

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 7, 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 in audience: Sharon Paradis.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda for July 7, 2008, as listed:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-278** raising the mileage rate for travel to \$.585 cents per mile effective July 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. (Exhibit 1: Information requesting approval of resolution.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-279** for the Public Works Contract with Watson Furniture Group to supply and set up furniture for Dispatch, in an amount not to exceed \$42,694.46, to be paid from the Miscellaneous Franklin County Enhanced 911 Fund, Number 139-000-001, line item 594.28.64.0005 (Communications & Campus Security Upgrade).
3. Approval of **Out-Of-State Travel Request** for Tim Waters to attend a Vegetable Association meeting in Parma, Idaho and field day in Ontario, Idaho, July 7-9, 2008, for an estimated cost of \$120. (Exhibit 2)
4. Approval of **Resolution 2008-280** for the Public Works Contract with Phase 2 Electric, Inc., for electrical demolition, disposal and re-feeding of existing circuits and installation of eight new circuits, in an amount not to exceed \$6,151.44, to be paid from the Miscellaneous Franklin County Enhanced 911 Fund, Number 139-000-001, line item 594.28.64.0005 (Communications & Campus Security Upgrade).

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move approval of vouchers as listed: Current Expense warrants 755 through 791 for \$50,291.68; Election Equipment Revolving warrant 792 for \$400.00;

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Auditor O&M warrant 793 for \$400.00; and Law Library warrants 794 through 795 for \$3,870.53; for a total of \$54,962.21. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 3)

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of vouchers as listed: Grand Old 4th warrants 716 through 719 for \$1916.37; Treasurer O&M warrant 720 for \$11,263.36; and Current Expense warrants 721 through 754 for \$15,480.95; for a total of \$28,660.68. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman.

Percentage cost split between Benton and Franklin Counties

Ms. Paradis gave the Board a chart titled “Population Average for Operations Budget” for the years 2008 and 2009 (Exhibit 5). The counties split the costs based on these figures. Franklin County’s share will be 29% of the budget for 2009, an increase of .07% from 28.3%.

Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI)

Ms. Paradis told the Board about the process that has been used to prepare the new DRAI. The DRAI is a screening and risk assessment process. She gave them a copy of the DRAI as revised on April 17, 2008 (Exhibit 6). It has been reviewed by all law enforcement agencies in the two counties except the City of Prosser. All the law enforcement people and the prosecutors’ offices recommended approval of the new process. She told the Board about a test of the new system using data collected in May 2008. The JJC plans to implement the new process on August 1.

Mr. Koch has served on the JJC board that reviewed the plan. He said the other two commissioners may want to know, is this just quicker than the previous one?

Ms. Paradis said there is not a lot of difference. This actually assigns specific points to risk issues for youth. There was not a point system previously. Previously some offenses automatically screened in and some were discretionary but we did not look consistently and fairly at all the risk issues. This new process would assign points to all

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aggravating and mitigating factors we might need to consider. We should be keeping kids in detention based on public safety and not for any other reason.

Department Update

Ms. Paradis answered the Board's questions about some of the activities at the JJC including Drug Court.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Out-of-County Travel for County Administrator Fred Bowen to attend NACo Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7)

Vehicle for District 2 Commissioner

The Board members reviewed a proposed resolution. Mr. Miller asked is the plan to purchase something later on such as Prius when it becomes available? Mr. Koch said yes. Even if he had gotten a Prius when it first came out, the Chevrolet Colorado on the resolution is about \$5000 cheaper than a Prius so that will take up almost a year or a year and a half worth of fuel compared to a Prius. If the state bid comes out with a Prius or something similar, Public Works will put the Chevrolet Colorado in their fleet for their crew.

Mrs. Corkrum said this is a rather small vehicle. Mr. Koch said the mileage should be up in the mid-20s. Mrs. Corkrum said that's about as good as you can get. She said the Priuses are not readily available.

Mr. Miller said you can still get them in a couple weeks. He was told by the county engineer that he can get them for \$27,000 on the state contract.

Mr. Koch said they were cheaper than that. There were nine Prius vehicles available on the state bid when we started the discussion but none when we got done talking about it.

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Mr. Miller said he understands the cost of a Prius would be about \$28,000 decked out.

The Board discussed the cost of a Prius.

Mr. Koch said the state bid that Shop Superintendent Darrel Farnsworth sent showed nine Prius vehicles in Lacey or Tumwater and they were under \$24,000.

Mrs. Corkrum said we can't just go out and buy a car. We have to go through the state bid or piggyback.

Mr. Miller asked why did we have to wait for the state bid? Mr. Koch said they bid out for a year at a time. Evidently the Priuses were bid out and sold until they start the new 2009 bid process. He explained further about the state bidding process.

Mr. Miller said he thinks it's a good trend to go ahead and do something like that in the future.

Mr. Koch said he has been looking at other counties and the vehicles they are driving. The perception of driving an import car was one of his concerns early on. That's the exact reason for hybrids.

Mr. Miller said when you get that, I would applaud you for that. He said the price of gasoline will have a big impact.

