

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 15, 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 9:02 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of 2011 Budget**

(continued from December 1 and December 8, 2010)

Public Hearing convened at 9:02 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Chief Accountant Thomas Westerman; Accountant Robin Stanco; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Those present in the audience included: Jennifer Bowe, Sharon Paradis, Pat Austin, Superior Court Judge Robert Swisher, Tim Fife, Ed Bush, Steve Marks, David Dorsett, Bob Hoffman and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Peck said there are a few adjustments that he feels need to be made to the budget. He asked Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller if they have any proposed changes.

Mr. Koch said in the Coroner Budget #220, an additional \$500 was put in the line item for Office and Operating Supplies. Only 74% was expended and we added another \$500 onto it so we obviously aren't using the additional \$500. There was also a request for \$4500 in travel. He said I personally would decline that and put that into the Autopsy line item because Autopsy was grossly understated last year.

Coroner Dan Blasdel responded to Mr. Miller's questions about supplies and travel line items. He is on the board of the international coroner's association. He told about training sessions and conferences he plans to attend. He is the chairman of the accreditation committee which accredits facilities around the nation. Mr. Miller said it sounds like you can justify training. If we can fit it in the budget, I think we should.

Mr. Peck asked how it is a direct benefit to the taxpayers of Franklin County. Mr. Blasdel said he is the only coroner's office in Washington state that is accredited. He thinks it's very important because there is legislation being passed on a national level that affects the county. He gave some examples. Mr. Peck said when we have to prioritize budgets we have to spend it for local needs. He said I'm not saying it isn't worthwhile travel. I'm saying when you prioritize things, local is better.

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Mr. Blasdel said as of yesterday, we've done 24 autopsies for the year. We've spent about \$32,000. Mr. Miller said \$17,000 is not near enough on autopsies.

Mr. Peck asked what travel were you not able to do this year for funding reasons? Mr. Blasdel said he was able to squeeze in all the travel this year. He believes he paid about \$1500 out of his own pocket. Mr. Peck asked if the travel amount would be covered if it was set at \$3600. Mr. Blasdel said yes. If there's any shortfall, I'll pay for it out of my pocket.

Mr. Peck thinks \$15,000 should be added to the Autopsies line item. Mr. Peck explained that the Commissioners are concerned that money in the autopsies line item could be transferred into the travel line item and that is not okay. Mr. Blasdel said, "Sure, makes sense." The county receives a 40% reimbursement on autopsies from the state, paid twice a year, which goes into the county's general fund.

After Board discussion, Mr. Peck proposed increasing the Coroner's travel budget to a total of \$3500 and autopsies to \$32,000, understanding 40% of that comes back to the county in the general fund. Mr. Peck said he is not entirely convinced that in tight budgets the county should be paying for national and international travel. There is obviously some benefit. The additional funds for both items would be transferred out of contingency. The bottom line of the proposed budget won't change.

Mr. Peck asked if the Commissioners or County Administrator have any other budget issues to discuss before formally opening the hearing to public comment. Mr. Bowen said the budgets have been reviewed by all departments. He would like those present to be given the opportunity to comment before the public hearing is open. Mr. Peck asked if anyone from any of the departments wishes to offer any comments on the draft budget. No one wished to comment.

Mr. Peck opened the hearing to public comment. He asked three times if anyone would like to comment on the adoption of the proposed 2011 budget for Franklin County including the bi-county portions. There was no response. Hearing was closed to public comment.

Mr. Miller said we are going to have to watch the state budget cuts because they may affect us. Mr. Peck gave some comments about the budget process.

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**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of adoption of Franklin County 2011 Current Expense budget in the amount of \$23,514,807 for revenue and expenditures.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-388.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Also, Mr. Chairman, I would move for adoption of Franklin County 2011 Miscellaneous Budgets in the amount of \$27,667,686 revenue, \$27,525,179 expenditure. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-389.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT (9:33 am)**

Franklin County Mosquito Control District Manager David Dorsett and Mosquito Control District Board President Bob Hoffman met with the Board. Present in audience: Dan Blasdel, Ed Bush, Pat Austin, Jennifer Bowe, Sharon Paradis, Robert Swisher, Steve Marks, Tim Fife and Kristi Pihl.

**Budget**

The Mosquito Control District budget figures were reviewed. Mr. Dorsett and Mr. Hoffman answered the Board's questions. Mr. Dorsett explained how some funds will be invested in a state fund to be used as an emergency fund. The budget has a 6% salary freeze for all personnel with a two-year freeze.

