

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for March 30, 2011

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

BID OPENING: Legal Newspaper

Bid Opening convened at 9:01 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Robin Stanco, Thomas Westerman, Matt Beaton, Troy Woody, Parker Hodge, David Gilchrist and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Two bids were received:

Franklin County Graphic \$8.50 per column inch

Tri-City Herald column inch rates are \$17.21 Monday through Friday and \$17.66 Saturday and Sunday. Any additional insertions are \$15.47 Monday through Friday, and \$15.81 Saturday and Sunday.

The bids will be reviewed. Mr. Peck asked that the state law be reviewed to make sure both newspapers have fulfilled legal requirements to be a legal newspaper in the state. He has spoken to representatives from both newspapers in the past to ask them to ensure that they meet the requirements to carry our legal notices.

AUDITOR

Auditor Matt Beaton met with the Board. Present in audience: Auditor's Chief Deputy Jeff Burckhard, Chief Accountant Thomas Westerman and Accountant Robin Stanco, Troy Woody, Parker Hodge, David Gilchrist and Kristi Pihl.

Request to approve restoration of Auditor's Office Accounting Assistant (Accounts Payable) position from half time to full time and approval of an inter-budget transfer of \$7,751 from 2011 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700 to Auditor's Budget #001-000-060

Mr. Beaton explained his request for approval to restore the accounting assistant position to full time due to the workload at least through the end of the year and answered the Board's questions about the position and about funding sources.

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Mr. Koch said from what we have experienced, I think it is needed to get paperwork done in a timely manner.

Mr. Peck wants to avoid having expenses creep back up after reducing county spending. He can support the request for 2011 and would revisit it for 2012.

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval to restore the auditor's office account payable (accounting assistant) position from half time to full time and approval of inter budget transfer of \$7751 in the 2011 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #700, contingency reserve, salary and benefits line items. Mr. Peck feels the wording in the resolution makes the position permanent, not just for 2011. Mr. Koch indicated it can be changed by a future resolution. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-110 was approved.

TRAC

TRAC General Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Executive Session at 9:17 am regarding contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last no more than 15 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the meeting.

Open Session at 9:33 am. Kristi Pihl joined the audience.

Capital Projects 2011

Mr. Woody asked the Board to approve TRAC capital projects for 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$243,000. He said the City of Pasco has reviewed the list. Mr. Bowen said the City of Pasco has agreed to allow the .09 economic development funds to be used for these projects.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Woody said the capital needs have been underfunded for three consecutive years. Computer stations are replaced on a rotating cycle. Two replacements are anticipated in 2011.

A resolution will be prepared for the consent agenda. Mr. Peck has some reservations. Mr. Miller said, "Right;" he also has some reservations.

Coffee House lease

Mr. Woody has talked with bonding attorney Jeff Nave who told him it is possible for TRAC to lease or sell space to a company to be used for a coffee stand. Mr. Koch and Mr. Woody both do not want to sell property. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Woody to confirm that any

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such activity would be sited on the perimeter of TRAC property as opposed to in the middle of a property parcel. Mr. Woody confirmed that it would be on a perimeter.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

HR Director Rosie H. Rumsey met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Public Works: Memorandum of Agreement, Addendum to Resolution 2009-037, for the 2009-2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 874 (Highway Department) union, regarding contribution to employee benefits and contractual leave for the year 2011

Ms. Rumsey asked for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Peck asked if the agreement reflects what was discussed earlier. Ms. Rumsey said yes.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-111 was approved.

Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) assessment

Ms. Rumsey and Mr. Koch attended a WCRP meeting where they learned of the additional assessment on those who are members of WCRP as of December 31, 2010. Franklin County's additional assessment bill at this time is \$43,833.40 which is 80% of the full assessment. WCRP will bill the other 20% assessment if needed. Mr. Koch said we are bound by the contract to pay the amount.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the requested payment in the amount of \$43,833.44 as I see we have no legal option. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Change of Status Approval – Prosecutor's Office Crime Victim Witness Assistant

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. A question was asked about available funds in the budget. There are funds available. 3:0 vote in favor.

