

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for May 11, 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: Community Action Committee (CAC) Director Judith Gidley and CAC staff member Debbie Biondilillo and Tri-City Herald Reporter Joe Chapman.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: I move for approval for consent agenda for Monday, May 11, 2009, as follows:

1. Approval of ***Out-of-State Travel Request*** for Frank Jenny to interview a witness in Los Angeles, California, May 14-16, 2009, for estimated expenses totaling \$809.47. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2009-173** in the matter of the Data Sharing Contract between the State of Washington, Department of Licensing (DOL), and Franklin County District Court, DOL Contract Number K1258, effective through January 31, 2013, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said contract on behalf of the Board.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-174** authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Certification, Form C, on behalf of the Board, authorizing the Benton Franklin Community Action Committee (CAC) to be the Lead Agency to coordinate CTED grant funding for the Emergency Shelter and Homeless Prevention Program, utilizing subcontractors.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2009-175** authorizing the Chairman to sign the County Government Certification, Form H, on behalf of the Board, authorizing the Benton Franklin Community Action Committee (CAC) to be the Lead Agency to coordinate CTED grant funding for the Transitional Housing, Operating and Rent (THOR) Program Grant.
5. Approval of **Resolution 2009-176** authorizing the Chairman to sign the Lead Agency County Certification, Form I, on behalf of the Board, authorizing the Benton Franklin Community Action Committee (CAC) to be the Lead Agency to coordinate CTED grant funding for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid

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Re-Housing Program (HPRP), utilizing subcontractors, with recommended funding allocation of 70% for prevention and 30% for rapid re-housing.

6. Approval of **Resolution 2009-177** for the State of Washington Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Public Agencies, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Ms. Gidley thanked the County Commissioners on behalf of the CAC. She said the grants will be out the door by 5:00 pm today. The Board thanked the CAC for their work.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I would move approval of vouchers totaling \$171,418.13. The vouchers are for Franklin County RV, warrants 16553 through 16555 for \$1754.69; Election Equipment warrants 16556 and 16557 for \$362.45; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 16558 for \$100.49; Auditor O&M warrants 16559 through 16562 for \$13,070.30; Jail Commissary warrants 16563 through 16566 for \$5608.68; Current Expense warrants 16567 through 16658 for \$67,165.91; and TRAC warrants 16659 through 16721 for \$83,355.61. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Rivers to Ridges

Present in audience: Joe Chapman and TRAC Manager Troy Woody.

Rivers to Ridges has invited the Board to be a formal member of their group. Mr. Miller personally was in favor after hearing the presentation given by a Rivers to Ridges member last year. Mr. Peck does not know if the county needs to be a formal member of the group. Mr. Koch suggested asking Planner Jerrod MacPherson to review the information. Staff was instructed to give the information to the Planner.

Commissioners Travel Budget: June 2009 WSAC Conference in Kennewick

Ms. Shults asked for clarification about who will be attending the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) meeting in June.

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Mr. Bowen said in the past he has attended the WSAC meetings. He does not plan to attend at this time in order to save the registration fee cost. He asked for Board clarification about whether they want him to continue to attend the meetings.

Mr. Miller said \$250 is a slight thing. If we're in a budget tight enough that that makes a difference, then that could be a consideration, but if it's input you can give and you should know about while we're there at those meetings, that's where it comes in.

Mr. Miller said Mr. Koch is on the legislative steering committee. He asked Mr. Koch for his opinion.

Mr. Koch said because we are a part of WSAC, he thinks especially for the close ones, for the annual meetings, we need to have our presence shown.

Mr. Miller said it's close. He said \$250, we can go from there. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Peck if he had any problem with Mr. Bowen attending.

Mr. Bowen asked to continue his comments. He said it's not about the money. It's about whether or not you think it's a valuable thing for me to attend. In the past I have attended them. At first I attended because the Board asked me to attend. Then I realized it gave me the ability to see what you were up against and allowed me to help provide services to the Board. He asked if the Board still feels he should attend, that it is a function he should attend and if it benefits the county from him being there.

