

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for June 2, 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; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Fred Bowen, County Administrator, was absent on county business. Meeting convened at 9:03 am.

**FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Facilities Director Christopher Giles met with the Board.

Bid Opening: Janitorial Services

Bid opening convened at 9:03 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; Facilities Director Christopher Giles; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Jim Reed and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Two bids were received:

Del Sol, Inc., from Pasco Mr. Giles said it does not appear that Del Sol broke down a total amount. Mr. Peck said it is broken out by building. He asked Mr. Giles to give the numbers that were broken out by building and then calculate the totals after reviewing the bid further.

Del Sol, Inc.

Courthouse \$125.12 cost per shift

PSB \$125.12 cost per shift

Total \$250.24 cost per shift

ABM Janitorial from Kennewick (American Building Maintenance)

Courthouse \$145.96 cost per shift

PSB \$170.88 per shift

Total \$316.84

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Giles to review the bids to make sure they comply with requirements.

**OTHER BUSINESS (9:12 am)**

Stan Strebel joined the audience.

Port of Moses Lake: Free Trade Zone

The Board members are each in favor of sending a letter to the Port of Moses Lake giving approval to include Franklin County within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone 203. (Exhibit 1)

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**AUDITOR**

Auditor Zona Lenhart, Elections Supervisor Diana Killian, Chief Accountant Thomas Westerman, Accountant Robin Stanco and American Legion Service Officer, Post 34, Jim Reed met with the Board. Also present: Christopher Giles, Stan Strebel, Tim Fife and Kristi Pihl.

Drive-up ballot box placement

Ms. Lenhart asked for approval to place three drive-up ballot boxes. One will be placed in Connell, one in the Riverview area of Pasco, and one on the Courthouse grounds. The ADA grant requires that the drop-box not require getting out of a vehicle. Possible locations for the drop boxes were described. The ballot box that is currently located at TRAC will be replaced with a double-size ballot box. The current box will be re-used in another location.

The Board members **gave approval** to place a drop box on Courthouse property.

Veterans Assistance Policy

Ms. Lenhart asked for the Veterans Assistance Policy to be placed on the consent agenda for next Wednesday. At Board direction, two changes will be made to the draft policy. Mr. Reed agreed to the changes. The adoption of the policy will be scheduled for the consent agenda.

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Federal Grant to purchase computers

Ms. Lenhart answered questions about the purpose of a HAVA grant. The Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the grant paperwork. She said we will also apply for televisions and monitors for the ballot tabulating area, ballot storage area, and ballot reception area when another grant becomes available.

**PUBLIC WORKS** (9:48 am)

Engineer Tim Fife and Solid Waste Coordinator Sally McKenzie met with the Board. Present in audience: Stan Strebel, Jim Reed and Kristi Pihl.

Recreation and Conservation Office Transfers to the City of Pasco

The City of Pasco has requested that the county extend the sunset date for the county's \$75,000 commitment of Paths and Trails funds until July 1, 2020, because the city has not received approval for its project at this time. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Strebel if the City of Pasco plans to re-apply for funding. Mr. Strebel said yes but the Corps of Engineers has not been able to give a date when the grant application will be available again.

Mr. Peck asked if the city is planning to move forward if the levee cannot be lowered. Mr. Strebel said it is an option to try and widen the path by supplementing the levee. It is most

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costly and not as good for the residents. It creates some problems with the maintenance road and on the land side of the levee.

Mr. Peck said we made a commitment to the city and he doesn't see why we would get out of that now, although some funds have gone to the Lyon's Ferry project. Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch had no concerns about extending the date to 2020. Mr. Strebel will prepare a draft revised agreement and forward it to the Board.

Solid Waste Program Update

Present in audience: Jim Reed and Kristi Pihl.

Ms. McKenzie gave a Solid Waste Program update using a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Fife gave the Board the Franklin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan and explained how it was prepared. Mr. Miller is the chairman of the committee. The plan will be put on the consent agenda when the Board is ready to adopt it.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of vouchers for County Road Fund for \$110,492.01; MV and Public Works Equipment Fund for \$83,598.58; and Solid Waste for \$9360.36; in the bottom line total of \$203,450.95. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Fatality accident

A fatality traffic accident occurred on Road 68 on Friday.

