

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 49
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for December 3, 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 Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Neva J. Corkrum, Member, was absent on personal business.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Miller asked to discuss consent agenda item 2. He said he believes incoming Commissioner Brad Peck wants to be the Chairman Pro Tem so he can follow Mr. Miller's last chairmanship in the fourth year. Mr. Koch said he hasn't had any background at all; he hasn't been in to a meeting. Mr. Miller said he doesn't need that.

Mr. Miller said I would like to withdraw that one and approve Consent Agenda 1 and 3 for December 3, 2008. He asked Mr. Koch if he received an email from Brad Peck about wanting to be involved in these decisions. Mr. Koch said yes, in the appointment decisions, but this is different. Mr. Koch said we need to do this before we do the rest of the appointments at least. Mr. Miller said I don't see why we would need to do that. We can do that on the first week of January. There's no reason to do it ahead. At the first day we can do it.

Ms. Shults said when we have new commissioners coming in, yes, we do need to do it ahead, because Mr. Peck won't be sworn in. It won't be effective until the 1st. So to have a Board meeting and we don't have any organization –

Mr. Miller: Yes. I think we're fine.

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move to withdraw item 2 from the Consent Agenda and approve items 1 and 3 of the consent agenda for December 3, 2008.

Mr. Koch said I don't see the need for it at all. Mr. Miller said Chair Pro Tem will move up. Mr. Koch said no, he doesn't. Mr. Miller said, well, not necessarily. Mr. Koch said it doesn't make any difference. He said I stayed Chairman two years because you (Mr. Miller) didn't want to move up. It's not an automatic move up. It's just a position in case you're not here. He said Brad Peck could be chair next year if he

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wanted; you just didn't want to. Mr. Miller said not that I didn't want to; it was just that for me I felt one more year because Neva didn't want to.

Mr. Miller said we can change anything later anyway. Mr. Koch said yes, after a few months into it and he gets some experience behind him and sees how the Board runs.

Mr. Miller said if you've run any kind of meetings, it's pretty much -- Chairman Pro Tem isn't really an education spot.

Mr. Koch said he's not even been at a meeting to see how it functions. Mr. Miller said there's not much to it.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Let's go ahead and move for approval of December 3, 2008, consent agenda.

1. Approval to submit a letter of congratulation to Sheriff Lathim for receiving accreditation for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-516** appointing Rick Miller as Chairman and Robert E. Koch as Chair Pro Tem for 2009.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2008-517** declaring a metal desk and metal 4-drawer file cabinet assigned to the Sheriff's Office as surplus, as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory), and authorizing the file cabinet to be surplused to St. Vincent DePaul with no revenue exchange.

Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Final Approval Short Plat SP 2007-27, William Robison

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve final approval for Short Plat 2007-27 for William Robison. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-518.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie Pascua met with the Board.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement: Skamania County

Benton-Franklin Human Services is a data center for Skamania County for mental health. The CMHC system has now been taken over by NetSmart. We are now billing them for hosting it on the server. When we billed them last year, their auditor's office

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said we won't pay until there is an agreement in place that indicates you are providing this service for us so an agreement has been drafted. Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp has reviewed it and has prepared an email with his concerns. Ms. Huie Pascua said she appreciates Mr. Verhulp's tremendous attention to detail and agrees with his points. However, we are trying to push through the interlocal so our office can get paid for having already provided the services for the past two years. If the agreement is not in place by the end of December, Skamania County will not pay for the past work. Our intent is to update it. We will go back and make the changes that Mr. Verhulp is recommending. In years past, Benton Franklin Human Services has hosted Walla Walla County, Columbia County, Skamania County, and some other smaller counties on the server but did not bill and was never paid.

Mr. Koch asked what is the revenue amount? Ms. Huie Pascua said Skamania County owes about \$15,000.

Mr. Koch asked what time frame do you expect it will take to get this changed and re-signed? Ms. Huie Pascua said Walla Walla paid us without an interlocal but we feel we should have an interlocal with all of the counties or entities that we're hosting on the server. We want to get this pushed back out in January. We're just trying to meet the deadline so we can get the money from the last two years.

Mr. Koch said he can understand Mr. Verhulp's concern, too, but if we can get that turned around as fast as we can and get it signed, I could go along with it. Mr. Miller said I agree. Mr. Koch asked Ms. Huie Pascua to stay on it. She said we will.