Mr. Miller said the question he has is if it is worth the \$250 for you to attend to get the information back to us. He thinks if you bring back information, it is good. If you're just sitting there and can't really participate and don't have any information to give or take, then it's probably not. He asked Mr. Bowen how he feels about it.

Mr. Bowen gave an example of attending a WSAC meeting in Spokane with a former board when he had a conversation with a CTED official that eventually led to the county receiving \$2.7 million of courthouse restoration funding and retroactive funding. Without that type of communication and interaction, he does not think that would have happened. You don't bring back something every time but sometimes you come back with things that are very valuable.

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Mr. Bowen gave another example regarding what was originally called the .04 distressed county money. The name was changed to rural county money and then has changed again to be the .09 money. The initial conversations were all at the WSAC meeting. He took the lead for Franklin County, formed the committees, and the funds were brought in.

Mr. Bowen said there are things that happen at WSAC that are very beneficial to the county. If the Board wants to do it instead, it may not be necessary for him to be there. He would like some clarification as to what you want me to do in the future.

Mr. Miller said my position is the \$250 is not enough to cause a problem. If you feel you will get enough input and bring back information for the county as a manager, then you should go. If not, then don't. I'm leaving it up to you.

Mr. Bowen said let's take the \$250 out of the question. Mr. Peck said I think it would be dumber than dirt for you to not be there in Kennewick. Mr. Miller said thank you. Mr. Bowen said that's clear.

Mr. Bowen asked for future conferences. What if it was in another place that included travel and membership costs? He said I think it's been very beneficial for me, the Board and the county for me to attend these meetings. I'm looking for what you would expect of me in the future.

Mr. Miller said he thinks because of the time we're having right now with the budget, that's a different story. He thinks we should approve this one conference and just consider this one right now.

Commissioners Travel Budget: July 2009 NACo Conference in Nashville, Tennessee

Ms. Shults asked for clarification on the NACo conference in July. She said in February the Board talked about sending Mr. Koch because he did not go to the Washington, D.C., conference. In April the Board decided for Mr. Koch not to attend but she had already scheduled him in March.

Mr. Miller gave the other Board members copies of Commissioners travel budgets for the last couple years as well as the year-to-date 2009 travel costs. Mr. Miller said

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Mr. Koch's ticket is nontransferable and it's good for one year. Ms. Shults said the registration has been paid and the hotel has been booked.

Mr. Miller said my only recommendation would be from now on when we're talking about these budget things maybe to be aware before to give Commission approval. The ticket was already done so it's set. He instructed staff to not book in the future without full commission approval.

Mr. Miller said at this time I think because of that situation, he thinks Mr. Koch should go. That means Mr. Koch would go and Mr. Miller will not. Mr. Miller said realizing the importance of criminal justice matters and being a Criminal Justice committee board member, he would like to attend, but to save costs, that's fine with him.

Mr. Koch said he is a board member also on the Ag and Rural Affairs committee. I guess if Ag and Rural affairs isn't a priority in Franklin County, we're in the wrong county.

Mr. Miller said it is. It's a very big priority. The problem is what we bring back and what issues are going on at the time. That's the problem. We have higher priorities at this moment than other things. Maybe it could happen. Maybe it's not. But I don't see anything coming back that's a big issue right now on the ag. I think we're all attentive to that. I farmed. I know the issues. When I hear something, I can definitely talk about it and know when that issue is big. I didn't see any big issues when I was in Washington, D.C. Cattlemen had some problems. Our goal is to save money.

Mr. Koch said I realize that.

Mr. Peck said I don't think it's appropriate to take the comments of our chairman and try to imply that somehow he doesn't regard ag as an important priority in the county. I would hope to never hear that type of approach again. Second, I don't frankly care that much about who goes to what. What I care about is that when somebody does go and spends county money and returns, that they give the county and the Board of Commissioners and the administrator and the staff the benefit of what they learned at that conference and how it can be applied to benefit Franklin County. I won't claim that I've done any better job than anybody else but I will say that going forward I think it ought to

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be the policy of this Board that if you spend county money and go to one of these conferences, you owe the county a report on what you learned and experienced and how that can be applied to the benefit of the county. Anything less I don't think is responsible use of county funds.

