

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for May 11, 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; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Robert E. Koch, Chairman, and Fred Bowen, County Administrator, were absent on county business. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

WORKSHOP

On Monday, May 9, 2011, the Board held a workshop session at TRAC to hear presentations by two solar energy companies.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)

EM Director John Scheer met with the Board. Present in audience: Sheriff Richard Lathim.

Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hazard Mitigation Renewal is reviewed once a year and renewed every five years. It lists projects in Franklin County that could be done should money become available. The county, cities and school districts have all applied for some of the mitigation funds.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval as presented of the Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-155 was approved.

All Hazards Master Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Scheer said the agreement will consolidate mutual aid agreements into one master joint agreement. In time of emergency, the parties will all work together.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the standard resolution for execution of professional services contract from John Scheer, Emergency Management Director. The contract description is: All Hazard Master Mutual Aid Agreement between agencies, non-governmental groups and private industries within Franklin County, Washington. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-156 was approved.

SHERIFF (9:13 am)

Sheriff Richard Lathim met with the Board.

Agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for law enforcement services

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Sheriff Lathim asked for approval of an annual agreement to provide patrols on the Columbia and Snake Rivers on weekends and holidays. He described the process that has occurred in preparation of the contract.

Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl joined the audience.

Mr. Peck asked if it is accurate that contracts provide for additional manhours and don't take personnel resources away from other law enforcement priorities. Sheriff Lathim said yes. Sheriff Lathim said the work helps to meet Corps requirements to make waterways safe and also helps with safety for citizens. The work for this contract will conclude on Labor Day Monday.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the law enforcement cooperative agreement #W912EF-11-Q-0046 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Franklin County Sheriff's Office as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-157 was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS (9:25 am)

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

Award of Bid: CRP 500 East Foster Wells Road Extension, Phase II

The county has not yet received the concurrence from the Federal government to award the bid.

Discretionary Funding Notice

The county is eligible to apply for some discretionary funding. Mr. Fife recommended not applying for the funding for the Peterson Road/Juniper Dunes area because the current project is expected to be completed this summer while the weather is favorable and new funding may result in a delay due to additional Federal environmental requirements which may make the project cost more than is currently anticipated. Our project is about \$250,000 short at this time. The grant would have to be for \$400,000 to \$500,000 because of additional work that would be required. There is also no guarantee we would be selected.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Fife to consider applying for the grant for other county projects. Some ideas were: Road 100, river crossing, all-weather road improvements, crops to market roads, improvements to the major north-south routes to maintain economic interests, and the maintenance/restoration of the Naval aviation tower at the Pasco Airport.

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Speed Limit

Mr. Miller asked about the speed limit on Highway 170. Mr. Fife said updates to the speed limit ordinance will be reviewed soon. Once the work is completed on the new section of Highway 170, there is no reason the speed limit cannot be 55 miles per hour.

OFFICE BUSINESS (9:42 am)

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of fund expenditures presented by the auditor for payment in the total amount of \$206,125.36. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 49403 through 49469 for \$57,040.35; Current Expense warrants 49470 through 49532 for \$19,975.43; Current Expense warrants 49533 through 49538 for \$628.37; Auditor O&M warrants 49539 and 49540 for \$23,303.18; Veteran's Assistance warrants 49541 through 49545 for \$1236.75; Current Expense warrant 49546 for \$1578.96; Courthouse Facilitator Program warrant 49547 for \$690.00; FC Capital Projects Fund warrants 49548 for \$50,477.95; TRAC warrants 49549 through 49581 for \$44,433.01; and RV Park warrants 49582 through 49587 for \$6761.36; for a total amount of \$206,125.36. (Exhibit 1)

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

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 53404 through 53491 for \$171,968.48; warrants 53492 through 53498 for \$71,134.14; and Direct Deposit for \$328,814.19; for a total amount of \$571,916.81;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 49295 through 49301 for \$4586.15; warrants 49302 through 49306 for \$3026.55; and Direct Deposit for \$10,259.60; for a total amount of \$17,872.30; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 49307 through 49323 for \$9419.55; and warrants 49324 through 49327 for \$1523.01; for a total amount of \$10,942.56. (Exhibit 2)

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Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda excepting Item 2 which has been pulled for future action. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request for Sheriff Richard Lathim to attend NSA Annual Training Conference June 17-23, 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri

(Clerk's Note: Item #2 was pulled from the consent agenda.)

2. Approval of Resolution 2011-_____, Interagency Agreement between State of Washington Department of Ecology and Franklin County Solid Waste for grant funding of \$55,101 for Franklin County's Community Litter Cleanup Program for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-158, acceptance of software maintenance quote from Intergraph for computer-aided design and mobile systems for Franklin County Dispatch, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Franklin County Board of Commissioner meeting minutes and proceedings for April 27, 2011. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS (9:48 am)

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Insurance Committee

Mr. Miller said the Insurance Committee recommended proceeding with review of three insurance companies' proposals but his understanding is the Board will look at all of the insurance companies' proposals. He asked for Mr. Peck's thoughts.

Mr. Peck said his understanding is that the Insurance Committee sent out a request for proposals, received proposals, evaluated those proposals as a committee, narrowed the list down to three, and then recommended to the Commissioners in priority order what they thought were the top three proposals. However, having followed the process for several weeks, he is not confident the three selected by the Insurance Committee are the only ones worth considering. Therefore, he thinks the Board should probably look at all of them, realizing there are only six or seven total. He said we can give additional time or consideration to the ones recommended by

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the Insurance Committee to respect the effort and time they've put into it. He thinks due diligence would be appropriate for the Commissioners to look more closely at all of them.

Mr. Miller said he wanted to hear from the other Commissioners because it is how he felt, too. He understands there was a problem with one company suspecting they didn't have all their information in and found out later they did. He definitely would like to take a look at that proposal because it could have affected how they placed. He would agree that we need to look at all of the proposals.

Mr. Peck said he thinks while we budgeted adequately for our current 2011 insurance situation, we still need to expedite the process while still exercising due diligence and care. We need to get busy and get this done and not let it drag on. He wants to make sure this process continues to move forward.

Adjourned at 9:52 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 16, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Robert E. Koch, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Brad Peck, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed May 16, 2011.