

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for December 1, 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.

DISPATCH

Communications Director Ed Bush met with the Board. Present in audience: Sharon Paradis, Patricia Shults and a television reporter.

Update regarding State 911 Meeting

Mr. Bush told the Board about some ideas for Dispatch. Benton County is considering reorganizing their 911 center. The City of Pasco has some contractual disagreements with Franklin County regarding Dispatch.

Mr. Bush has asked staff from the Washington State 911 Department to meet with local agencies regarding Dispatch. The state office would not charge the county. Grant County and the Walla Walla police chief would like to be included.

Mr. Bush said that if Benton County truly wants to do a reorganization under the auspices of the county commissioners and sheriff that it would be good for Franklin County to join. If it remains under the existing system, he would recommend that Franklin County back off and stay away because of so many operational problems under the current Benton County system.

Mr. Bush said that Washington State already has some consolidation of dispatch services but under WAC provisions only one county gets 911 funding. Those provisions need to be changed. All counties should be eligible. He said the question is why are they trying to promote consolidation without providing funding?

Appreciation

Mr. Bush said, "Neva, I'd like to say publicly you've been a great asset to Franklin County. I certainly appreciate the support that you've provided me and 911 and the citizens of Franklin County and I wish you the very best in the future."

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OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board. Present in audience: Sharon Paradis and a television reporter.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-504** for disposal of two broken office chairs assigned to District Court Probation Assessment, as identified on the attached *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-505** for the transfer of four (4) office chairs to the Public Works Shop previously assigned to District Court, as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-506** for vacation days to be awarded to employees for 2008 Safe Driving, Length of Service and Attendance Awards.
4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-507** in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Personal Services Contract amendment between the Juvenile Justice Center and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., thus, amending Benton County Resolution 07-041 and Franklin County Resolution 2007-038, extending the contract for a term commencing January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
5. Approval of **joint Resolution 2008-508** in the matter of providing a non-bargaining general wage structure for the year 2009 for non-bargaining employees in Human Services, Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and Superior Court engaged in joint county operations.
6. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$71,045.62 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$10,178.35 for pay period ending November 26, 2008.

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

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Redistricting

Mrs. Corkrum asked aren't we going to go over the maps ourselves? Mr. Koch said we had the public hearing. Mrs. Corkrum said I didn't have any input on any of the maps. If you guys want to pass it, go ahead, but I'm not going to.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer for December 1 in the amount of \$132,726.94: TRAC Operations Fund warrants 9249 through 9281 for \$62,732.04; Current Expense warrants 9282 through 9312 for \$12,305.08; 1999 Distressed Cap GO Bonds warrant 9318 for \$38,000.00; Auditor O&M warrant 9319 for \$200.00; Current Expense warrants 9320 through 9322 for \$1432.78; Current Expense warrants 9323 through 9348 for \$15,907.99; DOC Building Inspection warrants 9349 and 9350 for \$36.86; TRAC Operations Fund/404 warrant 9351 for \$1727.36; and Veteran's Assistance warrants 9352 through 9354 for \$384.83. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Courthouse Security Policies and Procedures

Ms. Schults asked if Mr. Miller has responded to the draft policy and procedures. Mr. Miller will contact Security Officer Rick Rochleau with his concern about one part.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board.

Family Dependency Drug Court/Treatment Court Program

The Family Dependency Drug Court or Treatment Court program has been federally funded for the last several years. Prior to that, state court improvement funds supported the initial pilot of the program. The federal funds were scheduled to terminate at the end of September but because we had unexpended dollars primarily related to treatment, we were able to carry the money forward and continue the program. It looks like we'll be able to continue it through March with some modifications. We will reduce capacity and reduce a position through a retirement at the end of December. The position will not be refilled. Ms. Paradis said she hates to see the program fold because it's built

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on the drug court model. We don't currently have the same evaluative or research kind of information that we have on the other two drug courts that show reduction of recidivism.

