

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for June 9, 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 Toni Fulton, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting convened at 9:02 am.

HUMAN SERVICES

Ed Thornbrugh, Department of Human Services Administrator, met with the Board.

- **Provider Networks Business Plan**
Mr. Thornbrugh reviewed the Provider Networks Business Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS (9:08 am)

Tim Fife, Engineer, and Guy Walters, Assistant Engineer, met with the Board.

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl, Tri-City Herald Reporter; Marc van den Dikkenberg, Information Services; Lesley Monroe, Franklin County Corrections.

- **Draft Six-Year Transportation Plan**
The draft Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) was reviewed. A public hearing will be set.
- **Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus** (9:28 am)
CPR 596 – R-170 Land Slide Area/Phase 3 Road Realignment

MOTION – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners sign the attached Project Prospectus for the purpose of locating and constructing CRP- 596 – R-170 Land Slide Area. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (exhibit 1)

- **Vouchers**

MOTION – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the Motor Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Fund vouchers for the amount of \$59,613.63. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (exhibit 2)

OFFICE BUSINESS (9:36 am)

- **Consent Agenda**

MOTION - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda as presented for Wednesday, June 9th of 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of **Resolution 2010-162**, Professional Services Agreement #PSA-2010-KPD-00 between Kennewick Police Department and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services, a joint bi-county resolution with Benton County.
2. Approval of **Resolution 2010-163**, authorizing petty cash fund of \$200 for the Franklin County Work Release Department.
3. Approval to cancel outstanding checks as requested by the Franklin County Treasurer as authorized by RCW 36.22.100. (exhibit 3)

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4. Approval of letter and certificate of appreciation to Jerry VanHoosen for his service to Franklin County as a Chemical Dependency Program Specialist of the Benton-Franklin Department of Human Services for over 19 years. (exhibit 4)
5. Approval of **Resolution 2010-164**, Subscriber Agreement for law enforcement testing between Franklin County and Public Safety Testing, Inc.
6. Approval of Resolution **2010-165**, Agreement between the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS), Elections Division, and Franklin County, by and for the Franklin County Auditor.
7. Approval of **Resolution 2010-166**, Professional Services Agreement #PSA-2010/11-ESD between the Educational Service District 123 and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services. ESD 123 will provide community education and increase awareness about suicide prevention for the 2010-11 year. Programs will include trainings on Applied Suicide Intervention (ASIST), Basic Suicide Prevention and Intervention Skills, Media Awareness, production of Public Service Announcement and distribution of brochures. This is a joint bi-county resolution.
8. Approval of **Resolution 2010-167**, acceptance of Snowcrest Court and Whitetail Court as shown in the final plat of Tucker Estates and declaring them county roads.
9. Approval of letter to Auditor Zona Lenhart authorizing release of payroll checks for June 15, 2010.
10. Approval of **Resolution 2010-168**, Veterans' Assistance Fund Policy and Procedures--Revision 3.

➤ **Vouchers / Warrants**

MOTION – Mr. Miller: I move to approve vouchers for Current Expense warrants 34138 through 34255 for \$18,789.52; and Auditor O & M warrants 34256 through 34257 for \$314.21; Crime Victim/Witness Assist warrants 34258 through 34260 for \$3058.57; Enhanced 911 warrants 34261 through 34264 for \$3291.79; Franklin County RV Facility warrants 34265 through 34267 for \$68596.19; and Current Expense warrant 34297 for \$10,000.00; in the total amount as listed of \$104,050.28. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (exhibit 5)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:53 am)

Fred Bowen, County Administrator, met with the Board.

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl, Tri-City Herald Reporter; Sue Boothe, Ashley Heyen

➤ **Tri City Rivershore Enhancement Council (TREC) Budget Request**

TREC has asked for \$3,500 from the county. The Board reviewed the current status of the Paths & Trails Fund. Mr. Peck recommended that this request be approved and asked for the consensus of the Board. Mr. Miller and Mr. Koch were also in favor of approving the request. Mr. Peck asked for a motion, for the record, to commit \$3,500 out of the Paths & Trails Fund as requested by TREC.

MOTION - Mr. Miller: So moved. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

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➤ **Supplemental Preservation Fund**

The Board discussed utilizing a portion of the Supplemental Preservation Fund to assist local museums (Franklin County Historical Society & Museum, Connell Heritage Museum, and the Washington State Railroads Historical Society Museum) with the preservation of public documents. Mr. Peck discussed his desire to keep a "good chunk" of money in the reserve fund for unanticipated needs/emergencies. Mr. Peck recommended giving about \$10,000 to the Franklin County Historical Society, noting that the Historical Society provides a county-wide benefit.

