

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 29, 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.

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of ***Voluntary Transfer of Annual Leave Request*** as per Resolution 2001-246 for Julie Ruesga (Auditor's Office) for a total of 15 hours as follows:
  - Susan Boothe (Auditor's Office) to transfer 7.5 hours.
  - Linda Lafferty (Auditor's Office) to transfer 7.5 hours. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-456** authorizing, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory), disposal of printers, monitors and computer accessories as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from TRAC.
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-457** in the matter of appointing Shon Small to a term on the Mental Health Advisory Board to represent Benton and Franklin Counties, with said term ending December 31, 2010. (Exhibit 2)
4. Approval of ***Out-of-State Travel Request*** for Steve Lowe to attend the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) fall board meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 18-24, 2008, for an estimated cost of \$224.00 for meals. (Exhibit 3)

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

**Recessed** at 9:07 am.

**Reconvened** at 9:14 am.

### WSU EXTENSION

WSU Extension Director Kay Hendrickson met with the Board.

#### Department Update

**Staffing:** Ms. Hendrickson will be retiring on February 2, 2009. She asked for Board approval to recommend appointment of Lori Sherfey as her replacement and for

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starting the process to fill the youth development position Ms. Sherfey currently holds.

The Board **gave approval** to proceed with her recommendation to WSU.

Ms. Hendrickson may do some work for the Extension Office after her retirement on a part-time basis as a consultant.

Pathways Program Presentation at WSAC: The Pathways program that is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be making a presentation at the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) meeting on November 12. The Board members will participate in the presentation.

Migrant Council Request: The Migrant Council asked if it can use the computer lab on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Ms. Hendrickson told them an Extension Office employee would have to be present and be paid by the Migrant Council.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if the Pathways grant prohibits the use of the computers by others. Ms. Hendrickson said no. If the Migrant Council is allowed to use the computers, she wants to have a contract in place to cover items such as computer breakdowns.

Mr. Koch said they need to be liable for computer problems.

Mr. Bowen asked what would be the benefit to the county? Ms. Hendrickson said she thinks it is a community benefit. The people involved are parents of young children. In order to be there, they have to be in the Migrant Council. Many are under-educated or uneducated at all. They would learn some critical thinking skills. Having an educated population is a benefit to all of us. It would help with school readiness for the kids. They are intrinsic benefits.

The Mexican government does not allow a fee to be charged for using the curriculum that is on the computers.

Mr. Koch said the other problem he can think of is the custodian services. Will it be additional work for them? Will there be time for them to come in? Ms. Hendrickson does not know. She will find out.

The Board **gave approval** to proceed to develop a contract.

Pickup

Ms. Hendrickson thanked the Board for providing WSU Extension with a pickup.

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**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson and Planner Jeremy Underwood met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Short Plat SP 2008-19, to consider an application by David and Anita Freeman to short plat approximately 148.09 acres (gross) into two lots. As proposed, Lot #1 is approximately 5.00 acres in size and Lot #2 is approximately 143.00 acres in size. The property is located in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) Zoning District.

Public Hearing convened at 9:39 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum 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 4).

Mr. MacPherson showed a copy of the plat submitted by applicant with overlays of an aerial photograph and a parcel map. He reviewed the conditions of approval.

County Engineer Tim Fife joined the meeting. He did not wish to speak for or against the proposal.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move we grant preliminary approval of Short Plat 2008-19 subject to the seven findings of fact and eight conditions of approval. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-458.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Selph Landing – Taylor Flats Intersection

Mr. Fife said it is possible that the area near the Selph Landing Road – Taylor Flats Road intersection can be used as a borrow site to provide fill material for the county safety projects that are taking place now. If so, it would take care of two problems at once by providing fill material and also by lowering land near the intersection to allow better sight. He said there is some grant money available for the safety projects. He will talk to the landowner.

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R170

The R170 project scored high enough to probably to get it funded with RAP funds. However, there is only about \$200,000 available during the next biennium for the project. There is \$1.5 million available per biennium but \$100,000 is going towards completion of the Dent Road/Road 100 project and \$1.1 million of emergent RAP funding was used to do canal work last year. Once we have the project selected, it will remain on the list for the next biennium. We could borrow money and then pay it off later. Another option is to ask the CRAB Board for the funding now but Mr. Fife does not think it would be approved because it would set a precedent.