The program is used when children are taken away from parents but have not committed a crime other than neglect or abuse. Ms. Paradis said a lot of the families are involved in the criminal system also because a lot of them are charged at the same time that their children are removed. The research on the program will not be available for a year or more. Anecdotally, the parents that are involved in the program are saying they would not have recovered and certainly would not have had their kids returned as quickly if they had remained in the regular dependency process.

Indigent Defense Attorney Contracts

Ms. Paradis expects to have a contract in place before the end of the year with an additional attorney. There will need to be some kind of modification next year in the way we have attorneys assigned because Benton County's numbers are down by about 25% and Franklin County's numbers are up by about 20%. JJC staff will work on the attorney scheduling.

Interagency Agreement IAA09440 with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for Court Interpreters

Ms. Paradis asked for approval of the contract which relates to interpreter services where we get 50% funding up to a cap through the AOC. We are doing some further negotiation with AOC regarding this contract because the contract currently would anticipate that the funds would run the entire fiscal year. In the case of Benton County District Court, they will not carry them the entire year. The underlying contract with the interpreters says if the funding is not available which kicks their reimbursement rate to \$50 per hour, it would be brought back to \$40 per hour. This current contract does not anticipate that. County attorneys Ryan Verhulp and Ryan Brown have been working with AOC to do an amendment to the contract but she needs to have the contract in place because we want the reimbursement now. Then we'll do the amendment later if needed where we would pay at \$50 even if the contract runs out. The amendment will protect the counties in that circumstance but the current contract anticipates the \$50 per hour.

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Mrs. Corkrum asked if the Board signs this contract would it preclude that change. Ms. Paradis said no, because we have an email from AOC to Ryan Brown specifically indicating that was the intent of this contract. We clearly have written intent by AOC.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we pass the Joint Resolution before the Board of Benton and Franklin Counties in the matter of request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Interagency Agreement IAA09440 between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. This is Resolution 2008-509. (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)

Appreciation

Ms. Paradis said, “Commissioner Corkrum, this is a tough day for you and I, but I can’t go without telling you how much you are loved at the Juvenile Justice Center and how much we appreciate everything that you have done on behalf of kids and families in this community. At least that’s on the record.”

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: A television reporter.

RV Park Update

Year-to-date financial figures for the RV park were reviewed.

Tractor Bids

Bids for the tractor were received for \$7140, \$7500 and \$7800. The minimum bid was \$6000. Mr. Woody recommended approval of the \$7800 bid. Dealers were estimating they would sell the tractor for \$10,000. The bidder has three days to pay.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I make a motion that we approve the bid of \$7800 for the Model 6610 Ford Tractor with payment to be received within three days. The bidder is Troy Mecham. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Tractor purchase and motor pool

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Mr. Woody said TRAC does not want to do a motor pool. We have an existing line in the TRAC budget to which we will add "vehicles." Money from this tractor sale will go into that line. We'll finance purchase of used vehicles out of that line item. A John Deere tractor is one of the two pieces left in the county pool. We will purchase it for about \$2500 and then Public Works will send us the residual amount in the motor pool fund. We will start out with about \$27,000 in the account. We'll buy a used skid steer for \$10,000 to \$12,000. The rest of the money will just sit there until the next piece of equipment is need, whether it be a forklift, pickup, or something else. Mr. Woody will meet with Mr. Bowen to determine what amount needs to go into the account every month. We currently pay \$175 into the county pool for the John Deere only. The county pool replaces everything on a new price basis. Used equipment works fine for TRAC. The tractor can be taken off the capital list because it will essentially be self-funded then.

The truck that is used for hauling shavings is still in place and will be used until it no longer works.

Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman joined the audience.

Mr. Woody answered Mr. Bowen's questions about the budget lines.

July Conference

Mr. Woody would like to attend an annual conference in Boston in July. It is the trade show/industry conference for his job. The amount is budgeted. There are a series of conferences, one focused on convention centers, one focused on arenas, and one on exposition halls. TRAC has all three. His intent is to attend the big conference and then start figuring out where he needs to go to get the biggest bang for the buck for TRAC. He will give the Board details on costs later.