Ms. Huie Pascua said the department is very, very appreciative of Ryan Verhulp's attention to detail. He has been very helpful to us in terms of refining all of our templates and working very closely with the Benton County Prosecutor's Office to do it as well. We're really moving into a whole new stage and vast improvement for all of our contract language and professional service agreements. All of these situations have really brought to the fore the need to standardize all of the contract language.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that in the matter of contracting for provision and providing of MIS services to Skamania County Community Health and Interlocal

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Cooperation Agreement between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Skamania County for a start-up fee of \$2261 plus \$289 per month for server disk space utilization, network access and staff support. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-519. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)

Ms. Huie Pascua said Walla Walla, Skamania, and Columbia County (Blue Mountain) are hosted on the site. Whitman has yet to make a final decision but we are charging them for some of the user licenses. We're pleased to do the hosting and it's relatively easy for our department to do that. Determining the cost share has been somewhat difficult.

Advisory Board

Mr. Koch asked if the Advisory Board has seen the changes on the by-laws. Ms. Huie Pascua said they have not seen the changes because Benton County said they do not want to take any action until after the end of the year. She thinks we will need to revisit it because of the Commissioners' concerns. It was pulled off of Benton County's consent agenda. It is stalled right now pending further discussion on it.

Consolidated Crisis Response Center (CCRC): Status of report preparation

Ms. Huie Pascua said site visits have been made. The people involved have a concrete picture of how it's working in different counties and communities that are similar to ours, including other bi-county areas. Some interesting feedback has been obtained.

Ms. Huie Pascua commented about some concerns about the Vancouver or Clark County facility that was touted as a model of consolidation/collaboration with a whole host, a very huge array of services. There was some specific feedback from Columbia Mental Health and other partners and the county themselves about how they're locked into a 30-year lease agreement, that they are not making ends meet, that it has not yielded the positive results that they had originally anticipated. Whether those will actually get into the report remains to be seen. She told the Board about her staff members who informed her of the problems.

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We anticipate the report will be completed by the end of December, which is a little bit beyond the 90 days of when the original resolution was signed.

Mr. Bowen asked do you think the people that gave you the negative feedback are willing to put it in writing? Would it be possible to get a document from these people that the results were not what they had hoped for? Ms. Huie Pascua said I believe so.

Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman joined the audience.

Mr. Bowen said if it's failing in other areas, he thinks everybody should be aware of it. It should be in the report. Ms. Huie Pascua said she can talk to the RSN Director in that area. The team asked specific questions in terms of outcomes. She gave some examples of the questions that were asked. Mr. Bowen told Ms. Huie Pascua that there has been some difficulty with communication between some of your staff and the Community Action Committee (CAC). He thinks a written document from Clark County would be helpful.

Mr. Koch said a bi-county meeting is scheduled early in January. Ms. Huie Pascua's understanding is the feasibility report is to be presented to the bi-county board of commissioners at that time.

Developmental Disabilities

Ms. Huie Pascua said despite the state's budget crisis, we did do a modest vendor rate increase for some of the services for developmental disabilities subcontractors. There were areas in which it was definitely not competitive with counties and other providers. We have subcontractors that also have sites in other counties and the rates are disparate.

Assessment Center

We have been working with the personnel department regarding a personnel issue at the Assessment Center.

Regional Support Network (RSN)

RSN Director Bill Wilson has resigned from Greater Columbia Behavior Health (GCBH) work. He was the director of the 11-county region. Mr. Koch described the procedure for filling the position. He serves as chair of the RSN Board.

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Ms. Huie Pascua has finished her term as an officer on the multi-cultural subcommittee of the RSN. She will continue to participate but not have the responsibilities of an officer.

There has been a change in membership on the RSN Funding and Fiscal Committee. Consequently, Ms. Huie Pascua has not been attending because it would constitute a quorum of the RSN Board of Directors by attending even though she is not a voting member. Commissioner Benitz from Benton County has been attending. She will be sending Ed Thornbrugh from her staff to attend also.

Advisory Boards

There was a proposal by a member of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board that there be a joint meeting of all advisory boards. A joint meeting will be held tomorrow so there is an opportunity for the board members to hear a little bit about what goes on in the other programs. A recommendation has been made that the joint meeting occur annually.

Goals and Objectives

The Human Services goals and objectives are being updated and will be given to the Boards.

PROSECUTOR

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

Parking Ordinance for TRAC

Intern Ben Zelen is drafting a parking ordinance for TRAC which would allow restriction of certain areas of TRAC for certain uses and designate that authority to the TRAC manager to use at his discretion to manage parking at certain events. It would include a map exhibit that would outline the parking area so essentially the public would have notice of the areas involved and would also specify some restrictions.

