

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 20, 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: Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows and would like to discuss item 1:

Mr. Miller asked if the county can donate the Parks and Recreation money towards a school. Mr. Koch said because of the location of Edwin Markham School, it's used for the community park on nights, weekends and all summer long. A parent group is wanting to put an upgrade to the playground costing about \$45,000. The school district will keep it up but doesn't have the revenue to put it in. The playground is more of a community park. Mrs. Corkrum said in the City of Pasco, the school district and City of Pasco coordinate their parks. As they build new grade schools in a neighborhood, the city contributes to the cost of the playground.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the consent agenda as listed:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-440** in the matter of authorizing a warrant be issued in the amount of \$1,500 payable to Markham PALS, to be paid from the 2008 Miscellaneous Park Acquisition & Capital Fund, Number 155-000-001, line item 594.76.61.0000 (Capital Outlay), for playground equipment. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-441** in the matter of authorizing destruction of miscellaneous scrap items from the Elections Department, as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form and attached list, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-442** authorizing procurement of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee, serial number 1J4FT28S1VL533073, ET 6812, not to exceed \$2,050 based upon depreciated book value, from the Franklin County Public Works Department, to be utilized by the Planning/Building Department for Growth

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Management activities, and authorizing an intra budget transfer of \$2,050 within the 2008 Miscellaneous Growth Management Fund, Number 108-000-001, from line item 558.10.50.0002 (Intergovernmental Services – OCD Contract GMA) to line item 558.10.60.0000 (Capital Outlay), to pay for said vehicle.

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of vouchers as listed: Current Expense warrants 6395 through 6604 for \$27,838.52; Courthouse Facilitator warrant 6605 for \$952.50; Current Expense warrants 6606 through 6634 for \$21,217.19; Franklin County Enhanced 911 warrants 6635 through 6636 for \$150.35; Solid Waste warrant 6637 for \$524.19; Current Expense Cumulative Reserve warrant 6638 for \$8,404.30; and Franklin County Capital Projects Funds warrants 6639 through 6641 for \$32,258.21; for a total amount of \$91,345.26. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Final Approval: Subdivision SUB 2007-06, Homes and Land Real Estate, LLC

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for final approval of Subdivision SUB 2007-06 to subdivide approximately 17.27 acres into 23 single-family residential lots and three commercial lots for Homes and Land Real Estate, LLC. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-443.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Rocktoberfest

Mr. Miller asked about the Rocktoberfest event. Mr. Woody said the primary reason the county didn't make money was because we didn't get sponsorships. We had 800 people pay and needed 1200 people to pay to break even. Next year GapWest will pay \$15,000 to start with, on top of their marketing. Mr. Bowen said if the TRAC profit and the county loss were combined, it is just a little under a \$2000 loss. Mr. Koch said he thinks the October date will work out as a better venue than July 4th. Mr. Woody said the weather was not optimal but people still attended.

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Award of Bid: TRAC Banquet Chairs

Mr. Woody recommended acceptance of the bid from Food Service of America. It includes freight. The total is \$56,610.58 for 600 MTS stacking chairs. The price per chair breakdown is \$94.35. Bargreen's bid had a price per chair of \$96.95. Mr. Woody said the cost is about an 8% increase over the last time we purchased, which is about right given the increase in freight and other costs.

Mr. Koch asked do the chairs come with racks? Mr. Woody said racks are separate. They have been ordered, as well as some chair carts. Mr. Koch asked is there enough room for storage? Mr. Woody said we're finding room. We need the chairs.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we approve the purchase of 600 chairs from Food Service of America in Spokane for the total cost of \$56,610.58. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

August and September Financial Statements for TRAC and RV Park

Mr. Woody had sent the August and September Financial Statements to the Board previously. He told the Board briefly about the statements.

2009 Profit Summary budget worksheet

Mr. Woody gave the Board a budget worksheet for the 2009 budget. Mr. Woody will get the budget information to Chief Accountant Tom Westerman.

Safety Incentives

Mr. Woody said he would like to be able to offer safety incentives to employees because of the number of accidents that occur. He has worked in other places in the past that offered incentives. Mr. Bowen said he will have to look into it but he does not think it can be done. The county does give an extra day of vacation for some safe driving awards but no monetary award. Mrs. Corkrum said the safe driving award is given in increments of five years of safe driving. The sick leave policy gives an extra day of vacation if no sick leave is used during the year.

Events

Mr. Woody listed some of the upcoming events.