Mr. Dorsett said some property owners buy property to create duck hunting areas. The Mosquito Control District is working with the Department of Ecology on these areas regarding wetland mitigation.

Mr. Dorsett explained the work that is done for Lamb-Weston in Connell under contract to control mosquitoes in their 13 wastewater ponds.

Because there was West Nile virus activity in 2009, we geared up for it in 2010 but it didn't come. We are able to put some money in a fund in case things go bad.

Mr. Dorsett gave the Board members copies of a list of operational goals, a copy of our program through the year, and a cost comparison with neighboring counties showing the cost per acre and mileage.

The first year the district was funded was 2004. The district is still trying to get all the needed equipment such as a full fleet of trucks, sprayers, etc. There is a 15-year loan for the building. Mosquito control is very labor intensive. Peaks in the budget are attributable to West

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Nile virus threats. The Federal and state governments own or manage a lot of the land in the county and do not pay taxes.

**HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)** (9:59 am)

HR Director Rosie H. Rumsey and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Jennifer Bowe, Sharon Paradis, Pat Austin, Robert Swisher, Ed Bush, Tim Fife, Steve Marks and Kristi Pihl.

**Executive Session** at 10:00 am for up to 10 minutes based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss whether to approve or deny medical premium reimbursements and the legal risks of taking such proposed action. Those in the audience left the room.

**Open Session** at 10:12 am. Troy Woody, Tim Fife and Kristi Pihl joined the audience.

Request for reimbursement of medical insurance premiums

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we authorize the Franklin County Auditor's Office to process a reimbursement of medical insurance premiums for Rick Kent, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy, in the amount of \$3620.52. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-390.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the vouchers for County Road Fund for \$1,157,888.12, Motor Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Fund for \$50,726.99, Solid Waste Fund for \$652.02 and Probation Work Crew Fund for \$101.79, in the total amount of \$1,209,368.92. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Award of Bid

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we award the bid for CRP 581 Pasco-Kahlotus Road 1, overlay and widening, to Culbert Construction. The bid amount of \$1,577,438.69 was the lowest bid. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCoG)

BFCoG has directed Mr. Fife to lead a call for both urban and rural projects for Franklin County for 2012-2013 STP Federal funding. He explained the reasons for an amendment to an

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interlocal agreement that will be on a consent agenda, extending it for two years to 2013 for the rural areas. He answered the Board's questions about the program, both rural and urban. He asked if the Board has projects they would like submitted. The Board asked Mr. Fife to send them a list of projects he would recommend.

**VOUCHERS/WARRANTS**

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve these vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer on the date of December 15, 2010, in the expenditures as listed in the amount of \$470,048.17. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Election Equipment Revolving vouchers 42778 through 42780 for \$1,217.53; Law Library vouchers 42781 through 42785 for \$8,942.54; Veteran's Assistance vouchers 42786 and 42787 for \$2,746.13; Jail Commissary vouchers 42788 through 42791 for \$2,200.71; Courthouse Facilitator Program voucher 42792 for \$243.68; Enhanced 911 vouchers 42793 and 42794 for \$2,126.74; Current Expense vouchers 42799 through 42855 for \$346,702.67; Current Expense vouchers 42856 through 42912 for \$50,919.99; Affordable Housing Fund voucher 42913 for \$795.44; Current Expense voucher 42914 for \$30.84; Courthouse Facilitator Program vouchers 42915 and 42916 for \$1,212.90; Enhanced 911 voucher 42917 for \$2,183.45; and TRAC Operations Fund vouchers 42918 through 42942 for \$50,725.55; for a total amount of \$470,048.17. (Exhibit 3)

**Motion** - Mr. Miller: I would make a motion to approve vouchers that are audited and certified by auditing officer on December 15, 2010, for salary clearing payroll of \$532,299.31, Emergency Management payroll in the amount of \$11,558.24, and Irrigation payroll of \$10,928.32. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 52362 through 52456 for \$136,514.47; warrants 52457 through 52461 for \$69,176.18; and Direct Deposit for \$326,608.66; for a total amount of \$532,299.31;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 42771 through 42777 for \$3151.02; warrants 42795 through 42798 for \$1344.49; and Direct Deposit for \$7062.73; for a total amount of \$11,558.24; and

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Irrigation payroll warrants 42750 through 42766 for \$9463.44; and warrants 42767 through 42770 for \$1464.88; for a total amount of \$10,928.32. (Exhibit 4)