Salvage Items

Mr. Woody showed the Board a list of salvage items. The old farm implements that have been sitting at TRAC for four years will be sent to Booker Auction. Pepsi will supply an upgraded scoreboard for the hockey arena so the old scoreboard will not be needed. He would like to put it on EBay. The Board nodded in agreement. Mr. Woody said his staff is researching the value of the scoreboard before proceeding.

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Events

Mr. Woody gave an update on recent and upcoming events at TRAC.

OTHER BUSINESS

Final Approval Short Plat SP 2008-21, Pat Russell

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move we accept final approval for Short Plat 2008-21, for Pat Russell. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-510.

Recessed at 9:37 am.

Reconvened at 9:43 am.

AUDITOR

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Redistricting

Mr. Koch said he asked Ms. Lenhart to bring in the map #4 that the majority of the people at the public hearing were saying was acceptable.

Ms. Lenhart said she checked to make sure every precinct was actually on version 4 and they are. We'll attach that along with the map for the resolution.

Mr. Miller asked on Map #4, how did the population come out for each district? Ms. Lenhart said Commissioner District 3 will be a little bit short and we did that consciously because of growth. She said probably if we were to run new numbers on this now, it would probably be even. Mr. Miller agreed. Ms. Lenhart said we registered over 2000 people from January of this year to the November election just in Franklin County. Mr. Miller asked do you have numbers? Ms. Lenhart said we're using the numbers that we used for the public hearing. Yes, we do have numbers, too. Mrs. Corkrum said this isn't based on registered voters. Ms. Lenhart said this is based on population. For the formula, we used three per household and that works out very closely to what the estimated population is.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if this is approved, then when can you redistrict?

Ms. Lenhart said not for four years. Mr. Miller said 2012 at this date, which by then the 2010 census will be done by 2011 and should be counted by 2012. It should be just right.

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Mrs. Corkrum said you have so many months after the federal census so you're going to be two years out. Ms. Lenhart said it used to be -- like in 1980, it was not uncommon to be two years after the census with the information, but now with the computers that they use, it isn't uncommon for us to have that information maybe by March 2012. So we would have that amount of time at that time to advertise, have a public hearing and get comment for any changes they make to commissioner districts at that time. You would want to make them prior -- You would be at an election year again.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the resolution establishing Commissioner Districts within Franklin County using Map #4.

Ms. Lenhart said it might be more accurate to say Revision #4.

Mr. Miller said Revision 4. He asked does it have a date on it?

Ms. Lenhart said it says Spring 2008.

Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:1 vote in favor. Yeas: Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch.
Nay: Mrs. Corkrum. Mrs. Corkrum said the reason I'm opposed is that I think redistricting should be done after the federal census data is in.

This is Resolution 2008-511.

Ms. Lenhart gave a copy of the map to each commissioner.

Storage Costs

Mr. Koch asked Ms. Lenhart what do you have in storage for \$200 a month? Is that items that will go back to the Elections office? Ms. Lenhart said once we get the remainder of the space from the Extension Office, it will go back in that space. We do have some accounting stuff that will not fit there. The majority is accounting and recording. We've allocated one room for accounting. We're going paperless so we are trying to get everything imaged. Then all of the documents that the state will accept at Archives we will give them. They will not accept all of the records so there will be some things that we'll have to keep here. The space we're going to need for accounting is still going to amount to some money because we have to keep some documents for two years and some payroll documents for 30 years.

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Recessed at 9:50 am.

Reconvened at 9:51 am.

**WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL (WCRP) and WASHINGTON
COUNTIES INSURANCE FUND (WCIF)**

Vyrle Hill, David Goldsmith, Mike Shelton and Mike Croke met with the Board.
Present in audience: Joe Chapman and Zona Lenhart.

Appreciation

Mr. Hill, Executive Director of WCRP, presented a certificate of appreciation to Neva Corkrum in recognition and appreciation of 20 years of service and leadership on WCRP and expressed his personal thanks to her.

