

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceeding for September 14, 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 9:02 am.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board. Present in audience: Carrie Huie Pascua.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda with discussion:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2009-380** for the Collection Service Agreement Renewal between Franklin County District Court and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Exhibit 1: Request information.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-381** in the matter of Agreement #09/10-PREV-ESD-00 between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services and Educational Service District 123 to provide prevention services through Strengthening Families and Why Try Programs, authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-382** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Fee for Services Contract between the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center and Pasco School District, effective September 1, 2009, through July 31, 2010. (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-383** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners for Agreement # 09/10-DD-GW-00 between Goodwill Industries 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 4: Information sheet.)
5. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-384** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners for Agreement # 09/10-DD-CDC-00 between Children's Developmental Center and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services for developmental

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- disabilities services for clients in Benton and Franklin Counties, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. (Exhibit 5: Information sheet.)
6. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-385** in the matter of execution of Professional Services Agreement, #PSA-2009/10-Adolphsen-00, between Sharon Adolphsen and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, providing support to the local Parent Coalition to raise community awareness of the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Exhibit 6: Information sheet.)
  7. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-386** in the matter of execution of extending the Lease Agreement between McCausland/Sonju J/V and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services for office space at 2625 West Deschutes Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, for operation of Crisis Response Unit and Substance Abuse Assessment Center, amending Franklin County Resolution 96-398. (Exhibit 7: Information sheet.)
  8. Approval of **Resolution 2009-387** for the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and Kittitas County for Kittitas County to supervise Franklin County's work release inmates.
  9. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-388** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners for an Agreement, #09/10-DD-PTC-00, between Peopeworks Tri-Cities LLC and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services for clients in Benton and Franklin Counties, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. (Exhibit 8: Information sheet.)
  10. Approval of **Resolution 2009-389** for the Collection Service Agreement Renewal between Franklin County Planning and Building Code Enforcement and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Exhibit 9: Request information.)

Mr. Peck made comments on several of the consent agenda items and then called for the vote. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of 2009 vouchers in the bottom line of \$84,136.80 as listed: Current Expense warrants 22248 through 22278 for \$22,776.29; Current Expense warrants 22279 through 22341 for \$1,929.62; Current

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Expense warrants 22342 through 22354 for \$52,351.80; Franklin County Capital Projects warrant 22355 for \$2,681.00; Auditor O&M warrant 22356 for \$131.18; Veteran's Assistance warrants 22357 through 22361 for \$2,411.11; and Current Expense warrants 22362 through 22364 for \$1,855.80. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 10)

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move approval of Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$539,013.63 and Emergency Management and Irrigation payroll on the cover sheet:

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 49180 through 49260 for \$166,781.15; warrants 49261 through 49265 for \$66,641.66; and Direct Deposit for \$305,590.82; for a total amount of \$539,013.63;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 21900 through 21906 for \$3443.59; warrants 21907 through 21910 for \$1573.05; and Direct Deposit for \$8519.16; for a total amount of \$13,535.80; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 22066 through 22079 for \$9018.20; and warrants 22080 through 22083 for \$1419.11; for a total amount of \$10,437.31.

Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 11)

### **HUMAN SERVICES (HS)**

HS Director Carrie Huie Pascua met with the Board.

**Executive Session** at 9:31 am regarding contract negotiations expected to last 15 minutes based on RCW 42.30.140(4).

**Executive Session** continued at 9:46 am expected to last 15 minutes.

**Open Session** at 10:02 am.

### **TRAC**

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

#### **Property Insurance Discussion**

Some rate comparison information was reviewed for property-only insurance rates of TRAC property. More information is being obtained.

#### **Menu Samples**

Mr. Woody showed the Board a draft copy of the new TRAC menu.

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Sign on Road 68

Mr. Woody signed paperwork to have the Road 68 sign built this morning. He expects to have it installed in 60 days. It cost about \$9000 for the changes to the sign requested by the City of Pasco.

Mr. Peck said it is the first time he has heard about the cost of the changes. Mr. Bowen said the county allowed the City of Pasco use of some .09 economic development funds to purchase right-of-way on their A Street expansion project. The city has spent all but about \$8500. He asked the city manager to return the unspent portion to be used to pay for the increased cost on the sign. The sign is a legitimate expense for the use of the funds. The city will be sending the money to the county.

