

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for March 16, 2011

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Robert E. Koch, Chairman, was absent on county business to attend APTA Legislative Conference (Transit meeting) in Washington, D.C. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

JIM RABIDEAU

Jim Rabideau met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Request for support of improving and maintaining the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pasco Control Tower at the Municipal Airport

Mr. Rabideau is representing the Franklin County Historical Society. He asked if the Board has appointed someone to serve on the community committee that is being organized to do work regarding the NAS. He is willing to serve. He thinks it would be appropriate for the Board to appoint a county representative to the committee. He said the NAS needs to be repaired or torn down. He would prefer it be repaired because it had significant value during 1942 through 1946 and is an authentic World War II naval air station.

Mr. Peck feels it is better to not have a formal representative from the county because the county does not have a representative on other similar bodies such as the Historical Society and also because the Board decides how to distribute historic preservation dollars so there may appear to be a conflict of interest to sit on the committee for the old control tower when they will be asking for funds. Mr. Peck may attend as an ex officio member at times because of his interest.

Eastern Washington University (EWU) Intern Program

Mr. Rabideau has personally worked out a fiscal arrangement at EWU for an intern program for graduates of Pasco high schools and asked if the county would also be involved in the program at a cost of about \$1200 a year. The City of Pasco is willing to be involved. Acceptance by a municipal corporation is required to be able to assign an intern. Some topics interns could be studying would include government, planning, or criminal justice. When he was the prosecutor, Mr. Rabideau said we used to hire interns out of our Extra Help line item.

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OFFICE BUSINESS

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

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for March 2, 2011, and March 9, 2011, with the provision that these have been signed in advance by Commissioner Koch who is on travel today. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of vouchers for the Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll and Irrigation payroll. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 52976 through 53064 for \$154,522.84; warrants 53065 through 53070 for \$78,732.00; and Direct Deposit for \$324,120.95; for a total amount of \$557,375.79;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 46756 through 46762 for \$3033.63; warrants 46763 through 46766 for \$1355.31; and Direct Deposit for \$7222.12; for a total amount of \$11,611.06; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 46767 through 46782 for \$9198.57; and warrants 46783 through 46786 for \$1554.66; for a total amount of \$10,753.23. (Exhibit 1)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Current Expense vouchers in the total amount of \$170,334.09 as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense Excise Tax for \$1183.52; Auditor O&M Excise Tax for \$10.89; TRAC Operations Fund Excise Tax for \$53.77; Veteran's Assistance warrants 46787 through 46794 for \$3746.73; Current Expense warrants 46863 through 46909 for \$116,742.21; Current Expense warrants 46910 through 46922 for \$7866.83; Auditor O&M warrant 46923 for \$15,926.04; Crime Victims/Witness Assist warrants 46924 and 46925 for \$31.45; Courthouse Facilitator Program warrant 46926 for \$797.50; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 46927 for \$87.77; Trial Court Improvement Fund warrant 46928 for \$350.00; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 46929

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through 46948 for \$21,145.08; and RV Park warrants 46949 through 46951 for \$2392.30; for a total amount of \$170,334.09. (Exhibit 2)

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-098, authorizing the Auditor to dispose of surplus property
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-099, Contract #BFSC1111NR002D with attorney Norma Rodriguez for indigent defense services in Benton-Franklin Counties Superior Court representing persons participating in the Benton-Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-100, re-sale of tax-title property, parcel number 112342242
4. Approval of letter of support to Daniel Nordquist, Director, Washington State University, stating Franklin County's support for *Pathways to Literacy Program* and the WSU Extension grant application to the Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities (Exhibit 4)

OTHER BUSINESS

Basin City Water and Sewer District

Mr. Miller has been notified that one member of the Basin City Water and Sewer District no longer lives in the district. The process for filling a vacancy will be reviewed.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board.

Interns

The Board told Mr. MacPherson about Mr. Rabideau's interest in having the county provide opportunities for summer internship positions.

Public Meeting: CUP 2011-02, a Conditional Use Permit application to place a modular office structure in the General Industrial I-2 Zoning District. The property size is approximately 2.5 acres. The land is located in the Basin City Industrial Park area, south of R-170, along the west side of Glade North Road near the southwest intersection of Second Street and Glade North Road (Parcel #121-261-625). Applicant: Ted Tschirky.

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Public Meeting convened at 9:30 am. Present: Commissioners Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the information on the Action Summary (Exhibit 3) and showed a zoning map with parcel overlay and an aerial photograph with parcel overlay on the screen. A caretaker's residence that was in place has been removed. The modular office would replace it. No one was present in the audience who wished to comment.