Mr. Miller said I never did say agriculture is not important. You were the one that said the priorities in Washington, D.C., and one should go. Agriculture is very important. We know that. If I'm mistaken or I'm saying it wrong, we know it's very important.

Mr. Peck said I wasn't referring to your comments. Mr. Miller said okay. That's the point: Agriculture is very important. It's just the issue of priorities of issues that are going on. Mr. Peck said I think we all know it's important. I wasn't referring to your comments.

**Board Decision:** The Board decided that Mr. Koch will attend the NACo Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Board Decision:** The Board decided that all three commissioners and the county administrator will attend the WSAC conference in Kennewick in June.

Ms. Shults asked if the Board wanted to discuss travel arrangements for September, October and November later. Mr. Miller said we'll come back to it after we see how things are going.

Mr. Peck asked if there are any confirmed travel plans for the Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference in Pendleton that are unchangeable. Ms. Shults will find out.

Mr. Peck asked if a Commission travel calendar could be prepared, consisting of a single sheet listing all of the scheduled and pending travel that shows who is slated to go, what it is, when it is, and where it is. He said it may benefit Joe as well.

Mr. Miller said he initially thought we needed to freeze all the travel because of the financial situation but after thinking about it further decided our goal as commissioners is a little different. There are also people who have to be certified in some other offices.

Mr. Bowen said Sheriff Lathim has notified him of the availability of some Federal stimulus money for the drug courts which he learned about at a conference.

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Mr. Bowen told the Board the county needs to keep functioning. If you miss attending the conferences, then you're going to miss some of the opportunities. He does not think it's a good move to freeze all of the travel. The conferences are happening for a good reason. They cover county and Washington issues and they track funds and grants for the commissioners and for other elected officials. At a conference, you get information faster and have someone to discuss it with and you come back with some real tools to use.

Mr. Bowen said if we have to make cuts, even if we have to make cuts in personnel to keep the county moving forward, then he thinks that needs to be done.

Mr. Bowen told the Board he thinks it is important that Mr. Miller also attend the NACo conference in Nashville because of the importance of the county's jail issue. He thinks to cut out \$2500 just to save \$2500 in the budget and not move forward with what the county issue is would be a mistake.

Mr. Miller said I think you're right. He has told Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Director Sharon Paradis about the availability of some Byrnes Grant funding. He said the JJC staff is working to obtain the funding.

Mr. Peck said we have passed a formal resolution identifying the jail as our highest priority. He said he would be more than happy to cut back his own travel budget, whatever it takes, to have Commissioner Miller go to the NACo Conference. These are strategic investments we need to make to keep the county going. Mr. Peck said I would like for Commissioner Miller to go. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Peck for saying that. Mr. Miller said if the Board approves, I will go. There are funds already allocated in his travel line item to attend the NACo conference. Mr. Koch agreed with Mr. Miller's travel to the NACo conference.

**Board Decision:** The Board decided that Mr. Miller will also attend the NACo Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

**TRAC**

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

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Arena Dirt Concerns

Mr. Woody said organizers of equestrian events at TRAC have complained about rocks in the dirt. There are rocks left over from some landscaping events such as the Home and Garden Show. We used a rock picker but it was ineffective. Other equipment has also been used. The long-term solution is to concrete the floor. In the meantime, we have looked at a magnet that would attach to a three-point hitch on a tractor. It would pull up metal parts from the soil that were left from events such as the Monster Truck show. It costs about \$300 to purchase. We are trying to locate a rental company. Mr. Woody is also working with Apollo to bring in a rock sifting conveyor system. He does not know a cost estimate at this time.

Mr. Woody said in summary, the equestrian community wanted this issue brought back to the Board. We are working to try to find some interim solutions to solve the problem.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch did not have any questions.

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Koch what he thinks. Mr. Koch said he can see where there could be some metal concerns. A \$300 bill isn't crazy. It could probably be added onto another function to offset the cost of the magnet. Mr. Koch said the mining of the rocks is another unfortunate problem that we've tried different ways of doing it. The onion lifter or rock picker had too large a hole. The only other way is to just literally mine it, just set up a screening and have a crew pick up a bucket at a time and drop it through a screen. It might be possible to buy some used screens from a sand and gravel company. We could make a screen. That's just a thought. Mr. Koch thinks it would be pretty expensive to hire someone to come in and do it for us.

