

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for August 31, 2009

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

Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Koch: I move for approval of the consent agenda for August 31, 2009, as presented:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-366** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Board of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Fee for Service Contract between the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center and Prosser School District, effective September 1, 2009, through July 31, 2010. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2009-367** salvaging a two-drawer, plastic, rolling file cabinet as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Commissioners Office, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory), and reassigning said inventory to the Prosecutors Office.
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-368** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Board of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners for Agreement #09/10-DD-PHG-00 between Provident Horizon Group and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services for developmental disabilities services for clients in Benton and Franklin Counties, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)

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

Tri-City Herald Reporter Dalina Castellanos joined the audience.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move approval of voucher for 2009, fund expenditure for Auditor O&M warrant 21575 in the amount of \$200. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

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Minutes

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval for Commissioners Proceedings for July 20, August 3, 10 and 24, 2009, and allow Commissioner Peck's signature.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos.

Animal Control

Mr. Bowen briefly reviewed the efforts that have been made over the last several years to contract for dangerous dog control. He asked the Board to review the rates that will be sent to City of West Richland for a possible contract. He explained how the rates were determined. It is a per-occurrence proposal on a countywide basis.

Mr. Miller asked if the service has to be provided by someone with a license and insurance. Mr. Bowen said he assumes a business license, proper facilities and other requirements would be necessary.

The Board discussed briefly the difference between injured dogs and dangerous dogs. The Sheriff would be the one who would decide whether or not to call animal control officers regarding an injured dog.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos.

Road 68 Sign

Mr. Woody showed the Board a draft of the TRAC sign that is being prepared for placement on Road 68. He is working with the City of Pasco regarding the sign and hopes to have it in place within the new few months.

TRAC property insurance

Mr. Woody said Chief Civil Attorney Ryan Verhulp will be giving the Board some information about insurance rates for TRAC property-only insurance.

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Budget Details

Mr. Woody gave the Board some 2010 TRAC draft budget information for review.

Front Entrance

The work on TRAC's front entrance is proceeding.

Yard Sale

TRAC is tentatively considering having another yard sale in October. In 2010 TRAC is tentatively scheduling yard sales for May, June, July and September.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Present in audience: Dalina Castellanos.

Voters' Pamphlet: Jail Expansion

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Miller to sign the document of Committee Assignments for submittal to the Auditor's Office. No one responded to the county's request for committee members against the ballot measure.

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move to allow you as chairman to sign this Committee Assignments, For and Against Ballot Measure Statement for the Franklin County Voters' Pamphlet. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Wireless Communication Device Policy

Marc van den Dikkenberg from Information Services and Ryan Verhulp from the Prosecutor's Office joined the audience.

Mr. Bowen asked the Board members to review a proposed wireless communication device policy which includes cell phones. It will be placed on the consent agenda for approval if there are no changes from the Board.

Mr. Miller asked about the cost to the county. Mr. Bowen said the draft 2010 budget shows 20 individual units which would potentially cost about \$19,200. He does not know the total amount the county pays now.

Mr. Miller said he and Mr. Koch have always been against buying phones and other equipment for employee use. Mr. Koch said he is still against buying the equipment

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but the proposed policy gives the Commissioners the ability to approve or deny each request.

Mr. Koch asked for more information about the difference between standard use and high use. Mr. Bowen gave an example.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. **Executive Session** at 9:43 am expected to last up to 45 minutes based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) related to the Pasco Sanitary Landfill. Mr. Verhulp asked that Attorney Ian Rodihan from Seattle and his clients Leonard and Darrick Dietrich be allowed to be part of the executive session since they are members of our Landfill Group. The Commissioners allowed the request.

Open Session at 10:32 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.
CRP 596, R170 Landslide Area, Phase 2 Construction

Selland Construction is proposing that we close a portion of Klamath Road between Greenar Road and R170 so they don't have to deal with traffic during construction. There is some savings, about \$2500, as far as flaggers. That doesn't take into consideration any delay to the public of 15 to 20 minutes.

Greenar is a gravel road but in light of the fact that we could put some mag chloride on it and set it up and keep the dust down, it would be much better to keep traffic moving. The mag chloride will cost about \$5000 and its effects will last awhile after the project, about a year, depending on how much water gets on the road. The product leaches out. Mr. Fife recommended approval of the request from Selland Construction. It will cost an estimated \$2500 for road signs.

Mr. Koch asked if there would be any benefit to put some signage on Russell Road and Glade North Road. Mr. Fife said we figure most people who live there will find alternate routes. He explained that he feels the extra signage is not necessary.

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Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the proposed detour plan for CRP 596, R170 Landslide Area Phase 2 road realignment. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Grant for Jail

Mr. Bowen asked for approval for the Chairman to sign a grant application for work on the jail to replace the hot water system and the roof. The amount is from \$500,000 to \$600,000. There is no match required. The application has to be dated by September 8.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of authorization for the chairman to sign the grant application when it is completed for the public safety building/jail grant. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$700,686.24: warrants 49085 through 49167 for \$177,986.93; warrants 49168 through 49179 for \$230,757.84; and Direct Deposit for \$291,941.47.

On the same sheet:

Emergency Management payroll: warrants 21576 through 21587 for \$4024.45; warrants 21588 through 21597 for \$5202.86; and Direct Deposit for \$7938.30; for a total amount of \$17,165.61; and

Irrigation payroll: warrants 21598 through 21610 for \$8821.91; and warrants 21611 through 21618 for \$4662.96; for a total amount of \$13,484.87. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

Recessed at 10:43 am.

Reconvened at 10:50 am.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL (WCRP)

WCRP Executive Director Vyrle Hill and Member Services Manager David Goldsmith met with the Board. Present in audience: Ryan Verhulp, Troy Woody, Steve Lowe, Ed Bush and Tiffany Coffland.

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Annual Report

Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Hill gave the annual report.

There are three Risk Pool Board-approved changes for PY2010: Public Records Act violations will no longer be covered; implementation of an "opt out" provision; and coverage for any person or organization defined as insured under Section 2(B).

The Risk Pool will continue to provide training for public records officials.

Mr. Hill said there is an increase in renewal rates for the first time in five years. He reviewed the information regarding the rates.

Adjourned at 11:28 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until September 9, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed September 9, 2009.