirement. Mr. Fife said we're comfortable with a half road. He said our comments reflected that the second time. He can't tell why there were two different sets of comments.

Mr. Koch asked are there two half roads on opposite sides of the center line? Mr. Fife said yes, the half road on the east side goes down to about Lot 19 and is 20 feet wide. The plan they were going to do rather than have it jump around is to keep it 20 feet all the way up to Court Street. The first portion will have a 40-foot-wide road.

Mr. MacPherson said when he looked at the site, there was one area with 40 feet of asphalt, then 28 feet, then 20 feet. He said from this point forward (indicated on screen) it would be 20 feet all the way to here (indicated). Mr. Fife said they will keep the shoulder the same width so it is consistent. Mr. Koch asked what do we need to do to make that happen? Mr. MacPherson said the only thing we can think of is notify the

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public of a public hearing. Mr. Koch asked would it start with the Planning Commission? Mr. MacPherson said we could but our thought was to just do it with the Commissioners. Mr. MacPherson said the property developers are constructing now and ready to go.

Mr. Bowen asked since you've put this through the Planning Commission and the full process, there could be some opposition from people who were expecting to have a full road. If you bring this directly to the Board and if everybody isn't really notified -- Mr. MacPherson said they would be notified. Mr. Bowen asked everybody would receive a letter? Mr. MacPherson nodded. Mr. MacPherson said at a minimum he would recommend that everybody that was at the original hearing be notified and everybody that was notified the first time.

Mr. Koch asked if the area on the east side (indicated) is encroaching in people's yards or are they encroaching? Mr. Fife said yes. He said it is an easement for a future road. There are sprinkler systems, landscaping, and fences. Mr. Koch said the property owners should be aware of it. Mr. Fife said yes. There are five lots. Mr. Bowen asked if the construction goes through, does the county relocate the improvements or would the owners be required to do it themselves? Mr. Fife said basically we tell them that we're going to be in here on a certain date and they need to get it out of the way. If not, we just pull it up and put it on the property.

Mr. MacPherson said a public hearing could be advertised and held and if people object to the process, then don't do the modification. You could either say it's going to be a full road or go back and go through the whole process again with the Planning Commission if you want to change it. Mr. Fife said we've been told by the contractor that the contractor has contacted all the property owners and the property owners do not want to lose their fences and other materials.

Mr. Koch said he doesn't have a problem holding a public hearing to get people's thoughts. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. MacPherson said the Planning Office can take care of the public hearing process to set the hearing and notify the people involved.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Public Hearing: Zone Change ZC 2008-03, an application by Clint Didier for a zoning designation change. Said application is to change the zoning classification on a 400 foot by 400 foot area currently zoned Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20). The rezone involves changing the 3.67 (gross) acres from Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) to Rural Service Commercial (C-2).

Public Hearing convened at 9:56 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 3).

Mr. MacPherson showed a copy of the aerial photograph with parcel overlay. He showed a copy of the existing zoning map. The property is adjacent to an existing C-2 commercial zone. Mr. Didier testified at the Planning Commission hearing that he has been in contact with Cardlock from Connell Oil. Mr. Didier would maintain ownership of the property.

Mr. MacPherson said one condition of approval involves a South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (SCBID) irrigation pipeline. The applicant needs to work with SCBID to make sure the pipeline is stable enough to support heavy truckloads.

No one was present in the audience to comment.

Mr. Wendt answered Mr. Miller's question about the C-2 zoning designation.

Mr. Miller asked if there are any problems having a fuel center there, such as complying with no leaks? Mr. MacPherson said that will be handled through the building permit process that will require containment and other factors.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move we grant approval of Zone Change application ZC 2008-03 subject to the five findings of fact. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Ordinance 6-2008. (Exhibit 4)

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit CUP 2008-04, an application by Everett Haugen for a conditional use permit. Said application is to construct a 2000 square foot accessory

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building (detached garage/storage building). A conditional use permit is required to exceed the maximum size allowed (1680 square feet) in the RS-20 Zoning District.

Public Hearing convened at 10:03 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Planner Jeremy Underwood; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. Underwood reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 5).

Mr. MacPherson showed a copy of the 2007 aerial photograph with parcel overlay on the screen. The shop that is being proposed would be built to match the house and blend in nicely with the residential character of the area. The neighboring homes on one-acre tracts have similar accessory buildings that match the character of the homes. Staff and Planning Commission did not feel the building would be out of line for the area. The conditions reiterate some standards, that metal roofing and siding are not appropriate and some other conditions.

No one was present in the audience to comment. In response to Mr. Koch's question, Mr. MacPherson said no written or verbal opposition to the project was received.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we grant approval to Conditional Use Permit application CUP 2008-04 subject to the six findings of fact and eleven conditions. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-209.

Recessed at 10:12 am.

Reconvened at 10:18 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Law and Justice Council

Mr. Bowen said there has been a request to reactivate the Law and Justice Council. The Board reviewed the list of Law and Justice Council members. He asked the Board to choose a commissioner and alternate commissioner to serve on the council. He said the Board may also need to choose someone to represent school districts.

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Mr. Miller will represent the Board on the Law and Justice Council with Mrs. Corkrum as alternate.

