

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for April 8, 2009

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chairman; Bob Koch, Chair Pro Tem; and Brad Peck, 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. Koch: I move for approval of the consent agenda for April 8, 2009, as presented:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2009-137** to salvage three chairs as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Planning and Building Department, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory), and reassign the chairs to the Facilities Department.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2009-138** for the Professional Services Agreement between Shelley Ajax and Franklin County to provide legal representation in State of Washington v. Jose Morales, Contract Number FCSC0800SAA001H1.
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-139** in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners for an amendment between the Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Greater Columbia Behavioral Health for Mental Health Block Grant funding to provide services to promote recovery for seriously mentally ill adults and residency for seriously emotionally disturbed children, Contract Amendment #BENFR-MHBG-08/09-01, effective March 5, 2009 through September 30, 2009, thus, amending Franklin County Resolution 2008-468. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-140** in the matter of execution of an amendment to decrease the total amount in the Agreement for providing substance abuse treatment services between the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, Agreement #0763-20235-03, effective February 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said amendment on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
5. Approval of **Resolution 2009-141** authorizing Lauri Sherfey to review and sign quarterly verification forms for the WSU Food Sense Program in Franklin County on behalf of the Board.

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6. Approval of *Out-of-State Travel Request* for Ryan Verhulp to attend the 29th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation conference in Washington, DC, April 15-17, 2009, for an estimated total cost of \$1,826.40, with reimbursement of \$795 from Washington Counties Risk Pool, thus, expending \$1,031.40 from the Current Expense budget. (Exhibit 3)

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

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of 2009 vouchers for April 8, 2009, in the total aggregate amount of \$147,763.70: Current Expense warrants 15204 through 15210 for \$3,396.28; Current Expense warrants 15211 through 15274 for \$26,508.56; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 15275 for \$352.24; Courthouse Facilitator warrant 15276 for \$13.70; Franklin County Enhanced 911 warrant 15277 for \$68,768.33; Veterans Assistance warrant 15278 for \$350.00; and Current Expense warrants 15279 through 15321 for \$48,374.59. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Energy Community Alliance (ECA)

After discussion about the ECA, Mr. Miller decided he will contact Emergency Management Director John Scheer for more information before deciding whether to renew membership in the ECA at a cost of \$1200.

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for April 1 and April 6, 2009. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Federal Aid High Priority Projects

The Board reviewed information from the U.S. House of Representatives regarding transportation projects and the new Transportation Act that is expected to start in October. Mr. Fife said the R170 project is not included on the list. He briefly explained the history of the R170 project and attempts to get it funded. Mr. Miller suggested all three commissioners call legislators to request that the R170 project be added to the transportation projects list.

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Progress Reports

Mr. Fife gave the Board copies of the bi-monthly Progress Reports. If there is any funding left over from the lighting safety projects, it will be used to flatten slopes on Glade North Road.

DISTRICT COURT

Judge Jerry Roach and District Court Administrator Kelly Martin met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

Department Update

Judge Roach and Ms. Martin gave the Board an update about District Court. A paper listing a brief overview was reviewed (Exhibit 5). Judge Roach said District Court has been using Official Payments Corp to collect some fines since June 2008. It has been an effective tool. Ms. Martin said step increases for employees are not factored into the budget figures on the overview sheet.

In response to Mr. Bowen's question, Ms. Martin said we anticipate revenue to increase. Judge Roach said an amnesty program will begin in May affecting collection amounts. Mr. Bowen explained that he needs information about expected changes to the budget in order to prepare budget forecast information.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Sacajawea State Park

The Board briefly reviewed some information about the closure or mothballing of some state parks. The Board has prepared a draft letter requesting that Sacagawea Park remain open. Mr. Peck said he still thinks it is appropriate to send the letter but the tone could maybe be shifted a bit. He will review the information in more detail. The Board will decide whether or not to send a letter next week.

PUBLIC WORKS (continuing)

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

Executive Session at 9:47 am expected to last 10 minutes for contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4). Mr. Chapman left the meeting.

Open Session at 9:57 am.

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Benton County Engineer Work

Mr. Fife said instead of himself, the Yakima County engineer will be doing the engineering work for Benton County.

Benton Franklin Council of Governments (BFCoG), Operations Review Committee (ORC)

Mr. Fife explained some history of why ORC was formed initially. It is a combination of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).

Mr. Koch asked if the makeup of the committee is what it should be. Mr. Fife said the need for ORC has not gone away but discussion needs to be held about the way it is functioning and deciding if there is some way to make it work better. A lot of elected commissioners cannot attend meetings if they are held during the day. There needs to be discussion about alternates and who they should be. He does not want to disband the ORC until there is further discussion.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Executive Session at 10:07 am regarding contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 10:22 am.

Adjourned at 10:25 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until April 13, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed April 27, 2009.