

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 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 personal business.

Meeting convened at 9:30 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Dalina Castellanos and one man.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 15, 2009:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2009-303** for the Personal Services Contract, Number FC-AS-09-001, between Franklin County and Larry Hitchcock, LEH Appraisal, for CRP 593, Road 100 / Dent Road Extension, for, parcel numbers 593-01, 593-02, 593-03 and 593-04.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2009-304** authorizing destruction of items as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Planning and Building Department, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory), as follows:
 - 1 Gray chair (with wheels)
 - 1 Chinon Genesis camera with film
 - 1 Fellows work station
 - 1 Victor calculator – model number 1208, serial number 01100477
 - 1 Canon P20-DX calculator and charger – number 0394150
 - 1 Hon Kwang charger – model number D4550-01
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-305** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Program Agreement, Short-term Transition Program, Agreement Number 0963-67978, between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-306** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

on the County Program Agreement, Consolidated, Disposition Alternative and Various Services, Agreement Number 0963-67944, between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for July 15, 2009, in the total amount of \$198,056.26: Franklin County Public Facilities Construction Fund warrant 19648 for \$50,000.00; Franklin County RV Facility warrants 19649 through 19658 for \$9,488.03; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 19659 through 19665 for \$6,732.79; Veteran's Assistance warrant 19666 for \$100.00; Franklin County Public Facilities Construction Fund warrants 19667 through 19668 for \$49,517.00; Ending Homelessness Fund warrant 19669 for \$19,493.19; and Current Expense warrants 19670 through 19698 for \$62,725.25. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos and seven men including Mike Murray of HDR and Curtis Wray of C&E.

Inter Budget Transfer of \$40,000 from Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Contingency Reserve line item, to County Clerk Budget #001-000-160, Jury Fees line item

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a transfer to cover jury fees which have been more than budgeted because of the number of murder trials.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I'd move approval of inter budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from the Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget to County Clerk Budget as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2009-307.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Bid Opening: R170 Landslide Area, Phase II

Bid Opening convened at 9:45 am. Present: Commissioners Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Engineer Tim Fife. Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos and seven men including Mike Murray of HDR and Curtis Wray of C&E.

Three bids were received:

Selland Construction, Inc.	\$ 959,451.00
Central Washington Asphalt, Inc.	\$1,012,286.50
Tommer Construction Company	\$1,068,598.50

Engineer's estimate was \$751,107.12.

The bids will be reviewed with bid award expected on Monday, July 20.

Mr. Fife said the project involves use of Federal stimulus money. We have some County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Rural Arterial Program (RAP) money available to match it for the overrun amounts. It will be 100% funded.

New Program

Senator Maria Cantwell's office has notified Mr. Miller about the possibility of some new legislation to fund some road work using an 18-month appropriation.

Public Hearing: 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Public Hearing convened at 9:56 am. Present: Commissioners Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Engineer Tim Fife; Assistant Engineer Guy Walters; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos.

The Bridge Condition Report is included in the TIP.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Peck if he had any questions. He said we have gone through the TIP before.

In response to Mr. Peck's question about the Bridge Condition Report, Mr. Fife said the Filbert Bridge rated below 50 (at 49). The bridge has 50-year-old timbers so it is not practical to rehab it. Mr. Peck asked about the other three bridges that rated below 60. Mr. Walters believes they are just below 60, in the high 50s. Mr. Fife said during his

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

time as county engineer, the county has actively been doing one to two bridges a year. We've made a big dent but we've still got a ways to go. We're trying to avoid having the bridges all fail at the same time.

Regarding Priority #5, the Columbia River Crossing Study, Mr. Peck asked if it would be a problem if the projection of \$10,000 turned out to actually be \$15,000. Mr. Fife said no. The amounts can be changed.

Mr. Fife said the Juniper Dunes road approach on the program is the south two miles.

The Rural Rivershore Development Study, priority #10, would include future route and transportation needs within the area of the rural rivershore. Mr. Fife showed the area on the map. He said the study will help us make sure we are figuring out where the corridors are that we should use to get everyone fed into our system.

Mr. Miller asked when it says #10 priority, what is that saying? He asked, it's not number 10 on the list but just a high priority that we will fund if we get the money? Mr. Fife said we're going to do an annual program for next year's budget. Once we get past that, the priority number order often changes depending on our ability to get it funded. In general, we don't have local funding available.

The reason we put Ringold Hill Safety Improvements, Priority #13, in the program is because when we did the R170 route selection, it came to light in the public process about the safety problem on the Ringold Hill.

Mr. Peck said he wonders if perhaps the migrant housing project goes forward near Ringold Hill and the influx of people and traffic increases, maybe the project would move up in terms of safety needs. Mr. Miller said that's something we can look at in next year's budget. Mr. Peck said he is just raising the thought. He realizes it would be quite a ways down the road. If the migrant housing goes there and we can make it safer by flattening it out, it could conceivably become a higher priority.