Mr. Woody said the scenario he is considering is renting the equipment with TRAC staff doing the work. He said maybe if we did that once, it would get it to a manageable level. He said it's never been done. The problem has never been resolved. He does not know if it can be resolved but he would like to go to the next round of possible solutions.

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Mr. Peck asked Mr. Koch if he agrees with Mr. Woody that the ultimate answer is to concrete the floor and put dirt over it.

Mr. Koch said I think I could agree a lot easier if we had the revenue. We have to figure out what the cost of mining the rocks would be compared to concrete. Once we get concrete, then we would need another piece of equipment to haul the dirt in and out and someplace to put the dirt while it's out. One thing adds another basically.

Mr. Miller said his feelings with concrete stadiums and even with two or three feet of dirt is the impact on the horses' shins, whether horse racing or barrel racing. It can be harmful on animals.

Mr. Woody said for clarification, there's not another arena on this side of the Mississippi that's dirt. They are all concrete. The NRA rodeo finals in Las Vegas are held on concrete. He said a few people have mentioned that as an issue but it's simply not accurate. Mr. Miller said it would depend on how much dirt you bring in and how you pack it. We just have to take care of it and maintain it correctly. He knows it is very expensive to cement it.

He asked what the estimated cost is. Mr. Woody said it is estimated at \$250,000, but additional items would have to be added such as equipment, an overhead shed, and replacing the dirt in the outside arena, so the total cost is estimated at \$500,000 to \$600,000.

Mr. Peck asked if there would be a net increase or decrease in labor and equipment. Mr. Woody said in equipment it's an increase. In labor, he would say it is a wash if not a benefit. Currently the floor has to be leveled and then the floor put down. In the next few weeks we'll be doing that about three times, requiring ten-man crews for two solid days.

Mr. Peck asked what a concrete floor would do to the utility of the building. Mr. Woody said it would increase it all the way around. There is no bad news. There is nothing that we would lose and there is potentially other business that we could gain.

Mr. Peck asked but there is not enough obvious business to fund the job? Mr. Woody said no, not with the floor alone. Then we could get into a different

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conversation about locker rooms and seating and everything else. That one component doesn't do it.

Mr. Woody said the next horse show is over Memorial Day weekend. He said the quarter horse show organizers express more concerns than other horse show organizers. One reason is they have a lot of people participate who have \$80,000 to \$100,000 horses. Another reason is for other events such as barrel races, the dirt is constantly turned. The quarter horse show is a more inactive show where horses stand on it and walk on it, pounding the dirt, and we don't get to turn it as often, so consequently they run into more rocks.

Mr. Bowen said we have two different consultants looking at two different possibilities for that facility. He thinks until we get that back we should not be moving forward as far as even considering putting a concrete floor in place. He said yes, we have a problem, but we need to wait to find out what our consultants come back with. Rocks have been a problem. If you could get some screens in place and try to have the crews do some screening in the meantime, I think that's the best solution.

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Fife if they have any rock screens. Mr. Fife said we used to have screens about 20 years ago but he is not aware of any screens at Public Works now. He will find out.

#### Upcoming Events

Mr. Woody told the Board about some large upcoming events at TRAC.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

#### Vouchers

**Motion** - Mr. Koch: I move that we approve vouchers for County Road Fund in the amount of \$333,216.81. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Mr. Bowen said \$200,500 of the total amount is repayment of a loan to the Cumulative Reserve Fund.

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CRP 581 – Pasco-Kahlotus Road 1 (PK Highway)

Eric Hsu joined the audience.

Mr. Fife said CRP 581 is a rural arterial project with funding received from the County Road Administration Board (CRAB). With the current escalation in costs, he believes we're going to have to ask for a scope change and reduce the project to a size we can manage. He told the Board some history of the project.