OFFICE BUSINESS

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

Vouchers/warrants

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers presented by Franklin County Auditor and certified by the same in the total amount of \$91,985.43. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

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Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 47579 for \$2,835.54; Current Expense warrants 47621 through 47656 for \$38,324.72; Current Expense warrants 47657 through 47678 for \$9,795.05; Current Expense warrants 47711 through 47714 for \$6,413.67; Auditor O & M warrants 47715 and 47716 for \$454.43; Treasurer O & M warrants 47717 and 47718 for \$288.34; Crime Victims/Witness Assist warrants 47719 and 47720 for \$3,901.21; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 47721 for \$427.00; Enhanced 911 warrants 47722 and 47725 for \$2,002.43; Law Library warrant 47726 for \$263.16; Veteran's Assistance warrants 47727 through 47732 for \$967.82; TRAC Operations Fund warrant 47733 for \$603.79; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 47734 through 47762 for \$22,410.30; and RV Park warrants 47763 through 47766 for \$3,297.97; for a total amount of \$91,985.43. (Exhibit 1)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer for Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll and Irrigation payroll in the amounts shown in the document presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 53071 through 53181 for \$186,747.07; warrants 53182 through 53193 for \$239,715.92; and Direct Deposit for \$318,596.16; for a total amount of \$745,059.15;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 47602 through 47610 for \$3663.30; warrants 47611 through 47620 for \$4264.00; and Direct Deposit for \$6592.45; for a total amount of \$14,519.75; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 47580 through 47593 for \$9347.37; and warrants 47594 through 47601 for \$5644.09; for a total amount of \$14,991.46. (Exhibit 2)

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I make the motion that we approve the consent agenda as listed.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-112, Interagency Agreement IAA10160 Amendment 3 between the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and State of Washington, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), amending Resolution 2009-356, regarding Becca Bill. (Amendment #1 was adopted by Resolution 2009-468. Amendment #2 was adopted by Resolution 2010-397)
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-113, Amending 2010-2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Benton-Franklin Counties, Juvenile Justice Department, and the

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Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, Council 2, Local 3892 (Juvenile Clerical), amending Resolution 2010-132

3. Approval of Resolution 2011-114, Collection Service Agreement between Franklin County District Court and Washington Collectors Tri-Cities, Inc., effective January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Miller: I make a motion that we approve Commissioner Proceedings for March 16, March 21 and March 23, 2011. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.
Franklin County Public Works – Deputy Sheriff Services: 2011 Budget Plan

The Board reviewed the 2011 budget plan submitted by Franklin County Public Works Department for deputy sheriff services.

Mr. Koch said he is in favor personally because it's an idea of a safety issue but he really does not want to see this happen continuously.

Mr. Miller said he looks at it as the road department/public works is paying for safety services from the sheriff. We will have to decide whether we need to put that in the budget next year. He thinks it has been done in other places, for instance the agreement in which the airport uses the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Peck said the County and the Port are two separate entities. Mr. Miller said you can say this is two separate entities inside the county. Mr. Peck said the difference is that the sheriff is in the county budget and is responsible for enforcing county ordinances. He is not responsible for law enforcement on Port of Pasco facilities.

Engineer Tim Fife joined the meeting.

Mr. Miller said he can understand this request. He thinks it's doing a service for Public Works. He does not have a problem with it.

Mr. Peck said he has read some materials asking for the sheriff to be able to enforce laws on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. Mr. Koch expressed concern about what do we as Franklin County have to do with a Federal piece of ground. Mr. Peck said I would have the same question.

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Mr. Peck said if we're going to ask the Sheriff's Department to enforce ordinances, we need to provide them with the resources to do that. The question is, are we willing to approve this arrangement between the Sheriff and Public Works on an interim basis? As long as we're not adopting this as a precedent and it won't be an ongoing practice, I can live with that.

The Board had **consensus agreement** to approve.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move that the Board indicate its approval in the form of a motion. That motion is that we authorize Public Works to use their already-budgeted funds in the amount of \$29,907.25 to secure services from the Sheriff's Department for the purposes discussed including enforcing ordinances for water on the roadway, traffic enforcement in construction zones, and similar activities that fall under this proposal for Public Works. Second Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Columbia River Crossing Committee (CRCC)

Mr. Fife said the study has been completed and accepted. Mr. Koch serves as the county representative with Mr. Fife serving on the technical side of the committee. The Board will discuss the county's position regarding the crossing at a later Board meeting.

Adjourned at 10:11 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until April 6, 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 April 11, 2011.