

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for December 14, 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.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Public Hearing: To take testimony for or against opting into the State of Washington's Voluntary Stewardship Program – HB 1886

Public Hearing convened at 9:00 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Many people were present in the audience including those listed on the sign-in sheet (Exhibit 1).

Mr. MacPherson gave some background information about the Voluntary Stewardship Program. He gave the Board an Agenda Summary Report (Exhibit 2). Two previous workshops have been held in Franklin County. There was a public comment period from November 1 to November 30, 2011. The Planning and Building Department received one written comment from the Franklin County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (Exhibit 2-A). He said staff would recommend that the Commissioners take testimony today and hold off from taking formal action until January 18, 2012, to give the Commissioners an opportunity to evaluate all the testimony.

Mr. Koch invited people to comment for and against.

Kevin Heinen spoke in opposition.

Jim Follansbee spoke in opposition.

Mr. MacPherson displayed a Water Resource Inventory Map that identified WIRAs in the county.

Dan Wood with Washington Farm Bureau spoke in favor and gave the Board a paper (Exhibit 3).

David Manterola spoke in favor.

Stacy Gilmore, president of Franklin County Farm Bureau, spoke in favor.

Brandie Didier spoke in opposition.

Bob Whitelatch said opting out is not on the table and spoke in favor.

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Clint Didier spoke in opposition.

Mark Wieseler, representing Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, spoke in favor.

Steve Cooper spoke in favor.

Jerry Martin spoke in opposition and gave the Board information titled "Sustainable Development Agenda 21 at a Glance" (Exhibit 4).

Mr. Koch asked if anyone else wished to speak. There was no response. He asked if the Commissioners had comments.

Mr. Miller said he was an alternate for eastern Washington on the committee that worked on the development of the program. He attended some of the meetings but as an alternate was not involved in the final meetings. He said he supported flexibility. The program makes it possible for Eastern Washington to opt in or stay out. He wants to do more research before making a decision.

Brad Peck has not made a decision yet.

Mr. Koch also has not made a decision yet.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of County Road and Motor Vehicle vouchers presented and certified by the Public Works Director Mr. Fife in the total amount of \$97,607.21. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Payroll for County Road Fund for \$85,184.17 and Motor Vehicle Fund for \$12,423.04. (Exhibit 5)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management Payroll and Irrigation payroll in the total amount of \$607,470.47 as presented and certified by the Auditor Mr. Beaton. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing Payroll warrants 54895 through 55009 for \$175,108.40; Direct Deposit for \$329,695.26; and Benefits warrants 55010 through 55018 for \$79,379.13; for a total amount of \$584,182.79;

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Emergency Management Payroll warrants 58959 through 58965 for \$3103.74; Direct Deposit for \$7196.51; and Benefits warrants 58966 through 58969 for \$1552.08; for a total amount of \$11,852.33; and

Irrigation Payroll warrants 59070 through 59083 for \$6070.97; Direct Deposit for \$3617.01; and Benefits warrants 59084 through 59087 for \$1747.37; for a total amount of \$11,435.35.

Grand total is \$607,470.47. (Exhibit 6)

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of fund expenditures in the total amount of \$163,756.89 as detailed in the presentation from Franklin County Auditor Mr. Beaton.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Warrants</u>		<u>Amount Issued</u>
Veteran's Assistance	58958		\$2,192.40
Current Expense	59088	59091	\$819.94
Current Expense	59092	59138	\$68,591.17
Current Expense	59139	59164	\$83,976.71
Enhanced 911	59165		\$995.86
Current Expense	59166	59167	\$940.39
Auditor O & M	59168		\$88.81
Election Equipment Revolving	59169		\$128.82
Boating Safety Fund	59170	59172	\$879.51
DUI Recovery Fund	59173		\$324.24
Jail Commissary	59174	59180	\$4,819.04

(Exhibit 7)

LOURDES HEALTH NETWORK

John Serle, president and CEO of Lourdes Health Network, met with the Board. Also present: Barbara Mead, Sister Esther Polacci, Melanie Johnston and Frank R. Becker.