Pasco-Kahlotus Road 2 is Priority #20. Mr. Peck said he just wanted to make sure it is still on the list.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

Mr. Miller asked about some roads that have portions paved but some portions still gravel. He said if we have money to pave roads again, he would like to pick up some short spots such as Alder, Birch or Fir. Mr. Fife said Murphy Road is first in line for paving but after that we can do another priority array and decide which to do first. R170, East Foster Wells Extension, and a few others are big projects that are taking a lot of the money. Mr. Fife does not expect to pave more gravel roads in the near term. The gas tax funds are not coming in the way they have in the past. Mr. Walters said paving of gravel roads would fall under Priority #9.

Mr. Fife hopes to have a map prepared that would locate orchards and vineyards and identify peak times for use of the roads so more maintenance would be done during those times and less during other times. He said we may not be able to do it that way but we can try.

Mr. Miller asked three times if anyone would like to make public comment. There was no response.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of Resolution 2009-307 of the Board of County Commissioners in the matter of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2010-2015. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Magnesium Chloride for dust control

Mr. Fife answered Mr. Peck's questions about the use of Magnesium Chloride on gravel roads. We use it for base stabilization. It will also work to help with dust abatement (dust palliative). It is water soluble. We will allow people to use it by permit. We do not put it on for them but we get the roadway ready for it.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos.

Jail Expansion: Citizens Advisory Meeting Report

Mr. Bowen said the citizens advisory group unanimously voted last night that the commissioners should move forward on the Corrections Facility, recognizing the need for public safety. A group of citizens is starting to do fundraisers with Ed Ray acting as the leader. The county's position is neutral, just providing information to the public, stating

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

the current conditions and the repercussions of having an overfilled jail. We had open discussion. The meeting lasted from 6:30 to about 8:00 pm. Mr. Bowen will be meeting with Pasco Mayor Joyce Olson and the Pasco city manager today to discuss what the city's and county's next moves will be. Last night's discussion included talk about how the city and county plan to give the information out.

Mr. Bowen said the committee felt the conditions for the inmates is not the concern to the general public so much as it is for public safety in our community and making sure we maintain a good quality of life in Franklin County and the City of Pasco. There was discussion about other counties that have overfilled facilities who will not arrest someone who has a warrant outside of their existing community or county because they can't put them in jail. He said Sheriff Lathim said in Franklin County, if you have a warrant, we will put you in jail.

There is a limit as far as how many people can be put in jail. The consequences of that limit is to drive up tax dollars and additional expenditures to our community that could cost us over and above what it would cost us to take care of our own prisoners. We could simply take our prisoners across the river to Benton County but at a rate higher than our existing rates.

Mr. Miller said maybe the next step forward is another meeting of the group.

At the meeting, Mr. Bowen was asked if the county would work on bringing legislators to the community to meet with the advisory committee so they can see the conditions.

Mr. Miller said his understanding is committee members have the idea that because we have a state prison in Connell, why doesn't the state rent out some rooms to us. Mr. Bowen said yes, why can't we house our prisoners in the state facility? Why does the state put unfunded mandates on the counties which basically cause us to have overcrowded jails? He gave an update on the discussion that occurred. Mr. Bowen said he was told by state officials that housing county inmates in state facilities is not going to happen. They do not have enough beds now even though they have expanded facilities. Mr. Peck said the state would probably also charge for housing prisoners.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

Mr. Bowen said we have a lot of court interface with prisoners so there would be a transportation issue if they were housed elsewhere, resulting in additional costs. He said there is simply no simple solution. Our population has doubled since the jail was built. There are added demands on every department in Franklin County. We cannot just hire extra people to take care of the problem. There is a limited occupancy.

Mr. Bowen said Mr. Talbot has offered to let elected officials speak on his radio show.

Mr. Bowen said the Law and Justice Committee has an informational committee. Mr. Miller said the Law and Justice Committee is talking about preparing fact sheets and information.

Mr. Peck thinks anyone speaking for the county needs to be exceedingly careful to stick to an informational role and not advocacy.

Mr. Bowen said the county has to provide information to the taxpayers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Broadband Services

Mr. Peck attended a meeting yesterday to discuss the availability of Federal grant dollars to expand or improve fiber optic interconnectivity to rural areas. It appears there is a fairly good network between the Tri-Cities and Spokane and even into smaller locations such as Connell, Kahlotus, Mesa and Eltopia. He said the group is going to pursue some grant opportunities for what is referred to as last mile of service into the home. The only exception would be to get a main additional backbone between the Tri-Cities and Connell, even though there is already one main link. The grant application just come out and is due in two or three weeks, not enough time to apply effectively, but another grant application will be due in October or November.

Adjourned at 10:45 am.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 15, 2009

There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until July 20, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 20, 2009.