Mr. Koch said I was trying to find something that we could save money on as far as commissioners traveling together and using that vehicle, because if we can't do that, it's almost defeating the purpose. Mr. Miller said we can use a vehicle from Public Works. Mr. Koch said we've tried to do that before. One time we tried to go to the coast but Public Works didn't have anything we trusted to go that far that would fit us. We'll work on it when new bids come out and have Mr. Farnsworth keep his eye out.

Mr. Koch said the Chevrolet Colorado is in the shop and ready to have decals put on and other finishing work done. The resolution is basically to approve the line item and inter budget transfer.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Resolution 2008-281 to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado crew cab two-wheel drive for District 2 Commissioner and the line item in the Capital Outlay Budget #710 for purchase.

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Mr. Miller said I was against the purchase of the bigger vehicle but it was already approved. He asked is this resolution creating the line item? Mr. Koch said yes.

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

Jail Study

Mr. Bowen has received information from the architect that the cost estimate is just under \$4 million to fix the existing jail with no new beds. He will give the Board more information later. The new cost estimate for fixing the existing jail and adding jail space is now about \$11 million instead of \$39 million as in the first estimate.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson, Assistant Director Greg Wendt and Planner Jeremy Underwood met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2008-08 for applicant Randy Fluharty to short plat approximately 66.45 acres (gross) into two lots. As proposed, Lot #1 is approximately 4.18 acres in size and Lot #2 is approximately 62.27 acres in size. The property is located in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) Zoning District.

Public Hearing 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. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Mr. Underwood reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 8).

Mr. MacPherson showed the 2008 aerials with parcel overlay on the screen. The property for Lot #1 is 4.18 acres gross and 2.59 acres net. This is due to a series of canal right-of-ways. Lot #2 is 62.26 acres gross and 60.54 acres net because of right-of-ways.

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the Conditions of Approval.

No one was present in the audience to comment.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval to grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2008-08 subject to the seven Findings of Fact and eight Conditions of Approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-282.

Connell Property

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Mr. Koch told the other Board members about two county property matters in Connell. He has talked to staff at the City of Connell about county property at the Connell Community Center. The county bought about 40 acres from the state in 1921. It was originally a gravel pit.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Jerrod MacPherson, Greg Wendt and Joe Chapman.

Executive Session at 9:46 am regarding potential litigation for legal risks of a proposed action based on RCW 42.30.110.1(i) related to some potential action via the Planning Department expected to last up to 15 minutes. Mr. Chapman left the audience.

Open Session at 10:00 am.

Recessed at 10:00 am.

Reconvened at 10:16 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Assistant Engineer Guy Walters met with the Board.

Public Hearing: To consider amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2008-2013

Public Hearing convened at 10:18 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Assistant Engineer Guy Walters; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Mr. Walters said the amendment is to request additional Federal funding for right-of-way acquisition for the East Foster Wells Road project. The 2008-2013 TIP did not show all the funds so the hearing is being held to amend it.

Mr. Chapman did not wish to comment.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I will move that we accept Resolution 2008-283 of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners in the matter of amending the Franklin County Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2008 to 2013. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

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Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of vouchers for County Road Fund for \$974,590.10 and \$89,424.41 and \$33,419.20; Motor Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Fund for \$14,876.38; and Solid Waste fund for \$20,014.09 and \$177.54 as listed. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 9)

Mr. Walters said significant payments are being made for projects involving paving gravel roads.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Grand Old 4th

Mr. Bowen gave a brief verbal report on the Grand Old 4th events.

PUBLIC WORKS (continuing)

**Public Hearing: Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
2009-2014**

Public Hearing convened at 10:30 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Assistant Engineer Guy Walters; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Joe Chapman and Kevin Adamson.

Mr. Walters reviewed the projects on the Six-Year TIP for 2009-2014 including the Bridge Condition Report. We tried to keep it all financially constrained so if we do get the funding, it will be possible to do the projects that do not currently have funding.

Mrs. Corkrum asked Mr. Walters to tell us what funding you actually have in hand. Mr. Walters said the TIP form has a column titled "Status." In that column, S means selected and P means proposed. S means there is some funding available. P means there may be some funding.

Mr. Walters reviewed the projects listed. The first four projects are carryovers for current projects.

#1: We plan to borrow Federal allocations ahead for two years to finish East Foster Wells Road. All but one of the right-of-ways are purchased. We're hoping to start construction this fall.

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#2: Road 100/Broadmoor Boulevard and Dent Road connection. We hope to have right-of-way acquired by fall. Construction is planned for next year with a carryover to 2010. We don't have enough RAP funding from the state to construct the project so it shows local funding. In the past, we've had to have a minimal 10% to 16% match.

#3: County paving priority program, Public Works Trust Fund Loan (PWTF). We are designing Group 4 projects. There are five groups total. The plan is to finish construction of Group 4 next year. The majority should be done this fall. Group 3 has just been finished. Group 4 includes Juniper, Palmer, Millwood and Garfield, all roads somewhat near Basin City.

Jeanne and George Jenkins joined the audience.

