

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 52  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for February 6, 2013

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

### **ELTOPIA WATER SYSTEM**

Christine Batayola from Harms Engineering met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Eltopia Water System Improvement Project Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). to review final project performance

Public Hearing convened at 9:01 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Christine Batayola on behalf of Harms Engineering, consulting engineer for the Eltopia Water System Improvement Project; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk, Matt Mahoney, Matthew Rasmussen, Kathleen Neuman, Ivan and Kathy Halverson, Rebeca Gilley, Jerrod MacPherson, Margo Hines, Ed Thornbrugh, another man from Eltopia, a TV Reporter and Tri-City Herald Reporter Michelle Dupler.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone would like to make a statement. Kathy Halvorson expressed appreciation for the grant. Mr. Miller asked if anyone else wished to make a comment. There was no response.

Mr. Peck asked if the system has the capacity to expand. Ms. Batayola said there is a limit on the water rights. There could be up to about 30 connections. The Department of Ecology gave approval for the number of connections that were already approved.

### **HUMAN SERVICES (9:09 am)**

Human Services Administrator Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk, Matt Mahoney, Matthew Rasmussen, Kathleen Neuman, , Rebeca Gilley, Jerrod MacPherson, Margo Hines, a TV Reporter and Tri-City Herald Reporter Michelle Dupler.

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Grant Agreement #2060-2012-HACPFC

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Grant Agreement 2060-2012-HACPFC as presented by the Human Services Administrator Mr. Thornbrugh. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-050 was approved.

Grant Agreement #2060-2012-DVSBF, Domestic Violence Services, to rehab two kitchens of a transitional housing 4-plex facility

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of Grant Agreement 2060-2012-DVSBF as presented by Mr. Thornbrugh. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-051 was approved.

Grant Agreement #2060-2012-HFH, Tri-County Partners Habitat for Humanity

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of Grant Agreement 2060-2012-HFH as presented by Mr. Thornbrugh. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-052 was approved.

10-year Plan to End Homelessness, Phase Two, Update 2012

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, Phase Two, Update 2012, submitted by the Department of Human Services. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-053 was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board.

Public Hearing: To hear public comments to evaluate impacts and consider appropriate regulations related to medical marijuana collective gardens under Chapter 69.51A RCW, including extension of a moratorium for an additional six months

Public Hearing convened at 9:19 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk, Matt Mahoney, Matthew Rasmussen, Kathleen Neuman, Jerrod MacPherson, Margo Hines, Ed Thornbrugh, a TV Reporter and Tri-City Herald Reporter Michelle Dupler.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak.

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Ed Thornbrugh spoke, saying this issue could have an effect on the Department of Human Services because of the clients they serve. He will work with Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp to evaluate if the department is subsidizing rent or providing housing to individuals who may choose to have a grow operation. He does not know the risks and hazards of the grow operations and what it may mean to the county but it's something that we should probably discuss. Mr. Verhulp said it would be worth review.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone else would like to speak. There was no response.

Mr. Koch asked about the procedure for extending the moratorium. Mr. Verhulp responded.

Mr. Peck recommended that the Board forego any action to extend the moratorium and provide direction through the County Administrator to the Planning Department to draft the documents as recommended by counsel and give us an opportunity to review those and if we concur with their proposal and their approach, then we can approve that code change at that time. If on the other hand we find that that doesn't work for us for some reason or perhaps we learn something new in the next four months, then we can always proceed with extending the moratorium at that point. So it really is direction for the Planning Department and County Administrator.

Jerrold MacPherson, Franklin County Planning and Building Director, asked if the Board has any objection to including this item with other amendments that are currently being proposed to the Zoning Ordinance. Each Board member indicated approval to combine the amendments in one review process.

The Board had **consensus agreement** to approve the recommendation stated by Mr. Peck. Hearing was closed at 9:32 am.

Resolution disapproving the petition for incorporation of the City of Riverview

The Board signed Resolution 2013-054.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk, Margo Hines, Jerrold MacPherson, Matthew Rasmussen, Kathleen Neuman, Michelle Dupler and Robin Stanco.

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2013 Rental Rates, Shop Overhead and Pricing Rates, Administration Fee

Mr. Mahoney reviewed the materials with the Board.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the equipment rental rate for calendar year January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, including Equipment Rental Rate, Shop Overhead and Pricing Rate of \$84.00 an hour and Administration Fee of 13%. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-055 was approved.