Hendricks Pit Expansion

The county has a permit to use a pit owned by the Bureau of Reclamation as a crushing site. Mr. Fife would like to purchase property owned by the Reed family in order to expand the site. He said there are some advantages to owning it including that we wouldn't have to pay the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) \$1000 a year whether we mine anything or not. The Bureau of Reclamation kept the mineral rights when they bought the property. Mr. Fife asked for an executive session to discuss the price that the county will offer.

**Executive Session** at 9:54 am regarding RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) real estate acquisition or site selection expected to last 10 minutes.

**Open Session** at 10:00 am.

Sheriff's Vehicles

There was a discussion about how the sheriff's vehicles replacement costs are handled. Mrs. Corkrum said we worked hard to buy the cars upfront. Mr. Fife said you did but when we first put our budget together, we took the numbers that the Sheriff was spending on the cars and put them in our budget. When we got the cars, they needed a lot of work so we spent way more than that to get them to a standard that is safe. The money that was collected to buy new cars was used for O&M so it wasn't there to buy new cars. We spent more in the first three years than what we thought we would be spending. The initial figure for operation and maintenance (O&M) was grossly underestimated.

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Mr. Bowen said there was a time when we had to extend the program so we did not replace cars as soon as anticipated. He said it's complicated. Right now we're not in the program and we're just buying cars outright.

Mr. Fife said basically you're paying the year after for the year before.

Mr. Bowen told Mr. Fife before the Public Works Department buys cars, you need to talk to the Board. When the cars were on the program, it was automatic.

**Recessed** at 10:12 am.

**Reconvened** at 10:19 am.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Courthouse Steering Committee

Mr. Bowen has been appointed to the Courthouse Steering Committee for the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC).

Benton Franklin Health District

The Health District was not billed for utilities for the second half of 2007.

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board wants to send the bill.

Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman joined the audience.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks the 2007 bill should not be sent. Mr. Koch agreed.

Mr. Bowen answered Mr. Miller's questions, saying we have the right to bill but the Health District is short of funds so the county will have to give them funds to pay it.

Mr. Miller agreed to not send the 2007 bill.

Mr. Bowen said we can bill the Health District for 2008 utilities. For the 2009 budget, the Board could consider forgoing lease payments and utility payments. The Board could also choose to forgo the remaining utility payment for 2008.

Vehicle for WSU Extension Office

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move to authorize transfer of a 2001 light duty 4x4 Chevrolet Silverado truck assigned to the County Administrator to WSU Extension and authorize the County Administrator to utilize a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria from the Public Works

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Departmental fleet. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-459.

Ben Franklin Transit Parking Lot Update

Mr. Bowen said Ben Franklin Transit wants the agreement language to use the word "lease" instead of "license." By law the county is limited on the length of term for leases to 10 years. Ben Franklin Transit wants a 20-year lease. Transit wants rights to the property. Mr. Bowen has been working with the attorney representing Transit. The county needs the right to use the property at times as an overflow parking area. In the past when that occurred, another place has been provided for Transit to use.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks we've been good neighbors to them as is without any real agreement for the parking lot. It was not a finished parking lot. She thinks if Ben Franklin Transit does not agree to the county's terms, we'll have to do the parking lot work alone. Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch agreed.

Capital Projects Fund #300-000-001

The budget fund information was reviewed.

**Executive Session** 10:34 am regarding real estate acquisition or site selection based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), and discussion of possible price based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) expected to last 15 minutes. Mr. Chapman left the meeting.

**Open Session** at 10:44 am.

**VOUCHERS/WARRANTS**

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payroll:

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 46929 through 47028 for \$190,078.45; warrants 47029 through 47040 for \$233,050.06; and Direct Deposit for \$276,640.16; for a total amount of \$699,768.67. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

The cover sheet also includes the following amounts:

Emergency Management payroll warrants 7520 through 7530 for \$3887.26; warrants 7531 through 7540 for \$5288.71; and Direct Deposit for \$7413.74; for a total amount of \$16,589.71; and

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Irrigation payroll warrants 7541 through 7554 for \$8430.74; and warrants 7555 through 7562 for \$4858.46; for a total amount of \$13,289.20. (Exhibit 5)

**Motion** – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$9395.55. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Motion** - Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of County Road Fund payroll for \$67,857.90. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Adjourned** at 10:46 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 3, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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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 November 3, 2008.