#4: County-wide safety projects. There are \$500,000 of Federal funds to do slope flattening and pipe extension and _____ installation. These projects have been done for the last three years and the program will finish next year.

#5: R170 landslide project. There is no funding available at this time for the road. State and Federal funding was received for relocation of the canal and some design work. We still hope Federal funding may come through. It is listed as a discretionary project.

Mr. Koch asked about the progress on land acquisition for the road. Mr. Walters said he thinks it is going well but he hasn't talked to the engineer handling it lately.

#6 Dent Road coincides with Road 100 going through. The project would be to improve Dent Road from Road 100 to the intersection at Road 68. The plan is to use CAP money with a direct allocation of about \$450,000 a year. Completion of the project probably hinges on Road 100 being completed.

#7 Filbert Bridge replacement was just submitted for funding. We probably won't know until this fall if it is selected. It would be done next year if it is selected.

#8 is a joint project with City of Pasco to improve sidewalks in the vicinity of the new high school and elementary school on Road 84 and Argent, mainly on Road 84 up to Argent and over to Road 88. The city will be the lead. The project will cost the county a little bit of match money.

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#9 and #10 are Pasco-Kahlotus Highway (PK) projects. Based on cost of construction and estimates, we don't have near enough RAP money from the state to do the first one. The second one is expected to use CAP money for that year. The projects are planned for 2010.

#11 Taylor Flats Bridge widening along Esquatzel two miles out of town. The bridge is narrow. It is fine structurally but it is narrow for the amount of traffic. We're hoping to submit that project for some safety money similar to a Glade North Bridge that was done years ago.

#12 access road to Juniper Dunes is planned for 2010. We hope to receive funding.

#13 Dent Road and intersection of Road 68 at intersection of four roads. Mr. Walters joked with the Board about having a discussion later about having the first round-about in Franklin County at the intersection. Mrs. Corkrum said no roundabouts.

#14 Ringold Hill safety improvements: The county has been asked if we ever plan to do anything on the Ringold Hill Road off of Taylor Flats Road. There are some steep embankments and gullies. The project is proposed at this time, using safety money. The safety money and enhancement money from Federal sources are competitive-type programs.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if there are problems with water issues on Ringold Hill. Mr. Walters said he thinks there have been some problems in the past. Some of the problems have been improved. Mr. Adamson said there was a spring in the middle of the road but it's been fixed.

#15 and #16 have been on the TIPs for awhile: Frontier/East Elm connection and East Elm Extension. They are proposed for Federal money. By 2011 we might have some Federal money available at least for the engineering on the projects.

#17 would be to pave the road that is the last piece of gravel on Wernett Road from Road 72 to Road 76 in Riverview. It is proposed to be done using some of a direct allocation of urban money.

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#18 Commercial/Tank Farm Road. A study was completed on the feasibility of the project this year. The state is doing their own study using state funds. We're going to wait until we see what they propose. It is a real dangerous intersection by the Snake River Bridge. We have acquired some right-of-way through some short plats.

#19 County-wide illumination program. It is another locally funded project. We are hoping to put some luminaries up at some of our major intersections. It's been pushed back to 2012.

We did get some safety improvement intersection money for signage and rumble strips. They'll cover everything but illumination and lighting. That might possibly get moved up.

#20 Glade North overlay, from where we left off just north of Selph Landing up to the Esquatzel bridge.

#21 and #22 are two more Pasco-Kahlotus Highway (PK) projects.

#23 local intersection approach program. This involves paving 1500' to 1800' aprons on major and minor collectors. Some have already been done.

#24 Powerline Road and Dent Extension, running along the city/county line just north of Road 68 over to Road 100.

#25 Glade North overlay.

#26 new road in Block 17 running between Foster Wells and East Vineyard. It has been requested and there is some interest in it.

#27 is another Pasco-Kahlotus Road (PK) project.

#28 Coyan Road project has been on the TIPs for quite some time.

Mr. Walters reviewed the Financial Projects information. The first three years are pretty much balanced out. The last three years we can roll into a three-year time frame.

Mr. Koch asked three times if anyone in the audience is against this Transportation Improvement Program for 2009 to 2014. There was no response.

Mr. Koch asked if anyone is for this TIP program.

Kevin Adamson said thank you very much for the county-wide paving project. It has greatly improved my life and my wife's life and health. I know you had to re-sort

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priorities. It took a lot of work. The company you hired was great and the county people were great. I want to tell you thank you. It has improved our standard of living.

Mr. Adamson asked the county to continue to sort your priorities to pave those other county roads. I know it's a lot of work but it really is important. It enhances the value of the county, the value of our real estate, and enhances the value of our lives, and I really want to tell you thank you.

George Jenkins said I just want to say amen to his comments.

Jeanne Jenkins said both of us do. We live at the beginning off of Taylor Flats Road. Our lifestyle is greatly improved. Our grocery bill will go up now because we won't be eating so much dirt.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Resolution 2008-284 in the matter of Franklin County's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2009 to 2014. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioners proceedings for June 30, 2008. Second by Mr. Miler. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 10:54 am until 2:00 pm for a bi-county meeting in Kennewick.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until July 17, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 17, 2008.