

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for February 24, 2010

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Bob Koch, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES (9:00 am)**

Lobbyist Jim Potts talked with the Board by speaker phone about current state legislative issues. Present in audience: Carrie Huie Pascua and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristy Pihl.

**HUMAN SERVICES (HS) (9:10 am)**

HS Director Carrie Huie Pascua met with the Board.

Department Update

Ms. Huie Pascua gave the Board an update about the Human Services Department and a comparison of state House and Senate proposed budgets.

Developmental Disabilities Services: She briefly explained how the contract monitoring is done. An amendment to the contract will come from the state to reduce the administration portion from 7% to 6.5%. We are already at 6.5% so it will not have a fiscal impact.

Housing Services: The Annual Progress Report (APR) is being completed today. It is an extremely labor-intensive process. Mr. Koch asked if the report is beneficial to Human Services. Ms. Huie Pascua said yes, we get some benefit. It is not just an administrative exercise. This is the first year Human Services has had to do the report. She thinks it will be easier to do next year because the groundwork and framework have been laid.

Mental Health Services: There are two open positions at the Crisis Response Unit.

There is no longer any funding from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for the Crisis Intervention Team training for law enforcement personnel. Human Services will be sending some key personnel to national training in Texas in June, possibly four people. Mr. Peck asked that Ms. Huie Pascua consider sending one or two people who would then come back and train others in order to allow some of the funds to be used to train local law enforcement officers. The Board would like to have more Franklin County participation.

Financial Manager Diana Ransom will be retiring after almost 30 years of service. Linda Ivey has been hired as the new financial manager.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Services: We are seeing a drop in treatment completion rates, which is disturbing. There has been a drop in funding for low income clients.

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Kids Hospitalizations: The average number of kids being hospitalized has dropped to two kids per month on average over a rolling six-month period.

Regional Support Network (RSN): Ms. Huie Pascua gave the Board a copy of a report that will be sent to the Regional Support Network (RSN) on Friday.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT (9:32 am)**

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson and Assistant Director Greg Wendt met with the Board. Present in audience: Tim Fife and Kristy Pihl.

Public Meeting: To review Planning Commission recommendation, CUP 2010-01, a Conditional Use Permit application by Steve DeRuyter. Said application is to amend CUP 1999-10 and increase the milking cow headcount for an existing dairy operation. The land is zoned Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20).

Public Meeting convened at 9:33 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Tim Fife and Kristy Pihl.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 5).

Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial photograph of the area with zoning overlay and an aerial photograph of the existing operation with proposed facilities added.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the conditions of approval.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move to grant approval to Conditional Use Permit Application CUP 2010-01 subject to the six findings of fact and 15 conditions. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-056.

**PUBLIC WORKS (9:56 am)**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

Basin Tree Service Contract Amendment

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Resolution 2010-057 regarding 2009-2010 Herbicide Application Agreement Amendment between Franklin County and Basin Tree and Pest Control. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Purchase one new SUV from state contract

Mr. Fife requested approval to purchase a new SUV from the state contract. The Board asked Mr. Fife to prepare additional information comparing the cost to purchase locally with the cost from the state contract. Mr. Peck said he is adamant that we purchase locally whenever

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reasonable to do so in order to support local businesses that provide jobs and fund our local economy.

**PROSECUTOR** (10:22 am)

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Risk Exposure Self Assessment

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of the Annual Risk Exposure Self-Assessment for Franklin County. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-058.

Canvassing Board

Mr. Peck thanked Mr. Verhulp for his participation at a recent Canvassing Board meeting.

**OFFICE BUSINESS (10:33 am)**

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the consent agenda as listed. Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. Peck abstained from the vote for item #1. 3:0 vote in favor of consent agenda.

1. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-058, for bi-county contract #BFSC1011JFB001 with attorney James F. Bell to provide indigent defense services in Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Courts to persons subject to detention pursuant to the Involuntary Treatment Act, RCW Chapter 71.05. (Clerk's Note: Mr. Peck abstained from voting on Consent Agenda Item #1.)
2. Approval of County Road Fund payroll for pay period ending 2/18/2010 for \$69,876.56 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for pay period ending 2/18/2010 for \$11,769.33.
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-059 for payment of Franklin County's portion (\$1,912.75) of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting, LLC, for professional services.
4. Certificate of Appreciation to Flo Sayre for six years of dedicated service on the Franklin County Planning Commission. (Exhibit 1)

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the vouchers for 2/24/2010 as listed for expenditures in the total amount of \$58,930.70. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Election Equipment Revolving warrants 29446 through 29448 for \$275.95;  
Dispatch/Enhanced 911 warrants 29449 through 29459 for \$14,023.29; Law Library warrants

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29460 through 29463 for \$18,566.35; Veterans' Assistance warrants 29464 and 29465 for \$717.07; Current Expense warrants 29466 through 29472 for \$3859.83; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrants 29474 through 29475 for \$606.75; Trial Court Improvement Fund warrant 29476 for \$1054.06; Jail Commissary warrants 29477 through 29481 for \$4863.43; and FC Public Facilities Construction Fund warrant 29482 for \$14,963.97. (Exhibit 2)

Minutes

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the Commissioners Proceedings for February 17, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$689,666.89 and the cover sheet includes Emergency Management Payroll for \$11,768.85 and Irrigation payroll for \$12,745.27. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 50389 through 50468 for \$169,511.80; warrants 50469 through 50480 for \$221,994.38; and Direct Deposit for \$298,160.71;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 29522 through 29531 for \$2897.34; warrants 29532 through 29541 for \$3285.10; and Direct Deposit for \$5586.41; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 29542 through 29555 for \$8052.84; and warrants 29556 through 29563 for \$4692.43. (Exhibit 3)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (10:45 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen and Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board.  
Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

Rescind Resolution 2010-017 and approve inter budget transfers to Current Expense:

\$377,000 from 2010 Miscellaneous CE Cumulative Reserve Fund #100-000-001, \$247,000 from 2010 Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund #300-000-001, and up to \$308,000 from 2010 Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund #300-000-001, all to the 2010 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Franklin County Resolution 2010-061, rescinding Resolution 2010-017 and approving the verbiage on the resolution. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the vouchers dated February 24, 2010, for County Roads, warrant 29564 for \$200,325.00 and Franklin County Capital Projects Fund warrants

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29565 for \$200,000.00 in the amount of \$400,325.00. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.  
(Exhibit 4)

Fire Investigator Position

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of creation of fire investigator line items in Sheriff's Budget #001-000-520 and inter budget transfer in the amount of \$5000. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-062.

Mr. Bowen gave a brief description of what the fire investigator will do.

Discussion regarding authority of County Administrator

The Board discussed what authority the County Administrator should have regarding decisions about hiring and step increases. The Board asked the County Administrator to draft a policy statement outlining the County Administrator's authority with respect to personnel actions.

East Foster Wells Road and Juniper Dunes Road

The Board **gave approval** for Commissioner Peck to send a letter to U.S. Representative Doc Hastings requesting federal funding for the East Foster Wells Road and Peterson Road (Juniper Dunes access) projects.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

City of Connell

The Board discussed a request from the City of Connell regarding county-owned property near the Connell Community Center. The Board authorized Mr. Koch to contact the City of Connell to discuss mutually beneficial terms for a land exchange.

**Adjourned** at 11:40 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 3, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Brad Peck, Chairman

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Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

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Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed March 17, 2010.