Mr. Koch did not agree with giving to one society/museum and not the others.

Mr. Peck, for the sake of full disclosure, noted that he is a member of the Franklin County Historical Society. He is not on their Board, and does not attend their meetings, but wanted to clarify, for the record, that he is not pressing one way or the other due to affiliations he may have. Mr. Koch stated that he is also a member of the Historical Society.

MOTION - Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we contribute \$10,000 to the Franklin County Historical Society & Museum and \$5,000 to the Connell Heritage Museum. Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. Peck asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Peck commented that he thinks it's absurd that we would divvy out money to the County and to Connell, and then ignore the Railroad Museum. "We either do this at the county level or we break it down and give it to all the different groups. I don't think it's fiscally wise or sustainable to break it down to all the different groups; if we had that kind of money, I'd be a big proponent of it. But we don't, and so it seems to me that the motion falls right in the middle; it's not fiscally prudent, nor is it fair."

Mr. Miller made an **AMENDMENT TO HIS MOTION** that we also contribute \$2,500 to the Railroad Museum. Second by Mr. Koch. All in favor of amending original motion 3:0.

VOTE on amended motion to contribute \$10,000 to the Franklin County Historical Society, \$5,000 to the Connell Heritage Museum, and \$2,500 to the Railroad Museum. 3:0 vote in favor.

➤ **Inter Department Transfer – Public Defense/Misc. Professional Services**

Mr. Bowen provided an overview of projected expenses for Public Defense, along with the current budget status of the Contingency Reserve Fund, and requested approval of a resolution to transfer \$100,000 from the Current Expense Contingency Reserve Fund, to the Public Defense Fund, for Miscellaneous Professional Services. Mr. Bowen answered the Board's questions.

MOTION – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of inter-budget transfer of \$100,000 from the 2010 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget 001-000-700, Line Item 519.000.0001, Contingency Reserve, to the Public Defense Budget, Number 180, Line Item 512.000.1000, Miscellaneous Professional Services. Second by Mr. Miller. Vote 3:0. This is Resolution 2010-169.

OTHER BUSINESS (10:29)

Mr. Peck asked the audience if they had anything to discuss. They did not.

➤ **Recording Fees**

The Board asked staff to provide information regarding recording fees. Mr. Bowen will follow up on this.

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➤ **Franklin County Books**

Author John Hyte, who has prepared a second hard-cover book that includes Franklin County, contacted Mr. Koch and notified him that he has some extra books for sale. Mr. Koch told Mr. Hyte that he would inform the Board of the availability of the book. The cost to the county would be \$30 per book; retail cost is \$40. This is for informational purposes only.

➤ **Law Library**

Mr. Miller said that the Law Library at CBC will be putting a copier in the satellite law library located in the Courthouse, at no cost to the county. There is concern about the amount of space being used for storage. Mr. Bowen will talk with the Superior Court Administrator about the use of the Courthouse law library area. Mr. Peck would like to see a good computer put in there and put the books in the museum.

➤ **Elections**

Mr. Peck asked the Board to consider a proposed resolution that would prohibit the Auditor's name from being printed on the envelopes that ballots will be mailed out in, to avoid the potential for perception of a conflict of interest or unfairness, as the Auditor is running for re-election.

Mr. Koch stated that his only problem is that the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney has not signed the resolution as to form. Mr. Peck explained that our attorney, in the past, has made it clear that he does not approve content; he approves formatting and form. Mr. Peck did send the resolution to Mr. Verhulp as soon as it was available; however, Mr. Verhulp did not have reasonable time to look at it. Mr. Peck said that this issue has to be dealt with quickly, as it's a moot point by the end of the week.

Diana Killian, Elections Supervisor, and Zona Lenhart, Auditor, entered the audience.

Ms. Killian said that the issue has been dealt with before, in 2004; the Public Disclosure Commission has dealt with it. The envelopes have already been ordered. Ms. Killian submitted copies of a letter to the Board. The cost of printing was discussed, as was the possibility of blocking out the Auditor's name on the envelopes prior to sending the ballots out. No action was taken.

➤ **Legal Newspaper**

Mr. Miller reported on a meeting that he had with Tri-City Herald Publisher, Rufus Friday, regarding the interpretation of the RCW as it pertains to the definition of a legal newspaper. Mr. Bowen will extend an invitation to Mr. Friday to meet with the Board to discuss this topic.

Adjourned at 11:28 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 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 August 25, 2010.