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of consent agenda as listed for December 15, 2010, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-393, Professional Services Agreement for legal representation of indigent individuals in Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Juvenile Division, between the Juvenile Justice Center and Julie A. Brown
2. Approval of Resolution 2010-394, Professional Services Contract between the Juvenile Justice Center and Connections Consulting
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-395, Personal Services Contract between the Juvenile Justice Center and Mark A. Rudeen
4. Approval of Resolution 2010-396, Personal Services Contract between the Juvenile Justice Center and Yoder, Inc., dba Coffey Refrigeration
5. Approval of Resolution 2010-397, Interagency Agreement IAA10160 Amendment #2 between the Juvenile Justice Center and State of Washington, Administrative Office of the Courts
6. Approval of Resolution 2010-398, Amendment #1 to Interagency Agreement IAA10121 between Benton/Franklin Juvenile Court and the Washington State Administrative Office of the Court
7. Approval of Resolution 2010-399, Personal Services Contract between the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center, Benton-Franklin Counties Department of Human Services, Benton-Franklin Counties Crisis Response Unit and Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service, LLC, dba Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service
8. Approval of Resolution 2010-400, Washington State Military Department Contract Number #E11-164 for State Enhanced 911 funds and approval for Chairman and Chair Pro Tem to sign the Signature Authorization Form

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9. Approval of Resolution 2010-401, Inter-Budget Transfer of \$4222 from the 2010 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, line item 519.90.00.0100 (Contingency Reserve – Reserved Fund Balance) to the Sheriff's Budget #001-000-520, line item 521.24.49.0003 (Drug Eradication Grant / Miscellaneous)
10. Approval of Resolution 2010-402, reappointing Lois Springer to the Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Board (ALTC), Franklin County Division of the Southeast Washington Office, term expiring December 31, 2012
11. Approval of Resolution 2010-403, reappointing Margaret Moore to the Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Board, Franklin County Division of the Southeast Washington Office, term expiring December 31, 2012
12. Approval of Resolution 2010-404, authorizing Information Services to purchase two (2) laptops, two (2) docking stations, and one (1) widescreen monitor for the Commissioners' Office, and one (1) laptop for Information Services
13. Approval of Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$11,863.15 and County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$74,760.78 for pay period ending 12/09/2010.
14. Approval of Resolution 2010-405, creation of line item 594.15.64.0480 (Prosecuting Attorney/Crime Victims/Case Management Software) in the 2010 Capital Outlay Budget, Number 001-000-710, and inter-budget transfer in the amount of \$24,003 from the 2010 Current Expense Information Services Budget, Number 001-000-350, line item 518.80.48.0005 to the 2010 Current Expense Capital Outlay Budget, Number 001-000-710, line item 594.19.64.3501
15. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-406, in the matter of request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Personal Services Contract between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Juvenile Justice Center and Craftsman Cabinets & Flooring
16. Approval of Resolution 2010-407, Professional Services Contract between Franklin County and Franklin County Emergency Management for Administration of 2010 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant
17. Approval of Resolution 2010-408, acceptance of Giesler Road as shown on the final plat of Sun Ray Estates Phase 1 and declaring it a County Road
18. Approval of Resolution 2010-409, Collection Agency Contract between Franklin County Planning and Building Department and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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**TRAC** (10:32 am)

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Steve Marks, Piper Mitchell, Toni Fulton and Kristi Pihl.

Emergency Capital Request of October 2010

Mr. Woody asked for approval of capital purchases for a computer, server and router hub and explained the need. He answered the Board's questions. The Board **gave approval**.

Cell Tower Contract

Mr. Woody explained the terms of the contract renewal. The Board members agreed with the contract terms. The contract will be placed on the consent agenda.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (10:39 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

2011 Levy

Assessor Steve Marks and Assessor's Administrative Assistant Piper Mitchell joined the meeting. Present in audience: Toni Fulton and Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Peck signed the letter to the Assessor regarding mental health funding (Exhibit 5)

The Board reviewed two resolutions stating the levy amounts and two levy certification forms.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of two resolutions as presented for Current Expense and County Road. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2010-391 for Current Expense and Resolution 2010-392 for County Roads.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the levy certifications for County Roads and Current Expense and approval for the chairman to sign. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

**MINUTES** (10:48 am)

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Commissioner Proceedings for December 1, 2010, and December 8, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Law Library: Mr. Miller reported there is currently a surplus amount in the Law Library budget.

**Adjourned** at 11:05 am.



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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until December 20, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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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 December 20, 2010.