

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 26, 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.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move approval of the consent agenda for Monday, October 26, 2009:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-435** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on Amendment #07/09-PIPH-CFCS-01 between Catholic Family and Child Services and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, effective October 1, 2007, through November 30, 2009, and amending Franklin County Resolution 2007-511. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-436** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on Amendment #07/09-CMH-CFCS-01 between Catholic Family and Child Services and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services, effective October 1, 2007, through November 30, 2009, and amending Franklin County Resolution 2007-512. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-437** authoring payment of \$2,850.78 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. Voucher approval for Park Acquisition & Capital Fund, Number 155-000-001, in the amount of \$9,000 for reimbursement for a portion of Erwen Park Boating Access Project. (Exhibit 3)

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

Lauri Sherfey and Gwen Hoheisel joined the audience.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of 2009 vouchers for October 26 in the total amount of \$1,040,767.44: Current Expense warrants 24067 through 24152 for

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\$262,404.12; Current Expense warrants 24153 through 24192 for \$693,775.13; Current Expense warrants 24193 through 24236 for \$1635.81; Auditor O&M warrants 24237 through 24240 for \$5470.15; REET Technology warrant 24241 for \$26,533.50; Treasurer O&M warrants 24242 and 24243 for \$411.97; FC Enhanced 911 warrants 24244 through 24250 for \$24,869.46; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 24251 through 24253 for \$322.90; Jail Commissary warrant 24254 for \$157.28; FC Public Facilities Construction Fund warrants 24255 and 24256 for \$15,667.08; FC Capital Projects Fund warrant 24257 for \$4211.00; Boating Safety warrant 24258 for \$492.51; Courthouse Facilitator warrant 24259 for \$832.50; Crime Victims Witness warrant 24260 for \$2719.04; and Trial Court Improvement Fund warrant 24261 for \$1264.99. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Contract with Kittitas County regarding Work Release

Kittitas County asked Franklin County to consider amending a portion of the proposed contract. Mr. Koch wants to have Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp's input before making a decision.

WSU EXTENSION OFFICE

WSU Extension Director Lauri Sherfey and Extension Agent Gwen Hoheisel met with the Board. Ms. Hoheisel told the Board about her responsibilities for Benton and Franklin Counties, primarily with tree fruit, grapes and berries.

She said the Specialty Crop Research Initiative funded through the last Farm Bill has been a great resource to agriculture here. It's going to push the tree fruit, grape, and vegetable industries so far ahead of where they are now because so many projects couldn't be done without a comprehensive effort to move forward. It took so much money that individual commodities could not fund it to adequate levels. There is a comprehensive or deliberate and focused push by USDA to make all the researchers work together in an interdisciplinary manner.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board.

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Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against intention to sell surplus equipment

Public Hearing convened at 9:30 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Engineer Tim Fife; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. No one was present in the audience.

Mr. Fife said one change was made from what was posted in the Notice of Intent. The CS 2430 pickup was advertised as if we were going to surplus it but the Facilities Department will be using that pickup instead.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of request for 2009 surplus equipment sale as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2009-438.

Road maintenance and spraying discussion

Mr. Koch asked for an update on the plans for maintenance of roads in the dryland areas. Mr. Fife said we are still formulating what we're going to do with the roads because of the budget. The work that is done will be maintenance mostly with some weed control. There was a meeting with the Weed Board last week regarding the new pilot project for the dryland area.

There is one year remaining on the two-year weed spraying contract.

The Public Works Department plans for maintenance in 2010 include more concentration on hauling some gravel on roads that have worn down and widening some road areas.

Mr. Peck suggested the Public Works Department communicate with growers to find out what time of year their need for maintenance is the greatest.

Recessed at 9:39 am.

Reconvened at 9:48 am.

AUDITOR

Elections Supervisor Diana Killian met with the Board. Present in audience: Auditor Zona Lenhart and TRAC Manager Troy Woody.

Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against increasing the revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2000 Miscellaneous Elections Equipment Revolving

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Fund #104-000-001 by \$54,774 as provided for by RCW 36.40.100, for grant funds received from the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division.

Public Hearing convened at 9:48 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Elections Supervisor Diana Killian; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Zona Lenhart and Troy Woody.

Ms. Killian said the county expects to receive some Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds and explained how the funds will be used.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Resolution 2009-439 regarding the increase of revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2009 Miscellaneous Elections Equipment Revolving Fund in the amount of \$54,774. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Business Meeting Flyer

Mr. Woody showed the Board an example of an advertising flyer that was sent to local attorneys.

Menu

The new menu is finished. Mr. Woody said it will be distributed at an upcoming meeting of the Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Road 68 sign update

Before the City of Pasco will release the building permit for the Road 68 sign to be placed in their right-of-way, the city has requested a letter from the Commissioners agreeing to put three city-owned properties on the sign (soccer field, softball complex and Dust Devils stadium). Mr. Woody answered the Board's questions about the three properties. He said the City Manager has stated they are publicly owned, publicly financed and publicly built. A determination can be made later about adding private businesses to the sign. Mr. Woody said the private business question is being reviewed by the county's attorney as well as the city's attorney, who expect it will take a period of months to reach a final determination.

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Mr. Peck said he would not have any problem with the publicly owned businesses being on the sign but does have a problem with private for-profit businesses being on the sign. He would be in favor of moving forward at this time without private entities on the sign, then conducting the necessary legal reviews when people apply for placement on the sign. Mr. Woody will get the letter prepared for placement on the consent agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Workshop schedule

Mr. Bowen suggested waiting to hold another budget workshop until Benton County has worked on the bi-county department budgets. The Board agreed.

Adjourned at 10:06 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 28, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed November 2, 2009.