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Potential changes in reimbursement

Mr. Serle told the Board about potential changes in reimbursement and asked the Board to share the concerns with state legislators. He said cuts that are being proposed would almost make it impossible for Lourdes to continue in its ministry and explained in detail.

Motion – Mr. Peck asked that the Chair sign the letters to all of our elected officials on behalf of the Board. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Mr. Koch said he has met with legislators regarding concerns about funding for rural and critical access hospitals and they are all well aware of the dilemma. The letters are being sent to legislators in the 8th, 9th and 16th Districts. (Exhibit 8)

Recessed at 9:49 am.

Reconvened at 10:00 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Victor Reeve, Robin Kusske and Pat Austin.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the consent agenda as presented.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-424, adoption of 2012 Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board budget
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-425, adoption of 2012 Franklin County Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board budget
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-426, authorizing Superior Court to dispose of surplus property
4. Approval of Resolution 2011-427 adopting the percentage rates for salaries for Benton-Franklin Superior Court
5. Approval of Resolution 2011-428, Collection Services Agreement between Franklin County District Court and Washington Collectors, Inc.
6. Approval of Resolution 2011-429, Contract Amendment BFJC1212MSP001A with Attorney Mary Poland for additional indigent defense services in the Juvenile Division

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of Benton-Franklin Counties Superior Court representing indigent juveniles subject to dependency proceedings

7. Approval of Resolution 2011-430, Contract Amendment BFJC1212DRC001A with Attorney Darin Campbell for additional indigent defense services in the Juvenile Division of Benton-Franklin Counties Superior Court representing indigent juveniles subject to dependency proceedings
8. Approval of Resolution 2011-431-A, Personal Services Contract between the Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center, Benton-Franklin Counties Department of Human Services, Benton-Franklin Counties Crisis Response Unit and Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service, LLC, dba Inter-City Legal Processing and Messenger Service, for term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
9. Approval of Resolution 2011-431, Public Works Contract between Franklin County and Apollo Sheet Metal, Inc., for the installation of an HVAC system at the Franklin County Fire District #3 Site on Jump Off Joe Butte pursuant to agreement with Franklin County Dispatch for radio communication site
10. Approval of Resolution 2011-432, Public Works Contract between Franklin County and Legacy Telecommunications, Inc., for the installation of a communications tower and foundation at the Franklin County Fire District #3 site on Jump Off Joe Butte pursuant to agreement with Franklin County Dispatch for radio communication site
11. Approval of Resolution 2011-433, Public Works Contract between Franklin County and Phase 2 Electric, Inc., for the installation of an existing county-owned electrical generator at the Franklin County Fire District #3 Site on Jump Off Joe Butte, pursuant to agreement with Franklin County Dispatch for radio communication site
12. Approval of Resolution 2011-434, Agreement between King County Elections and the Auditor's Offices of Pierce, Clark, Yakima and Franklin Counties to provide improved support for overseas and service voters pursuant to receipt of grant from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
13. Approval of Resolution 2011-435, #2011/2013-HEN-LCC to provide housing and essential needs services between Lourdes Counseling Center and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services
14. Approval of Resolution 2011-436, #2011-2013-HEN-TSA to provide housing and essential needs services between The Salvation Army and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services

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Connell High School Football Team

Present in audience: Attorney Michael Rio.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move that we sign a certificate of congratulations to the Connell High School Football team for winning the state championship. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-437 was approved. (Exhibit 9)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (10:16 am)

Executive Session at 10:17 am regarding contract negotiations based on RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) expected to last up to 30 minutes; and for up to 5 minutes based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee.

Open Session at 10:55 am.

Adjourned at 10:56 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until December 21, 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 December 21, 2011.