Mr. Peck said it's still county money so it's still costing us. He asked were the changes necessary to comply with the city's sign ordinance or were the changes the city's idea of what would look prettier? Were you able to correlate their changes to a requirement in the city's sign code ordinance? Mr. Woody said no. Mr. Peck asked why did we accept those? Mr. Woody said there's no downside for us as long as they cover the additional cost. Mr. Peck said we're paying for it. Mr. Woody said our only benefit was by working with them, we got that sign placement in the spot we wanted instead of 40 to 50 yards back. Mr. Peck asked do you feel that the location was conditioned on acceptance of the design changes? Mr. Woody does not know. Mr. Peck asked is the new design as functional for you as the old one? Mr. Woody said yes. He showed the Board a picture of the new design.

Letter

Mr. Woody asked that the Board consider sending a letter to an employee commending them on their honesty in returning cash to a promoter at TRAC.

Revenue Detail

TRAC projected revenue information was reviewed.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Out-of-County Travel

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Mr. Miller signed the out-of-county travel form for Mr. Bowen to attend the WAPELRA conference next week.

2010 Budget Discussion

Mr. Bowen said the 2010 projected shortfall is now \$1,459,000.

Mr. Peck said the Board has not had an opportunity to discuss the 2010 budget since receiving the most current information that includes input from all the departments. He plans to review the budget using a list of criteria including the following factors: mandatory v. discretionary; cuts volunteered thus far; scope and ability to absorb cuts; and efficiency of operation.

Mr. Miller said unless we know these departments' jobs, it's very hard to decide.

Mr. Peck said he thinks there are two basic ways of going forward to make a decision. One way would be for each Commissioner to write in our own recommended deductions, then meet and discuss and negotiate. The other way would be to attempt to do that process as a full Board.

Mr. Miller said another point that needs to be determined is what to do if a department head says I want to freeze step increases; that's going to save my budget some amount, and another department head says we decided in our department we're going to do furloughs. Mr. Peck said he thinks we need to decide that. He thinks we have already taken a position as a Board of Commissioners that we will not approve furloughs in 2010. Mr. Miller asked including if a department personally wants to do it? Mr. Peck does not believe they have the authority if the County Commissioners have ruled that we will not have furloughs in 2010. Mr. Miller said he has heard two different sides. Mr. Bowen will contact the Prosecutor's Office to find out the legal answer.

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board will make any consideration for cash carryover. Mr. Miller said I think we might have to consider that, as much as we hate to do it. Mr. Peck said budgeting is not about what you want; it's about what you can pay for. If we have adequate funds in reserve and contingency accounts to conduct responsible government and there is money left over, then I would fully support carrying it into the

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next year's budget. But I don't think that we can pretend that there truly is carryover if we have exhausted what is essentially the county's emergency bank account.

Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Peck said it would be irresponsible in my mind to carry forward dollars and leave the county vulnerable without a reasonable emergency fund.

Mr. Miller said his understanding is the \$1.4 million figure leaves all the reserves still intact. Mr. Bowen said that is correct. He said at the end of this year there should be a full \$1.5 million in reserve funds. Carryover amounts would be over and above.

Mr. Bowen said union negotiations will be starting. The proposed 2010 budget information the Board reviewed today has no increases for benefits or salaries. The step increases are still in the budget.

The Board decided to meet in a budget workshop session on Wednesday, September 16, from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### Tri-City Rivershore Enhancement Council (TREC)

Mr. Peck said TREC is hoping to prepare a master plan for development of the Rivershore areas at an expected cost of about \$50,000. TREC has requested that Franklin County pay \$3500 to help fund the master plan project in 2010.

Mr. Miller is concerned about committing the funds at this time. He is in favor of the project.

Mr. Koch said it will depend on our revenues. He said we are talking of losing people but supporting a study. I hate to jump in and say yes at this point. It could change by the middle of next year.

Mr. Bowen said the budget includes \$2000 in dues to the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau. There is also a \$150,000 contingency fund in the 2010 budget.

Mr. Koch said I support the concept.

Mr. Peck said he thinks one of the most difficult things to fund is strategic effort because you don't see an immediate payback. He looks back 10, 15, 20 years and wonders where we would be revenue-wise if people hadn't invested in these kind of efforts then. Mr. Peck thinks we ought to fund it. There are certain functions of

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government that we need to carry on with business, even though we are in the process of cutting.

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we approve a 2010 expenditure in the amount of \$3500 to the Tri-City Rivershore Enhancement Committee for the purpose of Franklin County's share of funding a master plan update and scope of work with the funding source to be determined by agreement of the commissioners. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 12)

**Drug Court**

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Bowen to do some follow up work on a \$10,000 donation made by HAPO to Drug Court.

**Adjourned** at 11:11 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until September 16, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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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 September 28, 2009.