

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for April 21, 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 9:01 AM.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, David Clynis, Blaine Hulse, Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristy Pihl and Jacki Camba, Southridge High School student.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I move we approve the consent agenda as listed. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-120, Contract #S08-46108-816 between the Department of Commerce for data sharing and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services. The contract relates to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Sharing Funding Program.
2. Approval of Resolution 2010-121, payment of Franklin County's portion (\$2264.44) of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting LLC for professional services related to the cleanup of the Pasco Sanitary Landfill.
3. Approval of payment of County Road Fund payroll for \$69,701.22 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$11,869.47 for pay period ending April 15, 2010.
4. Approval of Resolution 2010-122, Maintenance Contract for Work Release copy machine between Franklin County Corrections and Abadan. The copier is model number BH222, serial number A11W011000891.
5. Approval of Resolution 2010-123, Federal Grant Application for the Benton-Franklin Counties Truancy Contempt Project.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the vouchers as of this date 4/21/2010 and they are listed for the amount of \$566,639.51. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Jail Commissary warrants 31707 through 31710 for \$3690.43; Affordable Housing Fund warrant 31711 for \$755.54; FC Public Facilities Construction Fund warrant 31712 for \$2485.00; Auditor O&M warrant 31713 for \$914.28; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 31714 through 31718 for \$1766.26; Treasurer O&M warrant 31719 for \$103.98; Crime Victims/Witness Assist warrants 31720 and 31721 for \$2760.63; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 31722 for

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\$151.58; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 31723 for \$56.00; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 31724 through 31745 for \$12,527.37; Current Expense warrants 31746 through 31784 for \$110,999.37; Auditor O&M warrants 31785 and 31786 for \$257.67; Enhanced 911 warrants 31787 through 31791 for \$6948.36; Solid Waste warrant 31792 for \$436.09; Law Library warrants 31793 through 31796 for \$5886.70; Franklin County Unemployment Fund warrant 31797 for \$39,309.18; Current Expense warrants 31798 through 31960 for \$3781.40; Current Expense warrant 31961 for \$24,163.61; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 31962 for \$269.65; Veteran's Assistance warrants 31963 and 31964 for \$849.00; Current Expense warrants 31965 through 32022 for \$55,503.30; Current Expense warrants 32023 through 32095 for \$85,134.72; Current Expense warrants 32096 through 32129 for \$183,774.02; and Franklin County RV Facility warrants 32130 through 32135 for \$14,115.37; for a total amount of \$556,639.51. (Exhibit 1)

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson and Assistant Planning Director Greg Wendt joined the meeting.

Final Approval Subdivision SUB 2009-03, Gene Batey

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move for final approval for SUB 2009-03 for subdivision for Gene Batey. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-124.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT (9:17 am)**

Public Meeting: CUP 2010-04, a Conditional Use Permit request to amend CUP 2001-03, applicant Linden Knapp (Express Storage Facility) to allow outside storage for items such as boats and recreational vehicles. Land is located north of Court Street, on the east side of Road 64 and the northeast corner of Court Street and Road 64. Parcel Number 118-612-097.

Public meeting convened at 9:17 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: David Clynis with Express Storage representing Mr. Knapp, Blaine Hulse with Rowand Machinery Co., Kristy Pihl and Jacki Camba.

The Board members were given an Action Summary (Exhibit 2). Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial view on the screen, a site plan submitted by the applicant, and photographs.

Mr. Koch pointed to the proposed drawing, saying both fire hydrants are outside of a fence. One couldn't be reached to help the facility. The other one has a large gate in proximity

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to the facility. He suggested putting a gate of some sort so at least the fire department can access the hydrant.

Mr. Koch said he thinks there is an entrapment problem for vehicles going up against the fence. There should be at least a 20' setback so a fire truck could come around instead of dead-ending. He said as a firefighter, I would never drive into a dead-end spot and try to back out. There needs to be some way to have enough room to pull a vehicle clear through.

Mr. Peck asked about another fire hydrant, whether it is adequate in lieu of the ones outside of the fence. Mr. Koch said putting a man gate in would give access to the hydrant. Mr. Peck said it certainly would improve access.

Mr. Koch referred to item 10, Landscaping/Screening. He would like the word "removed" to be changed to "replaced," indicating that dead or diseased landscaping shall be removed and replaced immediately.

Mr. Peck said the rules don't allow us to take new testimony. What we're talking about is what is required under code and statute and what we think is a good idea. He asked about having one fire hydrant inside the fence and one up against the gate. Mr. Koch said that would suffice, especially if we can get a vehicle access on the west end of the compound. He explained further regarding his concern about vehicle access. Mr. Miller said he believes the rules allow the Commissioners to ask questions on the issue. Mr. MacPherson said the commissioners can ask clarification questions.

Mr. MacPherson pointed out the access on the screen. Mr. Koch said he drove by the site on Monday.

Regarding item 8, Outside Storage, Mr. Peck asked why were we as restrictive as we were about some of the items that could be parked there? He said because it's visually screened, I have a hard time seeing a difference in terms of interest of the public between four pallets of roofing shingles wrapped in plastic as compared to a 1950 fiberglass boat that someone will work on some day. Why do we limit what they can store there? Mr. Wendt said the code talks about allowing a conditional use permit for boat and RV storage so that's why the focus was made.

