

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for April 14, 2010

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were 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. Brad Peck, Chairman, was absent on county business, attending a meeting in Kittitas County regarding a moratorium on exempt wells.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

Deputy Director Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board. Present in audience: Carl Walters II from CHC at La Clinica, Joe Vela CHC NECCS. Timothy Hoekstra from CHC LaClinica, Ray Morrison, and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Thornbrugh gave an update on developmental disabilities services, housing services, mental health services and substance abuse and prevention services.

La Clinica

Mr. Walters thanked the Board for their support. He introduced Joe Vila as the new director and Timothy Hoekstra who has been the acting director of Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center (NECC).

OFFICE BUSINESS

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Koch: I move for approval of the consent agenda for Wednesday, April 14, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-113, Amendment #09/11-SA-LCC-01 between Lourdes Counseling Center and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services to incorporate provisions for Employee Education about False Claims Recovery and to waive the Tobacco-Free Facilities and Grounds provisions.
2. Approval for signatures on the updated Washington State Military Department Signature Authorization Form, authorizing signatures of Commissioners Brad Peck, Rick Miller and Robert E. Koch, 911 Communications Director Ed Bush and Information Services Director Kevin Scott. Under the existing contract, Franklin County provides support services for the state's microwave system and is reimbursed for the services.
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-114, bi-county resolution authorizing transfer of funds within Human Services Fund #0108-101, Department 504, Crisis Administration. The resolution authorizes creation of a Senior Secretary position in the 2010 budget which was previously approved but not included as a separate line item in the budget and approves transfer of \$31,165.00 from the Office Assistant III line item to the Senior Secretary line item.

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4. Approval of Resolution 2010-115, contract amendment between the Juvenile Justice Center and J & J Security, amending Resolution 2009-506, regarding compensation changes.
5. Approval of Resolution 2010-116, precinct boundary changes.
6. Approval of Resolution 2010-117, 2010 District Court copier contract with Abadan.

PUBLIC WORKS (9:24 am)

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

HVAC Maintenance and Repair Contract

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move approval of the contract for HVAC maintenance and repair services for Franklin County Public Works Administrative Office and Shop with Apollo Sheet Metal. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-118.

Federal Enhancement Program: Call for Projects

Mr. Fife asked if the Board has any projects they would like submitted for funding. Typically in this area, the funds have been spent on bike paths but the county no longer has any bike path areas. Mr. Fife listed the 12 types of projects that are allowed:

- Provision for facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.
- Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
- Historic preservation.
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails).
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
- Archaeological planning and research.
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
- Establishment of transportation museums.

The county's comprehensive plan called for us to continue bike paths in the Corps of Engineers' property to the north but we no longer have a lease with the Corps. Mr. Miller asked if there is a possibility of having a bike path going out towards Dobie Burns' area. Mr. Fife said yes, it was on the comp plan but we no longer have a lease with the Corps of Engineers. We could pursue leasing only the corridor for the bike path.

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There is \$900,000 available for all of Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties.

Mr. Fife described the typical process of review.

Mr. Koch said if you don't have anything in mind, nothing pressing, maybe we will want to support one of the city's projects. Mr. Fife said the City of Pasco plans to apply for a levee lowering project that was originally one of the county's goals.

Mr. Bowen asked if an access could be included. Mr. Fife said it may be possible if it is a non-motorized access.

Peterson Road/Juniper Dunes Update

Mr. Fife said we have requested a meeting with property owners Premier Properties but have not yet received a response.

Mr. Koch said the first proposal made by Representative Doc Hastings was for access to public land in Washington state. If the proposal remained as initially submitted, the revenue would be earmarked for this particular project.

Mr. Fife said we need access for the first mile. There is already legal access for the second mile based on a short plat, although the road does not currently run entirely on the access area. It is possible that some easement would have to be purchased for the second mile so the road would remain where it is at present.

Mr. Koch said a consulting firm toured Juniper Dunes and is preparing a report.

