

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 5, 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 to attend the Washington State Building Code Council meeting/ public hearings in Spokane, Washington. Meeting convened at 9:02 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Peck said he wants to make sure our current budget situation is not going to put us in a situation where we approve contracts and then not have funds to pay for them. The Board reviewed the consent agenda items.

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of consent agenda for Monday, October 5:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-407** 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 Kiona-Benton School District, commencing September 1, 2009, through July 31, 2010. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-408** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the County Program Contract Amendment between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Agreement Number 0663-98393-03, to provide for Selective Aggressive Probation (SAP) through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-409** authoring payment of \$1,711.07 for Franklin County's portion (1/5 share) of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting, LLC, for professional consulting services.
4. Approval to submit a letter of support for the Benton Franklin Health District and the Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance for their joint submittal of an application for a *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* grant. (Exhibit 3)

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

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TRAC Sign:

Mr. Bowen told the Board about the work being done regarding the TRAC sign.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for October 5, 2009, in the total amount of \$275,435.08: Current Expense warrants 22968 through 22984 for \$214,208.64; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 23137 and 23138 for \$198.53; Franklin County Public Facilities warrant 23139 for \$2,007.10; DUI Recovery Fund warrant 23140 for \$50.00; Sheriff's Narcotic Trust warrant 23141 for \$360.00; Treasurer O&M warrant 23142 for \$10,000.00; Jail Commissary warrants 23143 through 23147 for \$6,513.53; Supplemental Preservation Fund warrant 23148 for \$2,317.63; Boating Safety warrants 23149 and 23150 for \$1,662.07; Veteran's Assistance warrant 23151 for \$185.00; Current Expense warrants 23152 through 23221 for \$32,684.99; and Current Expense warrants 23222 through 23299 for \$5,247.59. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Present in audience: Kevin Scott.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for County Road Fund for \$244,226.95; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$74,489.93; and Solid Waste Fund for \$112.70, in the total amount of \$318,829.58. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Civil Service Commission

The county has received a request from the Civil Service Commission secretary to increase the number of Civil Service Commission members from three to five members as allowed by a new law. There is currently one position vacant on the commission. The Commissioners will do more research. Mr. Peck wants to know answers to some questions including: Are there fiscal impacts? Where do the current two commissioners stand on the request? Do they have any idea how difficult it may be to get three more members? Will it be more or less difficult, in the opinion of the current members, to achieve a quorum with a five-member board than the current three-member board?

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen and Information Services Director Kevin Scott met with the Board.

Cell Phone Reimbursements

Mr. Bowen answered Mr. Miller's questions about implementation of the new cell phone policy. He answered Mr. Peck's questions about a proposed resolution authorizing cell phone and data use reimbursement for some Commissioners Office employees.

Mr. Peck feels it would be better for the Board to designate authority to Mr. Bowen to execute the documents instead of the Board signing each authorization. He said the approval would stay with the commissioners but the Board wouldn't need to execute a resolution. Mr. Bowen said the policy states a resolution has to accompany the first request for reimbursement from each employee.

The Board discussed the process that might be used by department heads/elected officials to ask for approval of cell phone/data use. The Board asked Mr. Bowen to prepare a list of positions requested by elected officials/department heads for cell phone and/or data reimbursement approval for the next Board meeting. The list could be reviewed at least once a year.

Mr. Bowen told the Board that elected officials/department heads were advised by memorandum that current reimbursements would be discontinued as of October 1 so there is some urgency for Board action.

Mr. Hoffman joined the audience.

Mr. Peck suggested the list state something like "this position is authorized for standard use and data." Whoever is in that position and chooses to be reimbursed and the department head chooses to fund it, then that's what they get. Department heads may reimburse up to the approved amount, not to exceed actual cost.

Information Services Cell Phones

Mr. Scott explained briefly how cell phones and data are used by his employees. **Executive Session** at 10:02 am regarding personnel based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) expected to last 15 minutes. Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Withers left the meeting.

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Recessed at 10:17 am.

Executive Session continued at 10:22 am expected to last 20 minutes.

Executive Session continued at 10:45 am expected to last 20 minutes.

Open Session at 11:12 am.

Adjourned at 11:12 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 12, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed October 12, 2009.