

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for March 3, 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.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald reporter Kristy Pihl.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda for March 3, 2010, as presented:

1. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests for Sheriff Richard Lathim and Undersheriff Kevin Carle to attend the Western States Sheriff's Association Training Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-12, 2010. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of letter to Franklin County Auditor Zona Lenhart authorizing the release of payroll checks for March 15, 2010.
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-063, Contract between Juvenile Justice Center and the Kennewick School District to provide for an educational advocate team.
4. Approval of letter awarding the 2010 Herbicide purchase to Basin Tree Service for Diuron 80 wdg and CPS Inc. for LI 700. (Exhibit 2)

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

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the vouchers as dated March 3, 2010, in the total amount of \$208,384.06. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 29566 for \$1912.75; Growth Management warrant 29567 for \$1012.61; Current Expense warrants 29568 through 29695 for \$59,089.66; Auditor O&M warrants 29696 and 29697 for \$456.67; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 29698 through 29699 for \$362.48; Boating Safety Fund warrants 29700 through 29702 for \$608.50; Sheriff Narcotic Trust warrant 29703 for \$2514.18; DUI Recovery Fund warrant 29704 for \$9150.00; Jail Commissary warrants 29705 through 29710 for \$10,726.27; Current Expense warrants 29711 through 29741 for \$28,624.98; Current Expense warrants 29742 through 29807 for \$83,307.81; Current Expense warrants 29808 through 29822 for \$7513.59; and Current Expense warrants 29854 through 29859 for \$3104.56. (Exhibit 3)

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Metro Amendment to Agreement

Mr. Miller said the amendment is to allow the City of West Richland to re-enter Metro. West Richland will supply a detective, benefitting the entire group.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC) (9:11 am)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

Personnel

Detention Manager Terry Tanneberg retired after 36 years. Eric Lipp was hired to replace Mr. Tanneberg.

Budget Reductions and Operations Update

Ms. Paradis told the Board about how JJC operations have changed on a day-to-day basis since the budget reductions.

PUBLIC WORKS (9:24 am)

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Jim Holland from Western States, Blaine Hulse from Rowand Machinery and Kristy Pihl.

Intermountain Materials Testing

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement between Franklin County and Intermountain Material Testing for professional construction materials sampling and testing services, 2010-11. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-064.

HDR Consultant Agreement

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move in the matter of approving Supplemental Agreement #5, Standard Consulting Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for CRP 596 - R170 landslide area. Second by Mr. Koch. 9:29:30 This is Resolution 2010-065.

Bid Opening: One Used Motor Grader

Bid Opening convened at 9:31 am. Present in audience: Jim Holland, Blaine Hulse, Franklin County Shop Superintendent Darrel Farnsworth and Kristy Pihl.

Central Machinery Sales, Bid #1	Case 885, 2006	\$118,000
Central Machinery Sales, Bid #2	Case 865, 2007	\$129,000
Western States	Cat 140H, 2005	\$146,900
Rowand Machine	John Deere 770CH, 2004	\$98,350
Clyde West	Volvo G946 2006	\$168,978
Budgeted amount:	\$110,000.	

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The bids will be reviewed by the Public Works Department.

SUV purchase

Present in audience: Darrel Farnsworth and Kristy Pihl.

Mr. Fife said investigation found that vehicles are exempt from the streamlining sales tax rule so sales tax paid on the SUV from the state bid contract would go to Longview if it is purchased there. He asked for Board approval to purchase an SUV from Legacy Ford in Pasco. It will cost \$22 more than buying the SUV from Longview. Three quotes were obtained and compared to the state contract. The county is allowed to make the local purchase or purchase off the state contract.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we purchase one SUV through Legacy Ford Pasco for \$20,986.87. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the vouchers for County Road Fund for \$90,550.29; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$15,513.74; and Solid Waste for \$1632.41, in the total amount of \$107,696.44. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Amending Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A public hearing has been set to amend the Six-Year TIP so that everything will be in order if the Federal stimulus funding becomes available. Two of the projects involved are East Foster Wells Road and R170 landslide project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:51 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

State 911 Study

Dispatch Supervisor Ed Bush joined the meeting.

The Board had **unanimous consensus agreement** to approve participation in a state 911 study if Benton County also approves participation.

Proposed 911 tax increase

If some currently proposed state legislation passes, Franklin County's 911 program would receive about \$100,000 per year through a tax increase. Mr. Peck said while it would be good for the county, it may not be good for citizens to have a tax increase. Mr. Bush said there has not been an increase since the early 1990s.

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Human Services Director Position

The Board gave Mr. Bowen some directions regarding filling of the Human Services Director position.

Metro Contract Amendment

Mr. Bowen has reviewed the contract amendment.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the Metro Interlocal Agreement, Local Narcotics Control Program and Metropolitan Controlled Substance Enforcement Group Interlocal Agreement, between Pasco, Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, Benton County and Franklin County, and that we accept the amendment to add West Richland. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-066.

Mid-Columbia Library

Mid-Columbia Library is asking the Board to sign a letter of support for the fiber optics project in north Franklin County. The letters are due by March 5. Mr. Koch asked that Franklin PUD be consulted prior to sending a letter because they have also been working on a similar project. He wants to make sure the two entities are in concurrence. Mr. Peck agreed.

The Board authorized Mr. Peck to sign a letter after reviewing further information.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move that we authorize the chair to sign a letter for Mid-Columbia Library supporting a broad band project in north Franklin County if there's no conflict. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

City of Connell

Mr. Koch met with City of Connell representatives and worked out an agreement that will go to the City of Connell Council tonight for trading property foot for foot. The Board reviewed a memo from City of Connell (Exhibit 6). After discussion, Mr. Peck asked for a motion.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I make a motion that we exchange the property parcel #109-851-109 owned by Franklin County in exchange for the north one-third of parcel 109-880-121 adjacent to the county shop parcel. The City of Connell will be doing all the legwork as far as what needs to be done to make this happen. Second by Mr. Miller.

The parking lot area that Franklin County owns is 30,184 square feet. We would be exchanging that area for 30,184 square feet of the north one-third of the city's parcel.

Amendment to Motion: Mr. Peck asked to add an amendment to the motion stating it is for equal square footage on both sides. Mr. Koch agreed. 3:0 vote in favor.

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Board Workshop Sessions

Mr. Koch would like the Board to hold workshop sessions on Mondays to review consent agenda items and other items. It could be done on a 60- to 90-day trial basis. Mr. Peck feels it is not necessary. After discussion, the Board decided to check into public meeting requirements for workshop sessions before making a decision.

Irrigation Water: Department of Ecology (DOE) Meeting

Mr. Miller has been invited by the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association to a meeting with the DOE on Friday at Lacey, Washington. Irrigators are being conservative with water use. They are allowed to use half of the water they save and let the other half go back in the river. However, the DOE is not allowing irrigators to do this. Mr. Miller will be speaking that he supports allowing irrigators to take half the water for use. Mr. Koch agreed, saying he thinks we need to do all we can to support our irrigators.

Recessed at 10:49 am.

Reconvened at 10:55 am.

Executive Session at 10:55 am based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate qualifications of an applicant for employment or review an employee's performance, expected to last up to 20 minutes.

Open Session at 11:13 am.

Adjourned at 11:13 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 17, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Brad Peck, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed March 17, 2010.