

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for February 23, 2011

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Robert E. Koch, Chairman; and Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:01 am. Brad Peck, Member, was absent.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board.

Public Meeting: CUP 2011-01, a Conditional Use Permit application to continue and expand a gravel pit operation in the Agricultural Production 20 (AP 20) Zoning District. The land is located east of the City of Pasco, near Locust Water Road and the Smith Canyon area, on the north side of the Pasco-Kahlotus Road. (Parcel Number 113-180-022) Applicant: Steelman-Duff, Inc.

Public Meeting convened at 9:01 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 1). One phone call was received asking if there would be an asphalt batch plant as part of the application. The initial application did have an asphalt batch plant but this renewal application does not have it.

Mr. MacPherson showed maps on the screen. Mr. Wendt reviewed conditions of approval.

Ms. Pihl did not want to make any comments. No one else was present in the audience.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we grant approval to CUP 2011-01 subject to the six findings of fact and 15 conditions of approval. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-075 was approved.

Public Meeting: ZC 2011-01, a rezone application to change the zoning on approximately 13,225 square feet of a one-acre (approximately) parcel of land. The parcel is currently zoned Rural Service Commercial (C-2). The rezone will involve changing the western most 13,255 square feet (115' x 115') of the parcel from C-2 to Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20). The land is located north of Eltopia West Road, west of Glade North Road, near the northwest intersection of Eltopia West Road and Glade North Road near site address 13121 Glade North Road. (Parcel Number 123-010-142) Applicant: Tom Philleo

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Public Meeting convened at 9:11 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Wendt reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 2).

Mr. MacPherson showed parcel overlay with zoning identified on the screen. He showed an aerial photograph of the site.

Ms. Pihl did not have any comments. No one else was present in the audience.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we grant approval of Zone Change application ZC 2011-01 subject to the five findings of fact. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor. Ordinance 1-2011 was approved (Exhibit 3).

VOUCHERS (9:21 am)

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer on February 15, 2011, for Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$616,231.38, Emergency Management payroll in the amount of \$11,562.50, and Irrigation payroll in the amount of \$10,704.05. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 52777 through 52861 for \$156,293.04; warrants 52862 through 52867 for \$135,102.86; and Direct Deposit for \$324,835.48; for a total amount of \$616,231.38;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 45423 through 45429 for \$3022.93; warrants 45430 through 45433 for \$1348.75; and Direct Deposit for \$7190.82; for a total amount of \$11,562.50; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 45434 through 45449 for \$9198.57; and warrants 45450 through 45453 for \$1505.48; for a total amount of \$10,704.05. (Exhibit 4)

OFFICE BUSINESS (9:22 am)

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the consent agenda as listed. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-076, county service fee for NSF checks

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2. Approval of payroll for February 17, 2011, for County Road Fund of \$70,263.73 and Motor Vehicle Fund of \$16,120.52
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-077, rescind Resolution 2011-058 and approval of Inter-Budget transfer of \$43.03 from 2010 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, Office Supplies line item, to Coroner Budget #001-000-220, Communication line item
4. Approval of Resolution 2011-078, cancellation of uncollectable personal property taxes in the total amount of \$9700

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of vouchers audited and certified by auditing officer for February 23, 2011, in the total amount of \$184,151.72. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense Remittance - Excise Tax for \$401.98; Auditor O & M Remittance - Excise Tax for \$46.40; Election Equipment Revolving Remittance - Excise Tax for \$15.52; TRAC Operations Fund Remittance - Excise Tax for \$7.39; Auditor O & M warrants 46025 and 46026 for \$273.19; Veteran's Assistance warrants 46027 through 46032 for \$7,510.72; FC Public Facilities Const Fund warrant 46033 for \$3,191.96; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 46034 through 46047 for \$23,719.96; Franklin County RV Facility warrant 46048 for \$50,000.00; FC Public Facilities Const Fund warrants 46049 through 46051 for \$9,382.54; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 46052 and 46053 for \$1,765.60; Franklin County RV Facility warrant 46054 for \$12,695.37; Affordable Housing Fund warrant 46055 for \$887.49; Current Expense warrant 46056 for \$297.88; Current Expense warrants 46057 through 46060 for \$945.43; and Current Expense warrants 46061 through 46120 for \$73,010.29; for a total amount of \$184,151.72. (Exhibit 5)

MINUTES (9:31 am)

Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Dana Crutchfield and Kristi Pihl.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of meeting minutes for February 16, 2011. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

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LOBBYIST (9:32 am)

Lobbyist Jim Potts spoke with the Board by phone regarding current legislative issues. Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Dana Crutchfield and Kristi Pihl.

BID OPENING: RFP FOR COURTHOUSE ESPRESSO STAND

Bid Opening convened at 9:46 am. Present: Commissioners Koch and Miller; County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Dana Crutchfield and Kristi Pihl.

