

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 13, 2009

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. 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 vacation.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board. Present in audience: Sharon Paradis.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move approval of consent agenda for Monday, July 13, 2009, one item:

1. Franklin County Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$12,463.61 and County Road Fund payroll for \$83,086.54 for pay period ending July 9, 2009.

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for July 13, 2009, in the total amount of \$19,083.07: Jail Commissary warrant 19519 for \$209.76; Dare Fund warrant 19520 for \$18.25; Law Library warrant 19521 for \$11.61; Auditor O&M warrants 19522 through 19523 for \$1,213.82; Election Equipment Revolving warrant 19524 for \$62.08; L&I Reserve Fund warrant 19525 for \$67.89; DUI Recovery Fund warrant 19526 for \$250.66; Veteran's Assistance warrant 19527 for \$2,554.46; and Current Expense warrants 19528 through 19551 for \$14,694.54. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board.

Well Spoken Contract

Ms. Paradis explained the reasons for terminating a contract. She answered Mr. Peck's questions about availability of interpreting services.

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Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of Joint Resolution in the matter of termination of the Personal Services Agreement between the Juvenile Justice Center and Frederico De Voe, dba Well Spoken Interpreting, Benton County Resolution 07 217 and Franklin County Resolution 2007-155. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2009-302.

Drug Court

Circle of Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides some support to local programs, voted to provide a donation of \$10,318 through HAPO Credit Union to Franklin County to be used to fund Franklin County's share for the Juvenile Drug Court through the remainder of the year with full programming. Ms. Paradis explained how the cost was reduced from \$14,049 to \$10,318. The Benton County Prosecutor's office reduced their costs, we reduced the amount for the defense attorney, and the coordinator will have reduced duties for the Drug Court, only supervising the juvenile probation counselor assigned to Drug Court.

The proposal will keep the Drug Court team intact which Ms. Paradis thinks is somewhat critical because a lot of time, energy and money has been spent in training the team. Their roles are nontraditional roles. It will preserve that team, that knowledge, that background, without having to essentially close down the program and restart it. It also gets us what we need to fully serve the kids in drug court at this time through the end of the year and then we will go from there in terms of any ongoing funding.

Ms. Paradis asked if the Board wants to replenish the numbers of kids in Drug Court as kids graduate from the program. She answered the Board's questions.

Ms. Paradis asked for Board input regarding capacity of the program, understanding that the Circle of Hope is going to give us funding to have a fairly robust program. She would not suggest expanding capacity above 12 participants.

Ms. Paradis asked first, is the Board going to approve a budget supplement and accept the Circle of Hope funding through the remainder of the year?

Second, can we add kids to keep the number at 12, which is less than half of the total capacity of 25? We are anticipating through the end of the year that we will operate

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at 50% capacity even with the Circle of Hope donation. She is hoping the counties will provide at least a maintenance budget for next year.

Mr. Bowen asked if everyone in the program now will graduate. Ms. Paradis said no. Mr. Peck said why spend the money for people who are not going to graduate? Ms. Paradis said anyone we bring into the program between now and the end of the year would also sign an agreement or understanding that they may not be able to finish the program and they may have to go back to a regular probation caseload. From a Prosecutor's perspective, the prosecutors may have to give the kids an opportunity to go back and protest the underlying facts, so there is some potential cost to the court system. Right now they sign a stipulated order where they are essentially admitting their guilt for the opportunity to be in Drug Court and the big carrot is that their record is dismissed if they finish. That option may not be available to them. She said Benton County Prosecutor Andy Miller felt it was best that we treat anyone we add with some special circumstances, explaining it's possible the program will not be there in 2010. We would have a method to work with them under a regular court process.

Ms. Paradis answered Mr. Peck's question about the source of funding for the drug court program.

Ms. Paradis said based on a WSU study, any exposure to Drug Court shows a reduction in felony recidivism. Secondly, part of the benefit for juvenile drug court is the interchange that happens peer to peer so we have almost peer mentorship from those kids who have been in the program for longer and are more successful. When kids are in the court during docket, some kids who have done well are rewarded and some kids who have not done well are sanctioned. If you drop below a certain number of kids, you lose some of that kind of impact.

Mr. Peck said personally it's a little disappointing that our county has to end up funding this through the graces of HAPO and Circle of Hope. I want to be on the record as acknowledging appreciation for them stepping up. There are lots of organizations that fund different activities in the community. This one probably will have a lot less

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visibility but probably in my opinion is a much greater contribution to the community good. I certainly appreciate them stepping forward.

I support helping as many kids as the dollars you have available allow. If you get to the end of the year and you find you can't carry it forward into 2010, you've made it clear you've already spoken to the Prosecutor and have a plan for how to work that backward and at least accrue the benefits of having them in the program for hopefully four, five, six months. It is better than no peer contact, no guidance and no treatment. I'm certainly hopeful that the state will find a way to do another funding in 2010. When we go through our budget process, I think you'll find we have a very open mind to try to support Drug Court. Whether we get there or not is too early to say.

