

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 19, 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. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Cattle Guards

Mr. Koch received a call thanking the county Public Works Department for cattle guard work done by the county.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda for August 19, 2009:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2009-349** for the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Stevens County and Franklin County, to allow Stevens County to purchase Courthouse Technologies' Jury Management System, using the Request for Proposal let by Franklin County, effective through December 31, 2009.
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-350** in the matter of execution of amendment number 07/09-SA-LCC-01 between Lourdes Counseling Center and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services to extend substance abuse treatment services three months through September 30, 2009, amending Franklin County Resolution 2007-413, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said amendment on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)

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

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of 2009 vouchers for August 19, miscellaneous items in the total amount of \$125,093.53: DUI Recovery Fund warrant 21209 for \$936.80; TRT Fund Sheriff warrant 21210 for \$1,899.99; Boating Safety warrants 21211 through 21212 for \$2,653.35; Franklin County Capital Projects Fund warrant 21213 for \$705.00; Franklin County RV Facility warrant 21214 for \$586.38; TRAC Operations Fund warrant 21215 for \$316.57; Trial Court Improvement Fund warrant 21216 for \$953.04; Current Expense warrants 21217 through 21247 for \$63,619.53; Current

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Expense warrants 21396 through 21412 for \$53,166.20 and Auditor O&M warrant 21413 for \$256.67. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Board Appointments

Mr. Koch suggested that the county put all the appointments made by the Board on the county's web site with expiration dates so people who are interested can apply for them. Mr. Miller agreed that it is a very good idea. He thinks another way is to place a notice in the newspaper.

Mr. Peck said the law requires us to post things in the legal newspaper when we want people to be advised. It is an established process for letting the public know about county government. However, the rules were written probably before the Internet existed. The web site is a good vehicle, maybe not perfect, but neither is the printed word in the newspaper perfect. He doesn't like the idea of reappointing to boards and commissions without some effort to notify the public. At the same time, we've been doing it this way for a long time and for the sake of expediency I am willing to do it this way for one last time with the agreement that we will from here forward do as Commissioner Koch has suggested, put an obvious link on the county web site for boards and commissions that will allow people to easily see positions that are coming up.

Mr. Miller said we all agree that we will appoint Larry Rogers as a member of the Franklin County Water Conservancy Board. We will ask that all future vacancies and term dates be put on the county's web site. Mr. Koch said the Water Conservancy Board members shall serve without compensation. Mr. Peck said even though they're not being paid, they still have the ability to influence the lives of other citizens. Mr. Koch agreed. Mr. Peck said in the interest of time and expediency, it's reasonable to say we'll do it this way once more but going forward we will give notice on the web site. Mr. Koch said the Water Conservancy Board By-Laws say the appointments are at the discretion of the Franklin County Commissioners so legally we can do it. Mr. Peck agreed.

Mr. Koch wants to put the whole list on the web site. He said the Board members can discuss it with the Tri-City Herald reporter and ask that she mention it in a newspaper article.

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PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Executive Session at 9:14 am regarding potential litigation expected to last up to 15 minutes based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Open Session at 9:29 am.

BI-COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE

Bi-County Indigent Defense Coordinator Eric Hsu met with the Board.

Investigator Contracts

Mr. Hsu said following an RFP process, we have selected four high-quality investigators. All four have accepted. Mr. Hsu told the Board about some general terms of the contracts.

State v. Webster case

Mr. Hsu said a contractor began providing services on March 9, 2009, in the State v. Webster case and has completed the work but Mr. Hsu just recently received the contract. He asked that the Board approve the contract next week on the consent agenda. The contract provides indemnification to the county.

Thanks

The Commissioners and Mr. Bowen thanked Mr. Hsu for his hard work.

FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of reappointing Larry Rogers to the Franklin County Water Conservancy Board for a six-year term with said term expiring August 15, 2015. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2009-351.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Board of Health Budget

The Board reviewed some proposed Board of Health budget changes in preparation for the Board's attendance at today's Board of Health meeting. Mr. Bowen

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feels the impacts to the community will be what determine whether the services are reinstated in the future.

Communication Device/Cell Phone Policy

The Board reviewed proposed Communication Device policies. They instructed Mr. Bowen to prepare a policy for approval that includes the provision that the Commissioners will have the authority to review every request. The reason for Commissioner approval is so they can determine whether the employee needs it for county work. If employees choose to use their own personal device for county use, they will receive a flat rate reimbursement of \$30 a month for standard use, \$50 a month for high use, and/or \$50 a month for PDA-type devices. Mr. Peck said the policy should state the county is not going to spend extra money or install extra servers to accommodate an employee's phone. The onus will be on the person buying the personal phone to make sure it is compatible.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move approval of Public Works County Road Payroll in the amount of \$78,609.49; and Motor Vehicle payroll in the amount of \$11,540.92. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Travel

The Board instructed Mr. Bowen to keep a county vehicle for use as a travel car for staff rather than sell it at auction.

Adjourned at 10:52 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 24, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed August 26, 2009.