One RFP proposal was received from Brooklyn Bean Coffee Company, stating \$100 for first six months followed by negotiations. The RFP will be reviewed by staff.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS) (9:50 am)

HS Director Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board to give a department update. Present in audience: Dana Crutchfield and Kristi Pihl.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (10:05 am)

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

Basin City Water and Sewer District: Basin City Water System Improvements – Phase 1

Jason Mellin with J.A. Sewell & Associates has recommended award of bid to Sharpe and Preszler Construction Company (Exhibit 6).

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion on the Basin City water system, Phase 1, that bid be awarded to Sharpe and Preszler Construction in the amount of \$498,381.75 and authorize the chairman to sign when the award of bid is received. Second by Mr. Koch. 2:0 vote in favor.

Troy Woody joined the audience.

Animal Control (10:06 am)

The Board reviewed a proposal from the City of Pasco for animal control. Instead of a flat fee for any service in the unincorporated areas, Mr. Koch would like different fees for various zones outside the City of Pasco, such as two miles out, five miles out, ten miles out, having a different fee. Mr. Miller agreed with Mr. Koch. Mr. Miller does want the agreement to

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include the unincorporated area. Mr. Koch is comfortable with everything else in the proposal. Mr. Miller agreed.

Other Business (10:11 am)

Sharon Lind of Kahlotus has contacted Mr. Bowen about a property issue in Kahlotus, requesting approval to meet with the Board. Mr. Bowen has told her the matter is outside of the county's jurisdiction. The Board has reviewed papers submitted by Ms. Lind. Mr. Koch said the county cannot do anything about it and asked Mr. Bowen to suggest that Ms. Lind talk with the title insurance company. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Bowen will send a letter to Ms. Lind.

TRAC (10:16 am)

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Mike Levin, Ken Colón and Kristi Pihl.

Fiscal Year 2010 review

The 2010 financial figures were reviewed. The costs for natural gas are large and Mr. Woody will continue to check into them.

Some capital budget items were purchased in 2010 such as lobby boards, ATMs, and floor scrubber, totaling about \$27,000. The Board gave **consensus approval** to pay for the capital budget item costs from the .09 funds which are meant to be used for this purpose and authorized the chairman to sign a letter to the Treasurer directing that the transfer be made. Doing so will not impact the Current Expense budgets for the county or the City of Pasco.

Liquor Control Board

Mr. Woody told the Board that the Liquor Control Board will participate in some training of TRAC staff. He is continuing to work with the county legal staff regarding a Liquor Board citation.

2011 Capital Projects requests

The Board reviewed the TRAC 2011 Capital Projects request list (Exhibit 7). Mr. Woody will add replacement of the freeway sign to the list, expected to cost about \$150,000, and remove some items from the list amounting to about \$75,000 (AC Diffuser, Exterior entrance "Phase 2" and purchase of a lift with Facilities Department). More figures are being obtained regarding the

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freeway sign. He described the need for crowd barricades. Mr. Woody said the items on the list are re-sellable and/or very beneficial to the facility.

An upgraded sign with new technology will be much more useful than the old sign. Additional information is being obtained for the sign, including cost figures. It is possible a portion of the cost will be paid in 2011, with the remainder financed to be paid in the future.

TRAC chart

Mr. Woody showed the Board a chart showing TRAC revenues and subsidies. He said the revenues have climbed. Subsidies have remained the same. By request, Mr. Woody will add a line to the chart showing operational costs (expenses).

Freeway Sign

The Board asked if the highway sign is helpful. Mr. Woody said the benefit cannot be measured but he feels it would be beneficial to be able to reach as many people as we can.

ACTION TOWING (10:30 am)

Mike Levin and Ken Colón of Action Towing met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Abandoned Vehicles

Mr. Levin and Mr. Colón gave the Board a proposal for handling abandoned vehicles and explained how the program would work. There would be no cost to the county. As an option, the county could impose an administrative fee. No one will be sent to collections. The program focuses on accountability. It may reduce staff time for the Sheriff's Department. Action Towing has the infrastructure in place to handle the volume of vehicles and also has a plan to handle waste products. They would like to do the program as a test site for one year. Then the program could be opened up to bids every year.

Mr. Koch said Connell did a similar program a number of years ago that was a good program. Mr. Koch said the Prosecutor's Office will have to determine if bids need to be obtained to begin with.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Action Towing is also proposing to do a neighborhood cleanup in March or April, along with others. Action Towing would cover the costs to cover a particular section of the county and

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make contact with the neighborhood. We could make this a sponsored event and ask people to voluntarily give their cars. We could address issues of cars on personal property.

Mr. Koch said the Prosecutor's Office will have to determine if bids need to be obtained to begin with.

OTHER BUSINESS

Firearms in parks

The Board asked staff members to prepare paperwork changing the county's ordinance about parks because RCW 9.41.290 has pre-empted a portion of the ordinance.

Adjourned at 10:57 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 2, 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 March 2, 2011.