Mr. Miller said I'd like to note I talked to Dave Schultz from HAPO and thanked him on behalf of Franklin County.

Mr. Miller said he thinks when the budget is prepared for 2010, we will be able to fund Drug Court. We can't guarantee anything. We will keep an open mind.

Mr. Miller gave his approval to replenish into the program at the 12-person level.

CORONER

Coroner Dan Blasdel met with the Board.

Burn Ban

Mr. Blasdel explained that fire investigation duties are under the Coroner's office and he is considered the county fire official. The fire chiefs in the county would like to impose a burn ban.

After reviewing Resolution 2007-343, it is the **consensus of the Board** that the authority to impose a burn ban is still in place.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Road Maintenance: Level of Services

Mr. Fife said at some point in the future, his department may have to get formal approval from the Board for changes to reduce the level of services.

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Mr. Peck said maybe a list of a secondary network of time-sensitive critical roads could be developed. Maybe extra maintenance work could be done on those roads during critical periods of time with less work done on them during the remainder of the year as a tradeoff.

Mr. Miller explained some concerns of a cherry grower.

Formal Request for Just Compensation for CRP 581 Pasco-Kahlotus Road 1

Mr. Fife explained the work that needs to be done to increase the radius for a curve so additional right of way needs to be acquired. He asked for approval of the formal request for just compensation.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move that we approve this request under CRP 581 Pasco-Kahlotus Road 1 for the compensation to Richard, Walter and Donald Neff in the amount of \$700 in compensation for 2.15 acres. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 2)

Agreement between Franklin County and Larry Hitchcock, LEH Appraisal, Personal Services Contract #FC-AS-09-001

Mr. Fife said we received and reviewed three proposals. We are recommending approval of a contract with Larry Hitchcock to do the appraisal work on Road 100 for the remaining parcels. The appraiser who did the appraisal a year ago has retired so we have to do complete appraisals again.

In response to Mr. Peck's question, Mr. Fife said this is a standard contract that was developed by the state for our state processes. We didn't change anything except for the numbers Mr. Hitchcock put in. Mr. Fife does not believe Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp has looked at the contract. Mr. Peck said if it's used by the state for the state process, it's okay.

The Board asked that the contract be put on Wednesday's consent agenda.

Chip Seal

The county chip sealing work has been completed for the year. Some of the agencies the county does work for are not completed, such as City of Mesa.

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Stimulus Funding

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Fife to talk with Mark Kushner of the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCoG) regarding the Powerline Road project for the City of Pasco.

Columbia River Bridge Crossing Location

Mr. Peck gave a report on a meeting he attended regarding a bridge crossing location study for a proposed new Columbia River Bridge. The committee adopted his proposal that any voting members will be contributing to the cost of the study and only organizations represented by elected officials will be voting members. Others will still have a voice, just not a vote. It includes the counties, cities and ports most directly affected.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Port of Pasco – Economic Development Grant Extension

The Port of Pasco has asked for an additional extension to December 31, 2009, to complete an economic development project. Mr. Bowen answered the Board's questions about the reasons for the delay. He answered Mr. Peck's question about arbitrage.

Mr. Peck asked how far east the rail line extension goes. Mr. Bowen does not know. He talked with a Port of Pasco official who said it will not extend to where a possible bridge may go in. Mr. Peck said if we're going to fund rail spurs that are cutting across what he thinks is a highly valuable potential river crossing site and the county is contributing to the funding, then we need to have that discussion. If it's not going past the east end of Big Pasco, the opportunity always exists for other ways to bridge that, literally if necessary.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move approval of letter from Franklin County Board of Commissioners to the Executive Director, Port of Pasco, titled Economic Development Grant Extension dated July 13, 2009. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 3)

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Possible Bridge Crossing Location

Mr. Peck said he doesn't want people pointing to the rail spur and saying you can't put a bridge here because this rail line cuts through. There's already a rail line that goes through there. We have lots of places where freeways and rail lines intersect. We've got a dandy new bypass south of Finley. It would be nice to actually direct some traffic onto it and frankly it wouldn't hurt Franklin County's development in the southeast quadrant or quarter of the county.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for July 13, 2009, Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$545,068.70, Emergency Management payroll in the amount of \$13,536.26, and Irrigation payroll in the amount of \$10,699.02. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 48814 through 48904 for \$168,429.85; warrants 48905 through 48910 for \$67,927.66; and Direct Deposit for \$308,711.19;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 19635 through 19641 for \$3444.14; warrants 19642 through 19645 for \$1573.51; and Direct Deposit for \$8518.61; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 19615 through 19630 for \$9297.04; and warrants 19631 through 19634 for \$1401.98. (Exhibit 4)

Adjourned at 10:28 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until July 15, 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.