Mr. Bowen asked wouldn't it have been easier to lease the parking lot at the same time as leasing TRAC instead of doing it separately? Mr. Verhulp said he thinks that would work also. TRAC also needs to have the ability to have a vehicle impounded or removed when the area is leased to someone using TRAC. He said the parking lot use

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can also be part of a lease agreement. It's kind of a two-way approach to addressing the problem.

Auditor Zona Lenhart joined the audience.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

Interfund Transfer

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a transfer. When the travel allowance was increased because of the gas prices going up, this amount was inadvertently left off.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move we accept the resolution for an inter budget transfer in the amount of \$2440 from the 2008 Current Expense Non-Department Budget #001-000-700, from line item 519.90.00.0001 (Contingency Reserve) to the Prosecuting Attorney Budget #480, line item 59.20.43.0000 (Travel/Travel Allowance). Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-520.

Budget

The contingency budget balance was reviewed.

Recessed at 9:48 am.

Reconvened at 10:00 am.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)

EM Director John Scheer met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Scheer asked for approval of the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the county and all the cities which is done every four years. Mr. Koch asked if there are any changes. Mr. Scheer said no, it is exactly the same.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we pass the Emergency Management Organization Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County, City of Pasco, City of Mesa, City of Connell and City of Kahlotus, effective January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2012. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-521.

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Recessed at 10:06 am.

Reconvened at 10:15 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of vouchers as listed for Wednesday, December 3: County Road Fund for \$485,865.86; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$65,775.16; and Solid Waste for \$14,373.06. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Resolution: 2009 Annual Construction and Major Equipment Purchases

Mr. Fife asked for approval of the 2009 Annual Construction and Major Equipment Purchases resolution which is adopted in conjunction with the budget. It includes the projects we are hoping to get done in 2009. The R170 line includes amounts in case we get federal or state funding, although we don't know if the funding will come. Mr. Fife answered Mr. Miller's questions about the Rural Arterial Program (RAP) funding for the R170 project.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the resolution for the matter of 2009 annual construction and major equipment purchases in conjunction with the adoption of the 2009 budgets. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2008-522.

Sheriff's Vehicles

Mr. Fife said the resolution shows purchase of five Sheriff's vehicles. He has instructed the shop superintendent to look into the difference in cost to have remanufactured equipment placed into cars and use refurbished vehicles versus new. It costs about \$7000 to put the cage, shields, wiring for cameras, and other equipment into the new cars that would be saved if it were not necessary to do that. If the car hasn't been wrecked or damaged in other ways that cannot be fixed with minor repairs, we're going to explore that. We want to make sure the undercarriage is going to hold up.

Mr. Koch said compared to 15 years ago, the engines in today's vehicles which have fuel injection and computers last almost twice as long.

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Mr. Fife has not talked to the sheriff about it yet.

Mr. Fife said the process would involve having Ford install a new factory engine with a new factory warranty. We don't know whether Ford or the county would do the undercarriage work. We plan to do one vehicle at a time so there's only one vehicle out of service.

Mr. Koch asked what is the replacement policy now on sheriff's vehicles? Mr. Fife said we're going by mileage now. Based on history, they can go 120,000 to 140,000 miles before having to replace valves and other major parts.

Mr. Fife will bring numbers to the Board for review and to make a recommendation. He thinks we can try it and see how it works. If it works well, we can do it on a more long-term basis.

Mr. Koch asked if you would turn a car in at a certain mileage. Mr. Fife said we plan to do it on a planned, scheduled basis like a replacement vehicle but that's a policy decision. We want to take care of it before we have an issue instead of after.

Cattle Guards

A draft cattle guard policy has been distributed to property owners with cattle guards for feedback. It will be brought back to the Board after the first of the year.

Recessed at 10:30 am.

Reconvened at 11:01 am.

FACILITIES

Facilities Director Chris Giles met with the Board.

Bid Opening for Corrections Intercom System

Bid Opening convened at 11:01 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Facilities Director Chris Giles; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

One bid was received from Phase 2 Electric for \$18,031.95 including Washington state sales tax. No other bids were received.

The estimate was about \$16,000. The bid without sales tax is \$16,650.

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The funds are coming from the Commissary budget. Mr. Koch asked Mr. Giles to review the bid prior to bid award which is expected next week.

Project Updates

Mr. Giles said the grand staircase is open again.

Mr. Giles told the Board that the sidewalk and fence project on the 5th Street side of the jail is nearly completed.

Mr. Koch asked if there are pads for drop-off boxes in the new parking lot. Mr. Bowen said yes, for two different drop-off boxes. The boxes have not been installed yet.

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for November 24, 2008, and authorize Neva Corkrum's signature. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

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 8, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed December 8, 2008.