All Weather Road Survey

Historically, the county tried to get as many all-weather routes in the county connected to state routes as possible. Mr. Fife pointed some out on the map. We have since reconsidered that and said our road restrictions last longest in the north because of climatic conditions so we started trying to concentrate on the north end.

He showed a county map with typical industries that would have a need to haul during a time of load restrictions. It was prepared based on information from the Soil Conservation Service and the Assessor and using information from permits that were issued during times of road restrictions. A questionnaire has been prepared that will be sent to various addresses in the county that may have the need for the roads to be open. Mr. Koch said it is a good questionnaire. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Fife said the survey is an attempt to try to quantify what the needs are. We hope to get good participation. We are also going to put it on the web site.

After the surveys are returned, the information will be compiled and then a priority array will be made.

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Mr. Fife said fuel deliveries such as home heating oil have not been included at this point because there was not access to the information.

New Motor Grader

A bid opening will be held next week for a new motor grader.

Range Areas

The signing has been completed for the new range area boundaries. It was coordinated with the State Department of Transportation and their signs are also in place.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:51 am)

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

Award of Bid: Legal Notices

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of the award of bid for legal notices to Franklin County Graphic for 8-1/2 cents per column inch. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.
(Exhibit 1)

Referendum 71

The county is now required by law to offer domestic partnership benefits to its employees. After review, staff decided it would be best to follow the regulations of the State of Washington rather than creating a new county policy. Domestic partners would register with the state and then submit to the Human Resources Department. There is no additional cost to the county for doing it. Mr. Bowen asked for approval to send a letter to employees regarding the benefits. The Commissioners said it is required by state law and approved sending the memo.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of sending out the information for Referendum 71. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Basin City Water Sewer District CDBG Grant Consultant Agreement – James Sewell & Associates

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of consultant agreement for Basin City Water and Sewer District between Franklin County and James A. Sewell & Associates, LLC, in connection with the Community Development Block Grant contract, and with the absence of Commissioner Peck to allow Commissioner Miller to sign the contract. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-119.

FYI: County Clerk Request

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The County Clerk has requested approval to add a counter so the public can fill out paperwork and have access to a computer. Mr. Bowen explained where the counter and computer would be located, with the public having access to only a keyboard and a mouse, using an existing closet for the computer storage area. The cost is about \$1200. The Clerk has funds available in his budget. It would be a benefit to the county and the public. The public can then look at their court times and some other information instead of requesting it from the Clerk's office. Mr. Miller asked if there will be a lot of time spent showing the public how to use it. Mr. Bowen said that was not brought to his attention. **The Board gave approval as long as the funds come out of the Clerk's budget.**

Executive Session at 10:02 am regarding union negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last 15 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the meeting.

Open Session at 10:17 am.

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll warrants in the amount of \$555,847.48. Irrigation and Emergency Management are also included on the cover sheet. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 50696 through 50787 for \$166,824.42; warrants 50788 through 50793 for \$68,126.72; and Direct Deposit for \$320,896.34; for a total amount of \$555,847.48;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 31486 through 31492 for \$3141.21; warrants 31493 through 31496 for \$1341.37; and Direct Deposit for \$7029.04; for a total amount of \$11,511.62; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 31465 through 31481 for \$11,157.97; and warrants 31482 through 31485 for \$1774.22; for a total amount of \$12,932.19.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of fund expenditure warrants in the bottom line of \$252,229.89. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Current Expense warrants 31497 through 31550 for \$46,281.94; Courthouse Facilitator Program warrant 31551 for \$870.00; Enhanced 911 warrants 31552 through 31558 for \$121,638.16; Veteran's Assistance warrants 31559 and 31560 for \$2879.09; TRAC warrants 31602 through 31672 for \$80,399.33; and RV Park warrant 31673 for \$161.37; for a total amount of \$262,229.89.

Adjourned at 10:21 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until April 21, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brad Peck, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed April 28, 2010.