

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 9, 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. Koch: I move for approval of the consent agenda for December 9, 2009:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-486** to reappoint John Evans to the Mental Health Advisory Board to represent Benton and Franklin Counties, with said term expiring December 31, 2012. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-487** reappointing John Poyner, Darren Brown, and Kathye Kilgore to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board to represent Benton and Franklin Counties, with said terms expiring December 31, 2012. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Authorize the County Assessor to shift \$265,000 from the County Road Department to the County Current Expense levy for the year 2010. (Exhibit 3)

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

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of vouchers for 2009 in the fund expenditures in the total amount of \$53,084.37: Current Expense warrants 25893 through 25932 for \$22,105.16; Current Expense warrants 25977 through 26010 for \$15,232.90; Current Expense warrants 26085 though 26145 for \$14,796.31; and Courthouse Facilitator warrant #26146 for \$950.00. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Tri-Cities Prep High School (9:07 am)

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of resolution congratulating Tri-Cities Prep High School Football Team on their State 1-B championship title. Second by Mr. Koch. This is Resolution 2009-488.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 9, 2009

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:10 am)**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

County Travel

The Board discussed possible travel to the National Association of Counties (NACo) conferences and other possible travel in 2010. No decisions were made.

**HUMAN SERVICES (HS) (9:20 am)**

HS Director Carrie Huie Pascua met with the Board to give a department update. Topics included a report on the state conference, a report of the second annual joint meeting of the advisory boards, and handouts from various HS departments. The Substance Abuse Advisory Board is the only advisory board required by law. It is possible the Mental Health Advisory Board and the Substance Abuse Advisory Board will be combined in the future.

A bi-county meeting is scheduled for December 16 to give updated information to the Commissioners regarding ongoing discussions about a proposed Consolidated Crisis Response Center (CCRC).

**PROSECUTOR (9:50 am)**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Draft of proposed resolution

Mr. Verhulp gave the Board a draft of a resolution to re-schedule the Board's regular meetings starting in January.

**Executive Session** at 9:54 am regarding potential litigation (Progressive Insurance claim for damages) based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

**Open Session** at 10:05 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING** (continued from Monday, December 7, 2009)

Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against adoption of the 2010 Franklin County Current Expense, Miscellaneous and Agency Fund budgets

Public Hearing continued at 10:06 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Chief Accountant Tom Westerman; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Bob Hoffman, Tri-City Herald Reporter

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 9, 2009

Kristi Pihl, Information Services Director Kevin Scott, Information Services staff member Dan McCann, and County Administrator's Secretary Bridgette Scott.

Chief Accountant Tom Westerman presented the budget and briefly explained the changes that have been made.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak. There was no response.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of adoption of the Franklin County Current Expense 2010 budget, Resolution #2009-489. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

2010 Miscellaneous Budget

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move approval of adoption of the Franklin County 2010 Miscellaneous Budget as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2009-490.

Mr. Miller expressed appreciation to elected officials and departments who helped us get through this difficult budget year.

Engineer Tim Fife joined the meeting.

2010 Annual Construction and Major Equipment Purchase Plan

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Resolution 2009-491 in the matter of 2010 Annual Construction and Major Equipment Purchase. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (continuing) (10:16 am)

Also present: Bob Hoffman, Kristi Pihl, Kevin Scott, Dan McCann and Bridgette Scott.

Commissioners Office

There was extensive discussion about changes to the Commissioners Office phone system (communications), agenda reports and scheduling program.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 9, 2009

Board Meeting Recordings on Internet

Mr. Scott said there is a subscription-based service available that could be used at some time in the future to create hyperlinks to specific Commissioner Meeting recordings.

**OTHER BUSINESS** (11:33 am)

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move approval of vouchers for Motor Vehicle Payroll fund bottom line of \$11,642.52 and County Road Payroll in the amount of \$69,701.28.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (continuing)

**Executive Session** at 11:33 am regarding contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last 10 minutes.

**Executive Session** continued at 11:45 am expected to last 10 minutes. No one was waiting outside the room.

**Open Session** at 11:58 am.

**Adjourned** at 11:58 am.

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 9, 2009

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

---

Chairman

---

Chairman Pro Tem

---

Member

Attest:

---

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed December 30, 2009.