

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

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date in a bi-county meeting with Benton County Commissioners. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chairman; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Bob Koch, Chair Pro Tem, was absent on personal business.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move approval of consent agenda for Wednesday, July 8, 2009, as follows:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-298** in the matter of execution of Agreement #PSA-CI-2009/11 between Columbia Industries and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, providing janitorial services for 10 transitional manufactured homes in Pasco, with said agreement effective May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2011, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-299** in the matter of execution of an Agreement for the renewal of Grant #WA0072C0T010801, 2009 Shelter Plus Care Renewal Grant Agreement, between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, effective November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-300** directing the Clerk of the Board to send notice of final action on condemnation of property per RCW 8.25.290(2)(a)(i) and (b)(i) related to County Road Project Number 593 / Road 100 (Broadmoor Blvd.) / Dent Road Extension.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2009-301** implementing a Voluntary Donation Policy from elected officials to Franklin County effective July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

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Mr. Peck reviewed item #4 before approval. He said the key point he wanted in the document was to point out that the voluntary furloughs were in fact requested by employees to minimize the potential for reduction in force.

2:0 vote in favor.

Out-of-County Travel

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of payment of meal costs of \$294 for Prosecutor Steve Lowe. The national prosecutor's association will reimburse \$1500 back to Franklin County for other travel costs that will be reimbursed to the Prosecutor's travel line item.

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chair, I'd move approval of out of state travel request from Mr. Lowe, Prosecuting Attorney, as presented by the County Administrator. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of 2009 vouchers for July 8, 2009, in the total amount of \$205,004.82. These are Cumulative Reserve warrant 19291 for \$200.00; Public Facilities Construction Fund warrant 19292 for \$830.95; Jail Commissary warrants 19293 through 19297 for \$4137.26; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 19298 for \$122.91; Sheriff's Narcotic Trust warrants 19299 and 19300 for \$3135.82; Sheriff's Sex Offender Grant warrants 19301 and 19302 for \$2063.79; Current Expense warrants 19303 through 19357 for \$175,032.27; and Current Expense warrants 19408 through 19437 for \$19,481.82. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie Pascua met with the Board.

Department Update

Ms. Huie Pascua gave a department update including information about the Developmental Disabilities programs.

Housing Services

The Housing Program started in July 2007. A housing case manager has recently been hired.

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Our grant to provide housing services for individuals with AIDS has been transferred away from Spokane County who was administering the contract to the Department of Commerce. A new contract that was effective July 1 has been received from CTED/ Department of Commerce for the services we are currently providing. It is being reviewed by the prosecuting attorneys to ensure that the counties are represented well in the contract.

Mr. Miller asked for a list of all the housing funds that Franklin County and Benton County receive and then a breakdown showing migrant housing and homeless housing.

Mr. Peck asked Ms. Huie Pascua when she has time to provide a summary list of all the Human Services program areas just as an update including the following information: This is the program, this is current funding amount, maybe a sentence or two about what it actually provides. He said it can be a single page information sheet or fact sheet that may be distributed to the community. He wants to have it for reference during meetings.

Ms. Huie Pascua has asked her staff to provide a list of contracts with beginning date, end date, and amounts.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) has the contract with Franklin County regarding the 2163 Homeless Housing funds. In April 2009, HS was asked to monitor the contract and work with CAC to ensure that the contract terms are met and they are in compliance. Franklin County received an invoice and HS has had an opportunity to review it. We have asked for additional information so the invoice can be processed. We are continuing to move forward. We are providing some recommendations for a possible contract amendment that would be to the benefit of Franklin County in terms of not only managing those funds but ensuring there is good accountability for how they are spent.

Mental Health

The Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) 11-county region adopted a new funding formula. Ms. Huie Pascua said it is definitely a benefit to our bi-county

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area. The funding distribution is now representative of the population in the bi-county area.

Ms. Huie Pascua answered Mr. Peck's questions about the funding formula and the restructuring of the board. The board restructure language was reviewed at a July 2 meeting and is expected to go to the respective boards of commissioners for adoption.

The community partners just completed the third 40-hour class of law enforcement first responder personnel and crisis intervention team (CIT) training. Now almost all of the on-the-ground officers in the area are trained on mental health identification and interaction that officers or first responders might have with persons who have developmental disabilities, persons under the influence, or a combination. In particular, Franklin County Dispatch was well represented in the training. Franklin County Corrections was involved in the first training. Franklin County deputies were involved in the second training.

