

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for February 2, 2011

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Robert E. Koch, Chairman; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem, was absent on county business in Olympia, Washington. Meeting convened at 9:03 am.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against increasing the revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2010 Miscellaneous Franklin County TRAC Facility Fund Budget #405-000-001 by \$20,000 from \$2,571,045 to \$2,591,045

Public Hearing convened at 9:03 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; TRAC Manager Troy Woody; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Koch asked three times if anyone wished to speak against the proposal. There was no response. He asked three times if anyone wished to speak for the proposal. There was no response.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move for approval of the requested increase in the revenue and expenditure lines for the TRAC budget as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-044 was approved.

TCVCB Visitor Center draft Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Woody asked the Board members to give him any comments on a draft memorandum during the next week. The document will also be reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office.

Solar Project Briefing

Mr. Woody told the Board about the potential for a solar project at TRAC that would involve Columbia Basin College (CBC) staff and students. TRAC would be used as the location and receive the benefit of lower energy costs but have no out-of-pocket costs. CBC would do grant writing work and utilize TRAC as a working lab for their classes, as well as do all maintenance, upkeep and installation.

Window Decal Project

TRAC window decals are being prepared that will be placed in about 20 businesses.

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Out-of-State Travel: International Fairs and Exhibitions (IFFE)

The Board gave approval for Mr. Woody and Mr. Bowen to attend the IFFE conference in December 2011.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:24 am)

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

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a policy that is required if the county receives grant funds for the Eltopia Water Association project. Mr. Koch said he feels the policy that has been prepared is pretty basic and to the point. Mr. Peck said it's unfortunate that the state and other entities want to leverage things like block grant monies and essentially hold those programs hostage unless you sign onto their oftentimes politically motivated agendas. He thinks that's what this policy is. Mr. Peck explained how water is a greenhouse gas as well. He thinks the requirement to have the policy in place is ridiculous. He said nevertheless, it's clear the county would not have access to block grant monies without it.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-045 was approved.

Public Disclosure Commission L3 Report Form for 2010: Lobbyist

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of chairman to sign. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Executive Session at 9:31 am regarding contract negotiations for sheriff's deputy and bi-county unions based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last up to 15 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the audience.

Executive Session continued at 9:47 am expected to last up to 10 minutes. Those waiting outside the room were notified.

Open Session at 9:57 am.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl and Guy Walters.

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Department Update

Ron Wright and Associates has completed the cost analysis for construction of a Consolidated Crisis Response Center (CCRC). Mr. Peck noted that a determination of the source of operational funding needs to occur before a decision is made to build a center.

Advisory Board membership: HS is still hoping for community participation and involvement through the separate advisory boards. There are currently several vacant positions.

HS is making an application for a planning grant with the Department of Justice to reduce recidivism in jails.

Policy and procedure manuals including some clinical manuals and administrative practices are being updated.

Mr. Thornbrugh gave the Board an update on Developmental Disabilities Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse, and the Housing program.

PUBLIC WORKS (10:17 am)

Assistant Engineer Guy Walters met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.
2010 Vouchers: County Road Fund for \$12,682.96; and MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$162.75; for a total amount of \$12,845.71.

2011 Vouchers: County Road Fund for \$62,773.43; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$23,080.12; and Solid Waste Fund for \$203.40; for a total amount of \$86,056.95.

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chair, I would move for approval of the vouchers from Public Works as presented and detailed by Mr. Walters. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Police Interceptors

Mr. Walters gave the Board an Agenda Summary Report in preparation for next week's Board meeting.

Juniper Dunes: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Mr. Walters said an Authorized Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) is required. The county will be reimbursed for any costs we spend on the project. One of requirements is to name six people to positions. Mr. Walters reviewed the staff assignments that County Engineer Tim Fife is recommending. Mr. Peck said he thinks the staff assignment for "head of

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organization" needs to be the county administrator. The Board members want to see exact language before making a final determination.

Easement question

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Walters to check into a question he received about an easement.

Recessed at 10:32 am.

Reconvened at 10:37 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of vouchers for Current Expense and TRAC, two sets for Current Expense and three sets for TRAC, in the total amount of \$115,427.36. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 45128 through 45172 for \$36,203.40; TRAC warrants 45181 through 45227 for \$41,609.11; Current Expense warrants 45228 through 45237 for \$16,037.46; TRAC warrant 45238 for \$5,796.98; and TRAC warrants 45239 through 45251 for \$15,780.41. (Exhibit 2)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of payroll checks/vouchers released on January 31, 2011, with approval for that release signed by the Chair of the Board on January 26. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 52668 through 52764 for \$146,285.85; warrants 52765 through 52776 for \$234,088.99; and Direct Deposit for \$316,940.45; for a total amount of \$697,315.29; and

Emergency Management payroll warrants 44994 through 45002 for \$3649.97; warrants 45003 through 45012 for \$4252.65; and Direct Deposit for \$6563.78; for a total amount of \$14,466.40; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 45043 through 45056 for \$15,313.24; and warrants 45057 through 45064 for \$6268.04; for a total amount of \$21,581.28. (Exhibit 3)

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Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-046, authorizing payment of \$44,575.88 from County Road Fund towards the principal amount of Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) Loan #PW-06-962-015 and deferral of the County Road Fund 2011 payment to the Current Expense Cumulative Reserve Fund on inter fund loan made for the purchase of the Public Works Department Connell shop, thus amending Resolution 2008-026
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-047, appointing Cyndi O'Bannon to the Development Disabilities Advisory Board to represent Benton and Franklin Counties for a term expiring December 31, 2013
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-048, Amendment #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-CFCS-01 to provide mental health services between the Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Catholic Family & Child Service of the Tri-Cities, amending Resolution 2010-020
4. Approval of Resolution 2011-049, Amendment #09/11-MHPIHP-CFCS-01 to provide mental health services between the Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Catholic Family & Child Service of the Tri-Cities, amending Resolution 2010-019
5. Approval of Resolution 2011-050, certificate of appreciation for Kennewick Police Officer Duane Kist for his ongoing support for the Crisis Intervention Teams Training (CIT)
6. Approval of Resolution 2011-051, certificate of appreciation for Kennewick Police Captain Keith Sharp for his ongoing support for the Crisis Intervention Teams Training (CIT)
7. Approval of Resolution 2011-052, approval for assignment of the contract between Franklin County and Sequoia Voting Systems, Inc., to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., for ballot tabulating equipment and software

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2011. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Extraordinary Criminal Justice costs

Mr. Koch gave an update on his meeting with Senator Hewitt and staff in Olympia last week.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move that we approve the Chair of the Board signing a cover letter over the top of any documents from the local Office of Public Defense showing 2010 costs that have not been submitted yet and together those documents be forwarded to appropriate offices in Olympia including Senator Hewitt and other elected officials as those bills become available.
Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)

Mr. Koch gave Mr. Peck a packet of WSAC information from a meeting held in Olympia last week.

Adjourned at 10:56 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until February 9, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert E. Koch, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Brad Peck, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed February 9, 2011.