

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 24, 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. Present in audience: Judith Gidley, Debra Biondolillo and Carrie Huie Pascua.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: I move approval of the consent agenda for August 24, 2009:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-352** in the matter of execution of a Program Agreement, DSHS Agreement Number 0963-6806, between the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2009-353** for the Professional Services Agreement between Christian Dale Slack and Franklin County to provide legal representation in State of Washington v. David Webster, Contract Number FCSC0900CDS001H, effective March 9, 2009.
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-354** authorizing payment of \$2,004.07 for Franklin County's portion (1/5 share) of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting, LLC, for professional consultation services.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2009-355** adopting the 2009 proposed budget for the 2163 Homeless Housing Fund.
5. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-356** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Interagency Agreement IAA10160 between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington, Administrative Office of the Courts, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
6. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-357** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Franklin and Benton County Commissioners on the Professional Services Agreement for Mark T. Almquist, dba Columbia Private Investigation, to provide investigative services for indigent persons

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- charged with crimes in Benton and Franklin Counties District and Superior Courts, Contract #BFSC0911MTA001I, effective September 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011.
7. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-358** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Franklin and Benton County Commissioners on the Professional Services Agreement for Mario Torres, dba Casey Investigations, to provide investigative services for indigent persons charged with crimes in Benton and Franklin Counties District and Superior Courts, Contract #BFSC0911MT001I, effective September 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011.
  8. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-359** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Franklin and Benton County Commissioners on the Professional Services Agreement for Bright Bowe, dba Bowe & Associates, LLC, to provide investigative services for indigent persons charged with crimes in Benton and Franklin Counties District and Superior Courts, Contract #BFSC0911BMB001I, effective September 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011.
  9. Approval to send a letter in response to the Board of Benton County Commissioners regarding the Consolidated Crisis Response Center. (Exhibit 3)

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

Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of 2009 vouchers as listed: Veteran's Assistance warrant 21441 for \$100.00; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 21451 through 21516 for \$71,947.09; and Law Library warrants 21517 through 21519 for \$7,911.64; for a total of \$79,958.73. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

**COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)**

CAC Director Judith Gidley and Debra Biondolillo met with the Board. Present in audience: Carrie Huie Pascua.

Homeless Housing and Assistance Funds (HB-2163/HB-1359) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report 2009

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009 report was reviewed (Exhibit 5).

Mr. Peck asked about the reason for the difference in the project support services number between Franklin County and Benton County. Ms. Gidley said she believes it has to do with the number of intake services.

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Ms. Gidley gave the Board a homeless program eligibility and services matrix showing the variety of programs to reduce homelessness. She reviewed the criteria for the various programs.

The state allows us to set the policy regarding the financial assistance. We set it as no more than once a year, meaning a person can only access a particular service once a year. Our goal is to help them become self-sufficient rather than using the services as a revolving door.

Ms. Gidley told the Board about meetings held with the subcontractors and about life skills classes that will be offered that are open to the public as well as CAC clients as part of the Home Base or one stop services.

The CAC is now up and running on the state's computer system.

Mr. Koch asked if there is prescription assistance available. Ms. Gidley said there is prescription assistance provided up to \$100 per prescription for one person. We've been doing that for over 15 years. We get referrals from doctors and LaClinica. We spend about \$1000 a month. Some prescriptions are filled for less than the \$100 cost. The person using the services does have to be income eligible.

Ms. Gidley said CAC has applied for a WalMart grant that would allow us to link Columbia Basin College with LaClinica and other dental organizations in the community to provide dental services. We will hear about the grant award in September.

Ms. Gidley said we are trying to expand services and not just rely on 2163 money. In order to hit the 10-year plan to reduce homelessness, the county will need more funds than the 2163 money.

A landlord liaison has been hired who will walk alongside higher-risk clients to help them obtain housing.

**Recessed** at 9:38 am.

**Reconvened** at 9:40 am.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

Request for Reimbursement, Garfield County

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Garfield County has asked Franklin County to stripe a road. They will reimburse us for the vehicle and staff and provide housing. It will take a few days to do the work. Franklin County will charge a 15% overhead. Mr. Peck asked are you confident that we won't lose money or will at least break even or come out ahead? Mr. Fife said yes. Mr. Peck commented you should do this interlocal cooperative work even when the budgets are healthy. Mr. Fife said that's true. There's more emphasis on it now. Mr. Fife said Columbia County expects to use Franklin County's services next year. Mr. Peck asked if the Public Works Department has time on your schedule to do the work so this won't delay Franklin County work. Mr. Fife said yes.

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move approval of request from Public Works for approval of cooperative agreement with Garfield County to provide striping services. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

**Preliminary 2010 Budget**

Mr. Fife gave the Board a preliminary 2010 budget. He reviewed the major construction projects listed on the preliminary budget. His recommendations were:

Leave the R170 construction project in the budget.

Cut back on the Road 100/Dent Road project with a plan to bid it in late fall for a winter project. It is traditionally when we would receive the best bids. Most of the money would then come out of the 2011 county road budget and we can plan for that.

Put East Foster Wells on the shelf. There are two reasons: The county could ask the County Rural Arterial Board (CRAB) to waive the existing cap and use the funds on the R170 project. If the Federal money does not come through for the R170 project, some funds can be shifted from the East Foster Wells Road project to R170. Mr. Fife thinks R170 is a priority.

Mr. Fife said there are 600 miles of paved roads. In order to keep them well preserved, chip sealing is normally done on a routine basis. If we were to do the chip sealing that we're supposed to do, it would cost \$1.8 million this year. However, next year we would cut our chip seal program and concentrate on gravel roads because it is less expensive. Mr. Fife doesn't want to get in the habit of avoiding the maintenance.

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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Communication Devices/Cell Phone Policy discussion

Mr. Bowen is obtaining more information from other counties before the final approval.

Committee Information

The Board discussed how much information the county web site should contain about committee/board positions. Mr. Koch suggested putting the name of the board/committee and contact phone number with an opportunity for someone who is interested in that particular board to call and find out the terms and times and when the next opening is available. Otherwise, it will be a maintenance problem to keep it up to date.

Mr. Peck suggested including the name of the board or committee, number of seats, term expiration information (whether staggered or not), and the Commissioners' number.

The Board decided the names of those currently serving will not be included.

**VOUCHERS**

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of 2009 voucher fund expenditure for Landfill Closure Trust Fund in the amount of \$2004.07. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7)

**COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX**

The Board held a meeting starting at 10:15 am seeking Franklin County residents to serve on a committee per appointment by the Board of Franklin County Commissioners in opposition of an additional three-tenths of one-percent (3/10ths of 1%) County Sales and Use Tax being imposed for public safety services and facility improvements. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

The Board waited until 10:45 am to close the meeting. No one arrived at the meeting.

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Budget Workshops

The Board will be meeting with elected officials/department heads in budget workshops this week.

**Adjourned** at 10:45 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 26, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

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Chairman Pro Tem

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Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed August 31, 2009.