Mr. MacPherson said the code is pretty specific about the types of vehicles allowed. Storage of large pallets of materials would kick the matter into a different category.

Mr. Wendt described the discussion held by the Planning Commission. Mr. Peck said that was my one issue, to make sure we weren't being needlessly restrictive.

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Mr. MacPherson said we would have to go to a closed record hearing to add an additional condition for a clear lane on the west side. Mr. Wendt said Condition #5 says an area is required between rows but does not discuss the perimeter. Mr. Miller asked if there is already space. Mr. MacPherson said the site plan shows parking stalls against the fence.

Mr. Peck asked that we hold this matter over for a closed record hearing. He thinks the owner can leave a couple spaces to get vehicles around. He thinks there are adequate hydrants.

Mr. Koch said the other change would be to the wording regarding the arborvitae, changing words to "removed and replaced" or something like that.

Mr. Peck said the Board will consider two changes: one is to provide at least a clear zone in the west end of those rows that is equivalent or larger to the space between the rows and the other is to address the language on the landscaping.

Public Meeting: CUP 2010-05 a Conditional Use Permit request to amend CUP 2009-07, applicant Connell Grain Growers, to allow the placement of a modular/mobile office to use in conjunction with a wheat seed cleaning facility and commercial grain storage operation. The land is located northwest of the City of Connell, east of Warehouse Road, on the north and south sides of Paradise Road. (Parcel Numbers 109-450-042 and 109-520-038)

Public Meeting convened at 9:36 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, Darrel Farnsworth, David Clynis with Express Storage, Blaine Hulse with Rowand Machinery Co., Kristi Pihl and Jacki Camba.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 3).

Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial photograph of the site with parcel overlay on the screen and a site plan. Mr. Wendt reviewed the findings and conditions of approval. Mr. MacPherson said there were no concerns from the public or surrounding property owners.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move to grant approval to Conditional Use Permit application CUP 2010-05, subject to the six findings of fact and eleven conditions. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-125.

**PUBLIC WORKS (9:43 am)**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Darrel Farnsworth, Blaine Hulse, one other man, Kristy Pihl and Jacki Camba.

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Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to approve the vouchers for County Road Fund for \$121,774.26, MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$36,862.07, CR Unemployment Trust for \$5646.31, and Solid Waste for \$19,596.29, for a total of \$183,878.93. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Bid Openings: New Motor Grader

Bid opening convened at 9:45 am. Three bids were received. Bidders were allowed to give a total net bid under Option 1 which includes a buy-back program for the existing motor grader, or Option 2 which is a total net bid without the buy-back.

Western States	Option 1	\$113,715
	Option 2	\$280,497
Rowand Machinery (RMC)	Option 1	\$ 94,221
	Option 2	\$227,430
Central Machine	Option 1	\$140,790
	Option 2	(no bid)

Bids will be reviewed with bid award expected on April 28.

Award of Bid: 2010 Magnesium Chloride

The Public Works Department received three quotes. The material is used for the base stabilization program and maintenance. Mr. Fife recommended approval of low quote as per the county's policy. The Public Works Department anticipates using about 100 tons. The quotes cover the cost of the product plus application. We've used Roadwise before and they've done good work for us.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we purchase the 2010 Magnesium Chloride from Roadwise, Inc., 100 tons at \$118 a ton which equals \$11,800. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

Award of Bid: 2010 spring herbicide chemicals

The Public Works Department has received five quotes to purchase some additional chemicals. After review, Mr. Fife recommended purchasing from Helena. There were some exceptions based on some alternates in bids but we rejected those because we asked for the version that was an acid versus a salt and based on effectiveness and how much has to be used. We were prepared to buy from multiple suppliers but Helena was the low bidder on each item. Mr. Fife explained that one of the particular formulas is effective against kochia weed.

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**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of purchasing 2010 herbicide chemicals, all five items that were bid, from Helena, with the amounts as shown on the sheet. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

**Rototiller Demonstration Work**

Some rototiller work was done free of charge as a demonstration on Dogwood Road just off Glade. Some cement-treated base was applied in a few locations where we were having some failures. The county is renting the machine and will be using it for a few weeks.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:58 am)**

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

**Commissioners Office Employee Hiring**

Mr. Peck suggested selecting a Board member to work with Mr. Bowen to do interviews from a pool of resumes approved by all three commissioners.

**Executive Session** at 10:05 am expected to last 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate qualifications of applicants for employment or review. Ms. Pihl, Ms. Camba and Mrs. Withers left the meeting.

**Executive Session** continued at 10:20 expected to last 10 minutes. Those waiting outside were notified.

**Open Session** at 10:33 am.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Claim for Damages**

Mr. Koch asked to consider a claim for damages. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Bowen to obtain further information before considering the claim.

**Port of Moses Lake request regarding foreign trade zone designation**

Mr. Peck said the Port of Moses Lake has asked Franklin County to consider a foreign trade zone designation with Moses Lake as the central point. He believes it is a potential benefit to our ag community in reaching foreign markets. He will get the information to the other commissioners and discuss it further at a future meeting.

**Health District Board Meeting**

The Commissioners will be participating as members of the Health District Board meeting this afternoon.

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Art Tackett from the Benton-Franklin Economic Development District has asked that ideas for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy be submitted by May 7.

**Adjourned** at 10:43 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until April 28, 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 May 5, 2010.