**OFFICE BUSINESS** (10:27 am)

Consent Agenda

Present in audience: Jim Reed and Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Peck would not be in favor of approving item #3 because the final document was not received until today so he has not had a chance to review it. Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller agreed. The Board agreed it can be placed on the next consent agenda.

Mr. Peck has a question about the Veterans' Assistance Fund Waiver Request. He is inclined to say we would approve this request but when the new policy is adopted next week, we would not make exceptions. Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch agreed.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda as presented but with that, I would pull #3 for further consideration. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Franklin County Veterans' Assistance Fund Waiver Request.

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2. Approval of letter of support as requested by Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau for the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) 2012 Annual Conference (Exhibit 3).

(Clerk's Note: Item #3 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.)

3. Approval of Resolution 2010-\_\_\_\_\_, Online Services Agreement between the State of Washington, Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, and Franklin County, by and for the Franklin County Auditor's Office, for on-line filing by candidates for public office.
4. Approval of County Road Fund payroll for \$70,304.66 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for \$11,228.53.
5. Approval of Resolution 2010-160, application of Basin City Water and Sewer District for a nonexclusive franchise to locate, construct, maintain and operate a domestic water pipeline and a sanitary sewer pipeline upon, over, under, along and across certain Franklin County roads and public highways, or parts thereof within the franchise area. (Public Hearing was held May 26, 2010.)
6. Approval of Resolution 2010-161, Joint Bi-County resolution setting leaves for non-bargaining employees of the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court Administration, Superior Court – Juvenile Division and Human Services; rescind Benton County Resolution No. 93-159 and Franklin County Resolution No. 93-079.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the vouchers for June 2 as listed for the total amount of \$321,634.82. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Veteran's Assistance warrants 33789 through 33792 for \$1494.26; Current Expense warrants 33793 through 33842 for \$64,443.56; Enhanced 911 warrants 33843 through 33845 for \$30,775.85; Veteran's Assistance warrant 33846 for \$450.00; Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 33847 for \$2090.38; Crime Victims/Witness Assistance warrants 33848 through 33851 for \$4736.41; Enhanced 911 warrant 33852 for \$1598.00; Ending Homelessness Fund warrant 33853 for \$29,544.62; Dept of Commerce Pass Through warrant 33854 for \$518.50; Franklin County RV Facility warrants 33855 through 33866 for \$14,103.18; TRAC warrants 33867 through 33907 for \$70,176.71; Auditor O&M warrant 33908 for \$200.00; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 33909 and 33910 for \$362.45; Boating Safety Fund warrant 33911 for \$461.62; Current Expense warrants 33912 through 33954 for \$39,342.41; Current Expense warrants 33955 through 33974 for \$23,734.88; Current Expense warrants 33975 through 34026 for \$22,891.14; and Jail Commissary warrants 34027 through 34032 for \$14,710.85.

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Water Rights

The Board decided to approve having an attorney provide services regarding a request from the City of Pasco for administrative confirmation of division of a water right.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tri-City Rivershore Enhancement Committee (TREC)

TREC has asked each jurisdiction to commit some funding to support development of a plan. Franklin County's share would be \$3500. Mr. Peck feels it is a worthwhile effort but would have trouble arguing it is higher than other needs in the county. Mr. Peck described what the TREC plan is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Koch asked what do we have as far as economic development except for the Port of Pasco areas unless the levees are lowered? Mr. Peck said he thinks the plan would look at what sort of development would be appropriate, attractive, what would be marketable, and trying to do it in a programmed, planned way instead of in a reactive mode. Mr. Koch said the amount of shoreline Franklin County has available should be compared to the amount in Benton County. Mr. Peck said you make a good point.

Mr. Miller asked what would be the difference of funding this and not funding TRIDEC? Mr. Peck said this study would be specifically for the river shores instead of a broad range of industries across both counties. The study does not pre-suppose what type of use. Mr. Miller said he is all for developing the river shore but he would be against providing funding for the study unless we also give TRIDEC some funding.

Mr. Peck said the study is focused only on the Columbia River.

The Board will discuss the TRIDEC and TREC funding requests further at the next Board meeting.

**Adjourned** at 11:00 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 9, 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 June 23, 2010.