Ms. Huie Pascua said we want to have more classes but we have to find funding. We may have to utilize some mental health dollars to fund it. The trainings to date were fully funded by an outside agency. Mr. Peck said it seems like an appropriate use of mental health dollars. Ms. Huie Pascua said we have already seen some very positive outcomes. She gave an example.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Services

There is co-location of eight psychiatric stabilization beds and four subacute detoxification beds at the subacute detoxification center which is located in Pasco. Ms. Huie Pascua said she will not use the word "consolidation" yet but they work hand in glove with our crisis response center and substance abuse assessment center. The services that have been discussed that would be involved in a consolidated crisis response center (CCRC) are functionally working very well together even though they are in separate buildings. When we talk about how we move towards a more integrated system, it's about the communication and about the working relationships.

Ms. Huie Pascua said we reviewed the change in scope for that facility on June 30. They received extremely high marks. There was excellent documentation of

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services, excellent reviews by the clients receiving the services in terms of a satisfaction survey, and extremely high marks from the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) that licenses the facility for that particular piece. The provider is Nueva Esperanza Community Health Center. La Clinica is the parent organization. We're very pleased. We knew that it was a significant shift for them to beef up the services and to really take on a much more different and difficult clientele.

The state is cutting all administration funding for prevention services. We're still continuing to advocate for more flexibility. Overall our estimated reduction for substance abuse is approximately estimated at 25%. We've been told we'll receive \$1,293,818 for fiscal year 2010 but the state will probably change that.

Ms. Huie Pascua said we consistently meet our goal for treating people on the state medical coupon. The vast majority of the treatment services are voluntary. People can choose not to come even though they fit the criteria, unless they're court-ordered. She answered Mr. Peck's questions about the medical coupons.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Wood met with the Board.

LED Video Display Reader Board Bid Award

Mr. Woody recommended award of bid to Dwinell's Visual Systems. Mr. Woody said Chief Civil Attorney Ryan Verhulp has recommended on future RFPs to request an estimated energy cost.

Mr. Peck asked if there is some way after the fact that we can work with PUD. He said they sometimes have rebates for using more efficient technologies. Mr. Woody said we can talk to them but the sign companies have done a good job in the past of contacting PUDs and having that information in the bids. Mr. Peck asked is it common or in this case did anyone partner with PUD? Mr. Woody said my history has been to use the vendors who have the insight. He assumes the vendors went to the PUD but he will clarify.

Mr. Peck asked so if the low bidder were to go to PUD after the fact and get a rebate program to switch this out to a higher efficiency, it would just make it a more

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attractive bid? Mr. Woody said yes. He would just do a change order. Mr. Peck said it would not have disadvantaged the bidders.

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move acceptance of a bid from Dwinell's Visual Systems of Kennewick, Washington, for an LED visual display reader board with the bid amount \$49,500.00 including tax. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Convention Center Co-Marketing

Mr. Woody asked for permission to continue having discussion about co-marketing with the Convention Center and other facilities similar to TRAC. He explained how the marketing works.

Mr. Peck said because of Mr. Woody's expertise in his business, it's in everybody's best interest if we don't meddle too deeply in your business.

Reader Board Policy "version 2"

Mr. Woody asked the Board members to review the most recent draft. The reader board should be in place within 60 days.

Garage Sale Re-Cap

A re-cap of TRAC's first garage sale was reviewed. Overall it was very successful. A few changes will be made for the future sales.

Demolition Derby Re-Cap

A re-cap of the Demolition Derby was reviewed. It was put on by TRAC using a company and a very generous donation of \$5000 from Ranch and Home. There were very mixed reviews. Mr. Woody said a series of issues affected the event including competing events and only seven cars for the derby. At the beginning, he had the announcer announce that vouchers would be given for free admittance to any of four future events at TRAC, so many vouchers were given. We also did refund some money. He said we received a lot of thank you's from those who attended. We broke even because of the sponsorship money.

He said would I do it again? I would. We will not do only a pure demo derby in the future but a mix of things so we can better assure some of the components are within

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our control. We will also talk about paying the drivers to be in the demo derby rather than them paying us.

Car Show on July 4th weekend

Mr. Woody will bring a re-cap next week for the Car Show. Some changes will be made in the future but the event has been paying for itself. Next time, Mr. Woody plans to do a movie on Friday night with the Car Show from 8:00 to 3:00 on Saturday.

RV Park

Mr. Woody said the RV Park is as busy as can be. We are turning people away.

Adjourned at 10:19 am.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 20, 2009.