

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for July 27, 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 9:00 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife, Assistant Engineer Guy Walters met with the Board. Present in audience: Marianne Ophardt.

Public Hearing: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2012-2017

Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCoG) has reviewed the plan. Mr. Fife answered Mr. Peck's questions about the coordination with BFCoG.

Mr. Koch asked Ms. Ophardt if she wished to comment. She did not. There was no one else present in the audience.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the Six-Year TIP as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-251 was approved.

Ione Road: Mr. Fife answered Mr. Peck's questions about Ione Road.

WSU EXTENSION

Benton County WSU Extension Director Marianne Ophardt met with the Board.

Master Gardener & Community Horticulture Program Update

Ms. Ophardt told the Board about the impacts from pests on commercial agriculture and that the Master Gardener program is giving training to identify the pests. The Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) has already been found in the area. In particular, it is a threat to soft fruit crops. The Brown Marmorated Stinkbug (BMSB) has been found in western Washington. It attacks tree fruit crops, vegetables and small fruit, as well as causing odor problems in houses.

Ms. Ophardt explained grant project work that is being done to educate backyard tree fruit growers about controlling cherry fruit fly in cherry trees and codling moth in apple trees.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

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Annual Risk Exposure Self-Assessment for Franklin County

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the annual risk exposure self-assessment for Franklin County as presented by Mr. Verhulp. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-252 was approved.

Conover Insurance: Liability Insurance Coverage quote

Conover Insurance has asked if the county wants a quote for liability insurance coverage for the coming yet. The Board said yes.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of payroll vouchers for County Road for \$118,691.17 and Motor Vehicle for \$17,199.07, for a total amount of \$135,890.24. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll and Irrigation payroll in the total amount of \$771,939.85 as approved by the auditor, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 53941 through 54031 for \$178,132.45; Direct Deposit for \$317,814.42; and Benefits warrants 54032 through 54043 for \$245,827.76; for a total amount of \$741,774.63;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 53220 through 53228 for \$3576.90; Direct Deposit for \$6678.85; and Benefits warrants 53281 through 53290 for \$4696.42; for a total amount of \$14,952.17; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 53291 through 53303 for \$9432.78; and Benefits warrants 53304 through 53311 for \$5780.27; for a total amount of \$15,213.05. (Exhibit 2)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of fund expenditures as presented in the total amount of \$261,819.67, signed by the chief deputy of the Auditor's Office. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

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<u>FUND Expenditures</u>	<u>WARRANTS</u>		<u>AMOUNT ISSUED</u>
Franklin County RV Facility	53214	53219	\$2,429.24
Current Expense	53229	53280	\$51,885.06
Current Expense	53312	53356	\$199,907.34
Auditor O & M	53357	-	\$256.67
Enhanced 911	53358	-	\$36.72
Law Library	53359	53362	\$6,818.57
Veteran's Assistance (Exhibit 3)	53363	53365	\$486.07

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda with discussion. Second by Mr. Miller. There was a discussion about wording on item #1. Items #2 and #3 allow credit card use for two departments. Mr. Peck is concerned about payment of credit card bills in a timely manner resulting in additional charges for late fees and other charges. He asked if the timeliness of bill payments on credit cards has been improved since changes were made several months ago. Ms. Fulton gave an update on the work that has been done in various offices with the credit card companies to speed up the process of receiving the bills.

In response to Mr. Koch's question, Mr. Bowen said the credit cards requested are not for travel purposes but for purchasing.

Mr. Peck suggested giving approval for the credit cards at this time with the understanding that if we continue to have problems with paying bills on time, we will pull the credit cards. Mr. Koch agreed, that interest and credit card fees are a waste.

Vote: 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-253, renaming of line items in the Franklin County Non-Departmental Budget #700 to Contingency, Salaries & Benefits – Contingency, and Reserved Fund Balance
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-254, authorizing the Franklin County Information Services Department to contract with US Bank for charge card services, utilizing the State of Washington State Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Program

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3. Approval of Resolution 2011-255, authorizing the Franklin County Coroner to contract with US Bank for charge card services, utilizing the State of Washington State Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Program
4. Approval of Resolution 2011-256, appointing Lee Morris as a member of the Franklin County Water Conservancy Board and appointing Mark Nielson as an alternate member of the Franklin County Water Conservancy Board

Minutes

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the Commissioners Proceedings for July 23, 2011. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (10:08 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Basin City Water System Improvements – Phase 1

Mr. Bowen gave the Board Change Order No. 1 and explained the changes. The Department of Commerce also reviews the change orders.

Budget

The Board reviewed some contingency budget items.

OTHER BUSINESS

Land Use Critical Areas Webinar

Mr. Miller told the Board about House Bill 1886 regarding land use dealing with critical areas which is known as the voluntary stewardship program. Counties will have a choice to opt in or leave it alone. A webinar on the Ruckelshaus Process Program will be held on July 28.

Recessed at 10:26 am.

Reconvened at 10:30 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continuing)

Executive Session at 10:32 am for contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140 (4) expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 10:49 am

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OTHER BUSINESS

Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council (WDC)

Mr. Miller gave an update on WDC funding.

Recessed at 10:52 am.

Reconvened at 1:30 pm.

E-911: First phase of E-911 study results regarding merger of all E-911 centers within the Tri-Cities into one Regional E-911 center.

Fifteen people were present in the audience including: Pasco City Manager Gary Crutchfield, Pasco Mayor Matt Watkins, Pasco Councilmember Mike Garrison, Information Services Director Kevin Scott, Dispatch Superintendent Ed Bush, Emergency Management Director John Scheer, Emergency Management staff member Sean Davis, Auditor's Accounting staff member Robin Stanco, Security Director Rick Rochleau, Pasco Fire Chief Bob Gear, Cindy Johnson from City of Richland, Barb Hevel from Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Fire District #3 representative Jason Lungstan, Tri-City Herald Reporter John Trumbo, and KNDU TV Reporter Bryant Maddrick.

Recessed at 1:35 pm.

Reconvened at 1:38 pm.

Consultant Ernest Pages with E-Gov Consulting of Fairview, Texas, and another consultant presented the first phase of the E-911 study results.

Adjourned at 2:27 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 3, 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 August 17, 2011.