David Goldsmith, Member Services Manager, Washington Counties Risk Pool, presented Mrs. Corkrum with a gift and thanked her for her service. He said one of the things you need to know about Neva in the 20 years that she's been with the Pool is that Neva always brought to the table the idea that it was a pool and not an individual county or county situation. What it hearkens back to is we had a particular issue that was brewing about coverage and Neva said, "Wait a minute. This is a pool. We need to think of this as a consortium that we're all in this together so how would we act if we were all in this together?" That was the deciding discussion that ended up in our decision, that it has always been good for the Pool. So Neva, we thank you very much for your 20 years and look forward to the next 20 years of you going out there and goofing off. Enjoy it.

Mike Shelton, Executive Director, Washington Counties Insurance Fund, expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Corkrum and presented her with an engraved clock that reads: "Neva Corkrum, Washington Counties Insurance Fund, in appreciation of your many years of dedicated service as a member of the WCIF Board of Trustees."

Mike Croke, Willis of Seattle, Inc., thanked Mrs. Corkrum for her service.

Recessed at 9:58 am.

Reconvened at 10:17 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

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Purchase of WE0199 John Deere Tractor/Loader by TRAC and transfer of WE0199 replacement funds to TRAC Renewal and Replacement Fund

Mr. Fife said the use of the tractor was transferred to TRAC after the county quit handling Chiawana Park. It was pretty much paid for at that time but TRAC will have to pay the salvage value. Mr. Fife said TRAC Manager Troy Woody also wants the money that was collected by the Public Works Department over the years for replacement value put into the TRAC renewal and replacement funds.

Mr. Miller asked how many horsepower the tractor has. Mr. Fife does not know.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve purchase of WE0199 John Deere Tractor/Loader by TRAC and the transfer of WE0199 Replacement Funds to the TRAC Renewal and Replacement Fund. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-512.

Cattle Guard Policy

Mr. Koch asked for a copy of the new cattle guard policy. Mr. Fife said one change was the county will take care of cattle guards that are on or near the open range borderline. He said Lincoln County's policy was used to help draft the Franklin County policy.

AUDITOR

Chief Accountant Tom Westerman and Accountant Robin Stanco met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Adoption of 2009 Franklin County Budget

Public Hearing convened at 10:30 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Corkrum and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Chief Accountant Tom Westerman; Accountant Robin Stanco; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman.

Mr. Westerman said we have presented the balanced budgets. He reviewed the highlight sheet he had prepared with the Board (Exhibit 4). He said the big change is the county road shift is not being used by Current Expense for 2009 but staying in the County Road budget.

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Mr. Westerman said we feel pretty good about the budget, although we are using a lot of the fund balances to balance. Some revenues have been going down such as building permit revenues, motor vehicle licensing revenues, and recording revenues. He said we should be able to get through 2009 but 2010 may be a little harder budget.

Mr. Koch asked if there were any questions or comments in favor or against from the audience. Mr. Chapman did not wish to comment.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the adoption of Franklin County 2009 Current Expense Budget in the amount of \$24,326,313 for revenue and expenditures. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. The resolution states it is a bottom line budget except for salaries and benefits. This is Resolution 2008-513.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for the approval of adoption of Franklin County 2009 Miscellaneous Budget as a bottom line budget in the amount of \$32,370,458 for revenue and \$32,302,392 for expenditures. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-514.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

Interfund Transfer

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of Inter Fund Transfer of \$1727.36 utilizing the warrant process from the TRAC Operations Fund #404-000-001 to the Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund #300-000-001. Budget #404-000-001 will be completely closed out. The process of closing Fund #404-000-001 has involved waiting for some vouchers to clear.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move we authorize the treasurer to transfer \$1727.36 utilizing the warrant process from the 2008 TRAC Operations Fund #404-000-001 to the 2008 Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund #300-000-001. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-515.

Human Resources Director Rosie H. Rumsey joined the meeting.

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Executive Session at 10:45 per RCW 42.30.140(4) contract negotiations expected to last 15 minutes. Mr. Chapman left the meeting.

Executive Session continued at 11:00 am expected to last 10 minutes. Mr. Chapman was notified.

Open Session at 11:10 am. No decisions were made.

Adjourned at 11:10 am.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed December 8, 2008.