Surplus Property

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Mr. Woody said there are 27 items (computers, screens and printers) that need to be declared surplus. Mr. Koch said we need to make sure hard drives are destroyed. The Board asked Mr. Bowen to check with Information Services to coordinate the destruction of the property.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Landfill

Mr. Verhulp asked for approval of payment of invoices regarding the Landfill Group work with payment coming out of the Landfill Group Trust Fund.

Motion - Mr. Miller: I'll move that we accept Resolution 2008-444 for payment of Franklin County's portion of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting, LLC, for professional consulting services with Franklin County's portion in the amount of \$508.72. The total amount is \$3052.31. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept Resolution 2008-445 for payment of Franklin County's portion of four invoices accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting Services in the amount of \$3383.21 as Franklin County's portion. The total amount is \$20,229.30. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Verhulp said we are working with other Landfill Group members to consider going out for grant funding from the state for the next several years.

Mr. Verhulp answered Mrs. Corkrum's question about what Aspect Consulting does. He said Aspect Consulting is an engineering firm that analyzes the data that is collected from the landfill site and helps determine what may or may not need to be done next at the site. The data is also reviewed by another engineering group.

STAIRCASE

Mr. Bowen will check on the progress of the staircase work. Mrs. Corkrum said the government has immunity from lawsuits for any accidents that occur on the staircases at the Washington State Capitol and in Washington, D.C..

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RURAL ACTION CAUCUS

Mr. Koch reported on the meeting he attended last week for the Rural Action Caucus of the National Association of Counties. There are 12 other states and 40 commissioners involved. A label of origin will now be required for more products than in the past.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the following vouchers for payment as listed: County Road Fund for \$76,679.50; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$56,816.07; Solid Waste for \$1827.57; and Solid Waste for \$204.09. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit)

CRP 596: R170 Landslide Area Parcel 596-04 W-Tee Properties, LLC #121-320-025
“Just Compensation”

Mr. Fife asked for Board concurrence on the Just Compensation offer letter for W-Tee Properties. He described where the property is located. Mr. Fife said we hope to do the canal work this winter using RAP funding that is already available. The amount of the just compensation was based on ag sales in the vicinity provided by the assessor. It is the starting point for negotiation purposes.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I'll move that we accept CRP 596: R170 Landslide Area Parcel, the just compensation, for the following individual, which is W-Tee Properties, in the total amount of \$6270.00. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Mr. Fife said this figure is the starting point for negotiations. The property is 1.72 acres in size.

Formal Request: Purchase of replacement waste oil heater

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we purchase a replacement waste oil heater for the Franklin County Pasco Shop for \$5872 from Columbia Basin Hotsy for Firelake Horizon 245. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

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Mr. Fife said the heater uses the waste oil from the shop. We use some supplemental heat from time to time.

Weed Control

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Fife about the status of the weed control spraying plan to have people other than the county staff or contracted people do the spraying. Mr. Miller said most of the people have a chemical application license. Mr. Fife said for spraying the county roads, a person needs a public pest control/weed control applicator's license. Most farmers have a license but they don't have a public license. He said the information is being reviewed by the prosecutors office. It may be determined that a requirement is needed that the person doing the spraying has to own the property instead of renting.

AUDITOR

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board.

Elections

Ms. Lenhart told the Board about the voter registration work that is occurring. A voter registration event was held on Saturday.

Donation of Sick Leave

Ms. Lenhart asked a question about donation of sick leave to an employee in her office. The Board said there is a process in place that requires approval by Ms. Lenhart and by the Board.

Franklin County Annex

Ms. Lenhart will be finding out from Facilities Director Christopher Giles if a separate bid is needed for exit signs at the Annex. Because the exit signs were not calculated into the original bid, we were not able to put in a separate meter because Labor and Industries (L&I) would not let us do it. The separate meter work would have cost about \$4500 so we won't be spending that money. Ms. Lenhart thought we could use that money for rewiring of electrical signs. She thinks it will cost at least \$1000 but not \$4500.

The Board asked how are you going to charge back electricity? Ms. Lenhart said they did a load calculation and they'll be able to tell me what the load is.

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Voter Registration

Today is the last day before the general election for in-person registration. It is only for people who have never been registered anywhere in the state of Washington before.

Ms. Lenhart told the Board about some voter fraud issues.

She told the Board about expected upcoming legislation regarding voter registration.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Joe Chapman.

Ben Franklin Transit

Mr. Bowen will be meeting with Attorney Pat Roach who represents Ben Franklin Transit regarding the parking area at TRAC.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Commissioner Proceedings for October 1, 2008, October 6, 2008, and October 20, 2008. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 10:18 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 27, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed October 27, 2008.