Mr. Peck reviewed the county fire official's comments. He asked if reasonable latitude and judgment is applied so the requirement is not overly restrictive. Mr. MacPherson said yes. He described how Planning Department staff typically review individual situations.

Mr. MacPherson said the Planning Commission has discussed whether modular office structures really warrant the conditional use permit process or could be permitted through the Building Department office using a building permit. A text amendment to the county zoning ordinance could be prepared that would address some straightforward changes, such as the modular office issue.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of CUP 2011-02 subject to the six findings of fact and six conditions of approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-101 was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

Assistant Engineer Guy Walters and Shop Foreman Darrel Farnsworth met with the Board.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of Motor Vehicle vouchers for \$116,558.16, MV & PW Equipment vouchers for \$37,568.19, Solid Waste vouchers for \$407.78, and Probation Work Crew vouchers for \$365.21, in the total sum of \$154,899.34. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

R170 Road

Mr. Miller was notified by a property owner who is affected by the R170 road project that a portion of his property is not level. Mr. Walters said the Public Works Department will work

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to get the ground leveled. Mr. Walters said the R170 paving was not completed last fall because of weather but is being paved now and should be completed in a day or two. The striping will then be done. Mr. Walters explained other factors involved which have delayed completion of the project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Guy Walters, Darrel Farnsworth, Kristi Pihl and three men.

Union contracts

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement amending Resolution 2009-100 for the 2009-2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Franklin County and Sheriff's Clerical and Dispatch employees as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-102 was approved.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement amending Resolution 2008-572 for the 2009-2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Franklin County and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7, Franklin County Correctional Officers Association, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-103 was approved.

Jail: Ballot Measure

Mr. Peck said he had in mind that the Law and Justice Council would bring a plan back to the Commissioners prior to deciding whether to put a sales tax measure on the ballot.

Mr. Bowen has met with the sheriff who said their opinion was to have the sales tax issue on the ballot again at the same level. Mr. Peck feels it should be a decision of the entire Law and Justice Council, not just the sheriff and jail captain. Mr. Bowen was unsure if the sheriff was speaking for the entire council.

Mr. Bowen would like to use a request for qualifications (RFQ) for an architect to provide refreshed numbers for the facility that was previously proposed that may have some bearing for the Law and Justice Council as they decide about whether to go forward with a ballot measure or not. He is not sure of the cost but thinks the work would cost about \$1000.

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Mr. Miller will schedule a Law and Justice Council meeting. Mr. Peck asked that the Law and Justice Council also discuss whether to simply refresh numbers for the previous design or look at considering some significant design changes in the hopes of reducing the cost. The jail needs to be a functional building but needs to be realistic and cost-sensitive. Mr. Miller said I totally agree.

Mr. Peck would like any design to be based on the hard requirements (must-haves), perhaps saying "design us something but don't go over this amount" instead of "we have this much to spend – what can you give us?" Mr. Bowen said even though the building will be a jail on the inside, the exterior will look similar to the courthouse and public safety building to keep everything consistent.

PUBLIC WORKS (continuing)

Bid Opening: One new motor grader

Bid Opening convened at 10:04 am. Present: Commissioners Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Assistant Engineer Guy Walters; Shop Foreman Darrel Farnsworth; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: three men and Kristi Pihl.

Four bids were received. Mr. Farnsworth said Option 1 includes a trade-in on the existing machine. Option 2 is purchasing a machine outright. There was no requirement to bid both options. He explained what the re-purchase price involves. The county is not obligated to exercise the re-purchase option.

Case Central Machinery Sales, Inc.

Option 1 was not bid.

Option 2: \$273,539.81, re-purchase price \$75,000

Rowand Machinery Company (RMC)

Option 1: \$230,600, Trade-in \$131,800, Re-purchase price \$155,000

Option 2: \$230,600, re-purchase \$155,000

Western States Equipment Co. (Caterpillar)

Option 1: \$264,750, no trade-in amount was bid, re-purchase price \$160,000

Option 2: \$264,750, re-purchase \$160,000

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Clyde West

Option 1: \$226,064.93, trade-in \$100,000, re-purchase \$120,000

Option 2 was not bid.

The bids will be reviewed with award of bid expected on March 23.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Peck will be attending the Washington Water Law Conference in Spokane.

Mr. Miller reported on meetings he had with legislators in Washington, D.C. He spoke with them about no-spray areas regarding pesticides. He went to meetings about agricultural, environmental and criminal justice matters. He thanked Representative Hastings for work done with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the road to Juniper Forest.

Jail

Mr. Peck said he agrees that getting updated numbers is necessary. The current situation in Japan may affect costs of building supplies.

Adjourned at 10:16 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until March 23, 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 30, 2011.