Current Expense – Budget Transfers

Mr. Bowen plans to send a memo to all departments asking each department to submit budget transfers and supplemental budget requests for the 2008 budget by June 11. Any requests received will then be reviewed by the Commissioners Office.

District Court has requested approval to purchase a microwave/convention oven combination for \$325. The county's practice recently has been to supply the appliances in the break rooms because it is county property. Mr. Bowen said if the Board would approve the purchase, it could be taken out of Contingency. The Board **gave consensus approval**.

Mr. Bowen reviewed some of the transfer and supplemental budget requests that have already been received.

Building at 203 North 4th Avenue

Mr. Bowen received a letter from the owner of the building at 203 North 4th Avenue stating he would be more interested in leasing the building rather than selling the building but also said everything is for sale. Mr. Bowen will meet with the owner today. He told the Board of various ideas for use of the property and for how to pay for either a lease or purchase. Mr. Koch said initially he was not in favor of leasing but after thinking about it, he thinks a lease may be okay if we have something in the contract that gives us an option to purchase in, say, 24 months. Mr. Miller agreed, saying he would prefer maybe an option to purchase in 36 months.

Binding Site Plan 2006-02, Lot 3

In July 2006 the county sold properties near TRAC with a requirement to begin building in three years and complete building in five years. A developer who purchased one of the properties is requesting a two-year extension for the development for construction to begin in five years and be completed in seven. Mr. Bowen recommended approval of the extension. The Board granted an extension to LifeQuest under similar circumstances. They paid a lot of money for the property and are working on it. Mr.

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Koch said he would say yes today but he would want all three commissioners here to finalize that. Mr. Miller said I would say yes. Mr. Koch asked Mr. Bowen to have the attorney begin preparing an extension agreement.

Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo Sponsorship Agreement for 2008

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of the 2008 sponsorship agreement.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I will move we accept the Sponsorship Agreement between Franklin County and Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo in the amount of \$10,000. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-210.

Grand Old 4th/Rocktoberfest Update

Mr. Bowen told the Board some history of the Grand Old 4th celebration at TRAC.

The car show is doing pretty well and pays for itself. He has talked to the City of Pasco before about charging people for the fireworks show but they are not interested in doing that, either for the show or for parking. The entertainment costs \$8000 and fireworks cost \$10,500 to \$11,000. The Pasco City Council does not want to do the Rocktoberfest event but does want to do the fireworks.

Mr. Bowen said we want to change the interlocal agreement so the county and city will do the car show, fireworks and entertainment this year only. The event receives sponsorship funds from Fluor and BDI. The car show makes money that goes into TRAC. This would be the last year the county and city would go together on July 4th. All of the revenues generated from that weekend only would go towards expenditures of that weekend only. Any shortfalls would be divided 50/50 and then we would be done with the City of Pasco for the Grand Old 4th.

The county would move forward to do the October event. It's in the budget and we can afford it. We feel it has potential to take off. It would be the county only and all revenues brought in from that would go back into the county's coffers for subsidizing TRAC. It is hoped the Rocktoberfest will get an event going for TRAC.

Mr. Bowen said that's my recommendation. He asked if the Board has any comments or concerns. Next year Franklin County will have the car show, dance and a movie as the main parts of our event. The City of Pasco will do only the fireworks. Mr.

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Miller said he likes the car show. He thinks this is a good direction to go. Mr. Koch said go for it.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of County Road Fund payroll for \$74,128.84 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$11,178.14. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll a follows: warrants 45790 through 45894 for \$197,376.70; warrants 45895 through 45906 for \$230,140.25; and Direct Deposit for \$301,299.82; for a total amount of \$728,816.77. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

The cover sheet also includes the following:

Emergency Management payroll warrants 9487 through 9497 for \$3647.71; warrants 9498 through 9507 for \$5010.65; and Direct Deposit for \$7475.29; for a total amount of \$16,133.65; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 13524 through 13537 for \$8067.38; and warrants 13538 through 13545 for \$4577.35; for a total amount of \$12,644.73. (Exhibit 6)

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

HR Director Rosie H. Rumsey met with the Board.

Change of Status

Ms. Rumsey asked for approval of a Change of Status for Linda Lafferty. Mr. Koch signed the Change of Status. (Exhibit 7)

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Events: Mr. Woody told the Board about recent and upcoming events.

April Financial Statement: The April 2008 TRAC profit and loss information was reviewed. Mr. Woody said utilities have been a little bit high all year. The gas bill has gone up 73% in both therms used and dollars over the same four-month time frame compared to January through April 2007 for a total increase of \$40,000. He feels it is inaccurate and wrong and has challenged it. A technician was sent out and said everything is fine. Mr. Woody told where the gas is used at TRAC. He reviewed gas

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usage for two years. Electricity use has not spiked. Nothing else is spiking except gas. Mr. Bowen asked do you have a leak? Mr. Woody said they say we do not but he is asking them to come again.

Mr. Woody said that budget figures from TRAC, the Auditor and the Treasurer appeared balanced with each other every month this year.

TRAC Web site: The new web site, traconline.com, is working well.

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move to approve minutes for May 12, May 14, May 16 and May 22 and authorize Neva Corkrum's signature. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 11:08 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 29, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed June 16, 2008.