Because the state works on a biennium budget, this project was submitted to CRAB in August 2002. It was funded in the second half of the biennium in April 2004. We began the Preliminary Engineering (PE) on it, primarily surveying, in 2005 in between projects that we currently had in queue. It was interrupted by the R170 landslide and the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) projects that we funded after that. We're getting back on it now because there is a time deadline. If we don't have it to construction by April 2010, we effectively could lose that funding. He gave the Board a copy of the construction cost index which was prepared primarily using 2001 cost data. From 2001 to present, the cost indexes have doubled. That's why we have a problem with doing the project as envisioned. It effectively turned it from a Rural Arterial Project (RAP) with a little bit of local funding to a local project with a RAP match. We can't afford the amount we're going to have to put in to do it as envisioned. That's why we are going to be asking for a scope change.

The cost has escalated. The construction cost was originally projected to be \$1,330,000. In today's dollars, it's \$2.845 million, effectively making the local share if we were to do it today a little over \$1.64 million. The RAP share would stay at \$1,197,000. RAP doesn't have a means to get a cost increase but they can issue a scope change. In working with CRAB staff, we've come up with a scope change. Mr. Fife showed the Board a map of the changed project area. The scope change would effectively reduce the project length from five miles to three miles. It requires approval by CRAB but Mr. Fife doesn't want to submit something to CRAB if it's something the Board can't support.

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As an alternative, we've looked at different construction type methods to try to reduce costs. We even looked at what they call full depth reclamation which is where you grind it up and add cement to the base. The cost comes in at that amount or more regardless of what we try to do. The only other option is to give the funds back.

The scope change would lop off the last two miles. Based on the scoring, we're taking care of the worst part that we said we'd take care of and getting the points that we would have gotten normally. There are two substandard curves that we want to finish. That's why we would be stopping just past Herman. When we originally submitted it we went from Levey to Murphy Road but Levey comes in on a curve and we can't stop there. For safety reasons, we have to take it all the way through the curve. So we're actually adding on that end and reducing at the other end.

Mr. Fife asked for Board consensus to proceed.

Mr. Peck asked what was the southern end of the original proposed scope? Mr. Fife said it was right at the intersection of Levey Road and the reason we're extending it is because that comes right into the curve. Mr. Peck asked why was it okay to end on a curve before but not now? Mr. Fife said it was an oversight.

Mr. Miller asked do you have the amount in the budget? Mr. Fife said we're still putting in a substantial amount compared to what we envisioned putting in. In talking to CRAB staff, this is about the only way we're going to convince them to do it. It's a substantial scope change, about a 40% reduction. CRAB has never done one that big. They're not going to let us reduce this down and only pay \$133,000. We're going to have to put more money into the pot to make it happen, plus we need to make it all the way through the curve at Herman.

Mr. Miller asked so you have it in your budget? Mr. Fife said yes. He will not be asking for more from the Current Expense budget. He said what he has to do to make it work is shift when we bid projects and delay them. It is counterproductive because the more we wait, the more it costs, but it will have to be done.

Mr. Peck said not long ago we had bids come in at half the estimated cost but we predicted when Federal stimulus money started coming, people would get busy and prices

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would go up. He asked is this somehow related to that? Mr. Fife said we took the numbers we have been seeing in the last month and that is the number we are using right now. If there's any way possible to get the scope change and we can make it happen this year, the project probably should be done right away.

Mr. Peck asked if we don't do this project, is there any means to capture the funds for another project? Mr. Fife explained how the process works so it doesn't necessarily come back to us.

Mr. Peck asked what's the cost in spending the \$463,000? He said he doesn't mean the dollar cost but what else won't get done? Mr. Fife said possibly maintenance. He would not necessarily reduce maintenance but would not give an increase.

We could have this project ready to go. We may not bid it until we have to. It has to be bid before April 2010 in order to keep the funding. Mr. Peck asked why would we hold it? Mr. Fife said because we have some other projects in the queue such as R170. He said he was directed that R170 is the number one priority to get done. We have to match the first phase of R170. If we get the right-of-way for the Road 100 project, we would have to match that one also. Those are in the budget right now.

