

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Neva J. Corkrum, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Bob Koch, Chairman, was absent attending an American Public Transportation Association (APTA) meeting in San Diego, California.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Mike Brown and Victor Reeves.

Safe Driving Awards Update

Mr. Bowen said the Public Works mechanics have not been included in the group who receive safe driving awards. Their work includes moving vehicles in and out of the shop and test driving equipment. Mrs. Corkrum said they don't drive on the highway normally but just in the shop area. Mr. Bowen said they do occasionally test drive equipment on the highway. Their main job is to fix the vehicles. Mrs. Corkrum said she thought the focus was people that drove every-day miles. Mr. Bowen said the road crew and the Sheriff's Department are the ones who are included. Road supervisors are not included, just employees. There are four or five mechanics. If there is equipment broken down, they travel to bring it back in. Mr. Bowen said if the Board approves the award, every five years they would get eight hours of vacation. The mechanics work four ten-hour days. The award is based on an eight-hour work day.

Mrs. Corkrum asked to wait until Mr. Koch is present to make a decision.

Resolution: Chairs for Probation Department and Budget Transfers

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we approve the creation of line item 594.41.64.2701 (Probation Assessment – Furniture) to the Capital Outlay Budget 710 in the amount of \$1120 and approve the budget transfers as listed. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-426.

TRAC six-acre Parking Lot

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a change order. He told the Board that the base bid included sidewalks, grass areas, and landscaping. The contractor was asked to also

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give a cost to do all of Alternative A from the bid except for the paving. The paving would basically involve capping the existing parking lot which is made up of asphalt grindings. The change order would include all of the sidewalk work and all of the landscaping including the electrical pedestals and lighting. He answered the Board's questions about what work is included in the base bid.

Mrs. Corkrum asked do we have enough money in the fund for the change order? Budget figures were reviewed. Mr. Bowen said there are funds available. He thinks it's important to do it. When the work is completed, it will appear to be a finished parking lot. It will clean the whole area up. The contractors are in place on site now.

Mrs. Corkrum said she is in favor of it. Mr. Miller agreed.

Mr. Bowen said some parts of the project are being put in to benefit TRAC:

The electrical pedestals are similar to the pedestals in the RV park. They will be installed in four of the islands.

The 3" diameter electrical line is on the very south side of the parking lot. It involves putting electrical conduit in the ground so that more electrical pedestals can be added later.

The domestic water system is used to water horses during horse shows at TRAC.

The cost for these parts of the project is \$16,938 which Mr. Bowen believes is a TRAC expense and not a Current Expense expense. We have not taken it to the TRAC Advisory Board or asked the City of Pasco yet. He is recommending that the county pay for the expense at this time and then also ask the Advisory Board and the City of Pasco about it. If there is too much opposition, the county will have paid for it. There are no funds available in the TRAC capital budget to pay for it.

Mr. Miller asked can we get away without paving the one area? Mr. Bowen said it is paved right now with asphalt grindings. Mr. Bowen said the parking lot is not just used for the horses. It is also used for public parking and overflow parking. It is not lit up. It is not safe for the public to be walking there. It is a rough, uneven surface.

Mrs. Corkrum said with this project we'll have lighting. Mr. Bowen said it will appear to

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be a completely finished parking lot. Mr. Miller said the paving portion can be considered later. We can get the landscaping and lighting done now. Mrs. Corkrum said all of the finish work after this portion is done would be minimal. Mr. Bowen said if the Board decides to do an overlay on the parking lot later on, all they would do is come in and pave over the top of it.

TRAC will be striping the lot, using the county striper. Mrs. Corkrum asked so redoing the striping wouldn't be a big expense if we decided to pave it later? Mr. Bowen said no.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Change Order #1 in the TRAC parking lot. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Budget Funds

The Capital Projects Fund budget figures were reviewed briefly.

Mr. Miller said he thinks the county still needs to find a place for a sheriff's office. Mr. Bowen said the boilers in the jail are nearly at the end of their useful life.

Mr. Bowen would like to leave the remainder of the money in the Capital Projects Fund to cover any unforeseen capital project costs.

Mrs. Corkrum said she has read about an idea for a regional jail between other counties. She asked Mr. Bowen to check into it.

Noxious Weed Control Board

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator Mike Brown and Assistant Coordinator Victor Reeves met with the Board briefly. They will schedule time at a formal meeting with the Board later.

Adjourned at 9:32 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 13, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed October 13, 2008.