Mr. Peck asked if we were to spend this money today, would it jeopardize the R170 and Road 100 projects? Mr. Fife said it would jeopardize probably the Road 100 project. It would probably have to be pushed to the following year. Mr. Peck asked if the line of available funding for the Road 100 project would be lost if we push this one out. Mr. Fife said the Road 100 project funding is still available next year and probably until 2012. He is unsure of the date.

Mr. Peck said so what I've heard is it might delay Road 100, it wouldn't impact R170, and the money would probably come out of maintenance. Mr. Fife said if we had to. He does not believe we're going to have to, depending on the timing of it. Mr. Peck asked if this money doesn't come out of maintenance, where will it come from? Mr. Fife said there is a match set up in this year's budget for Road 100. If we do it this year, the match that is in place for Road 100 will be used for Pasco-Kahlotus Highway instead.

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Mr. Peck said so it's not a case of might impact Road 100, it's a case of will impact Road 100. Mr. Fife said it will, yes, if we do it this year.

Mr. Peck asked so if we do it in the other order and do Road 100, we potentially lose this funding? Mr. Fife said yes. Not only could you lose it but we would have to address what we have spent to date and may have to pay it back, which is a little over \$100,000 on PE and testing.

Mr. Miller asked how much later do you think it could delay Road 100? Mr. Fife said he still thinks we can do the whole Road 100 project next year. It's more difficult to phase than it used to be.

Mr. Bowen thinks we should move forward on it. It doesn't sound like anything is really being jeopardized. Road 100 could drag on for a long time. He would hate to jeopardize losing \$1.66 million.

Mr. Miller asked if it will slow down the next stage of R170. Mr. Fife said he has been told the next phase of R170 has received a little bit of RAP funding from CRAB with the potential down the road when it becomes available for an additional amount to do the project. However, it will be another two bienniums before the funds are received because we're limited on what we can collect per biennium from RAP. It doesn't keep us from spending it right away but we have to have a funding source to borrow the money to be paid back later. Mr. Miller said R170 is a priority.

Mr. Fife said he just needs a consensus. Mr. Koch said I support the proposed scope change. Mr. Peck said I don't have the history you two do so I will trust your judgment and support. Mr. Miller said I support the project. Mr. Fife said it is all subject to CRAB approval.

Benton County Engineering Services

Mr. Fife will be in Benton County tomorrow.

**OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE**

Indigent Defense Coordinator Eric Hsu met with the Board. Present in audience: Joe Chapman.

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Provision of Indigent Defense Involuntary Treatment Act Hearings

Mr. Hsu said in the past, Attorney Terry Tanner handled the contract for involuntary treatment act hearings. He is now a judge. A contract has been prepared with Attorney Jim Bell. The judges are very satisfied with Mr. Bell's representation. The contract has two changes. A trial per diem amount has been added as we previously discussed that should have a minuscule impact because there are an average of one to three trials per year between both Benton and Franklin counties. A provision has also been added allowing Mr. Bell to represent people committed to Eastern State Hospital that want a review of their conditional release for \$150 per hearing. In the past we've had no mechanism to appoint an attorney without a set cost. We believe it's in the best interest of both counties to add this provision. The charge for such hearings will be paid through Mr. Hsu's office by the county that is involved. The contract has the same fee structure as the previous contract.

Mr. Hsu answered Mr. Peck's question about other attorneys who may be involved. Mr. Peck said Mr. Rio is a close personal friend so I will defer to my two counterparts in terms of making the decision. If they are both in favor, I will sign.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch are both in favor of the contract. The Board had **consensus agreement to put it on the consent agenda.**

**MINUTES**

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move approval of minutes for Franklin County Commissioners Proceedings of April 29, 2009. Second by Mr. Koch as read. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Executive Session** at 10:23 am for review of employee based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) expected to last five minutes. Mr. Chapman left the meeting.

**Open Session** at 10:30 am.

**Executive Session** at 10:31 am to review performance of public employee based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) expected to last 10 minutes.

**Open Session** at 10:41 am.

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Budgets

Mr. Bowen gave the Board an update about the current budget status. The Board decided to schedule a meeting with Elected Officials to discuss the budget.

**Adjourned** at 11:03 am.

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

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Chairman

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Chairman Pro Tem

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Member

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed May 18, 2009.