Federal Highway Administration (FWWA) Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary

County Engineer Matthew Rasmussen joined the meeting.

There was discussion about the adjusted urbanized area boundary. Each Board member stated they had no objections to the recommendations from the Public Works Department.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Consolidation of 911 services in the Tri-Cities

Mr. Peck gave an update on work he has been involved with to consolidate 911 services in the Tri-Cities. An interlocal agreement is being reviewed by legal counsel with approval of the agreement expected next week.

Mr. Koch asked if there is any discussion about including the Burbank area of Walla Walla County. Mr. Peck said there was a little bit of discussion but neither Walla Walla County nor the City of Burbank were asked to sign the agreement. There would be nothing prohibiting us from serving an adjacent community, perhaps on a fee-for-service basis.

Mr. Peck said factors that were considered in preparing the agreement were operational effectiveness, cost effectiveness, and sustainability and reliability of communications systems and hardware. He said none of the existing entities or agencies are anticipated to exist after this consolidation. The focus is on providing the best possible service at the lowest possible cost while ensuring that it meets the reliability needs of the 911 system. He named the positions represented on the steering committee.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Administrative Assistant Margo Hines met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk, Margo Hines, Jerrod MacPherson, Matthew Rasmussen, Kathleen Neuman, Michelle Dupler, Robin Stanco, Rick Long and Lori Schmidt.

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Vouchers

Mr. Bowen explained which vouchers he reviewed and said he found them to be in order.

**Motion**– Mr. Peck: I move for approval of fund expenditures in the total amount of \$397,218.80 as presented by the auditor and would note for the record that this has been signed by Jeff Burckhard and audited by Julie Jordan. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

<b>Fund Expenditures</b>	<b><u>Warrants</u></b>		<b>Amount Issued</b>
Current Expense	77685	77691	\$28,370.63
Enhanced 911	77692	-	\$77.85
County Roads	77693	77706	\$20,108.59
Landfill Closure Trust Fund	77707	-	\$3,003.89
Veteran's Assistance	77708	-	\$3,420.53
Current Expense	77709	77711	\$283.93
Solid Waste	77712	77715	\$5,587.67
Motor Vehicle/Public Works	77716	77722	\$5,305.31
Current Expense	77723	77753	\$27,881.78
Current Expense	77754	77755	\$1,232.51
Auditor O & M	77756	-	\$142.46
Jail Commissary	77757	77762	\$12,059.26
Law Library	77763	-	\$156.32
Veteran's Assistance	77764	-	\$2,003.06
1999 Distressed Capital GO Bonds	77765	-	\$270,000.00
TRAC Operations Fund	77766	77786	\$17,585.01

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the consent agenda as presented, all eight items. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2013-056, Personal Services Contract between Benton and Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Stephenson Computer Consulting

2. Approval of Resolution 2013-057, Uncollectable Personal Property Tax submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for cancellation in the amount of \$4433.84

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3. Approval of Resolution 2013-058, Inter Budget Transfers totaling \$2500 from 2012 Current Expense Sheriff's Detention/Correction Budget #001-000-540 to Corrections Food Service Budget #001-000-550
4. Approval of Resolution 2013-059, Intra Budget Transfer of \$4000 in 2012 Current Expense Sheriff's Detention/Correction Budget #001-000-540
5. Approval of Resolution 2013-060, and a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing Andrea Ray for her service as a member of the Benton and Franklin Counties Substance Abuse Administrative Board
6. Approval of Resolution 2013-061, and a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing Michele Gerber, Ph.D., as a member of the Benton and Franklin Counties Substance Abuse Administrative Board
7. Approval of Resolution 2013-062, authorizing the Franklin County Planning and Building Director to contract with US Bank for charge card services, utilizing the State of Washington, Washington State Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Program
8. Approval of Resolution 2013-063, 2012 Safe Driving, Length of Service and Attendance Awards, authorizing vacation hours to be awarded to employees referenced in Attachment "A" to be used in 2013

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (10:01 am)**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk and Michelle Dupler.

Inter-Budget Transfer of \$35,139 from the Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700 (Reserve Fund Balance) to Public Defense Budget #001-000-180 (Miscellaneous Professional Services)

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of inter-budget transfer of \$35,139 from the 2012 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700 to the Public Defense Budget #001-000-180 as detailed in the resolution and presented by Mr. Bowen. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS (10:03 am)**

Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association

The Board discussed a request from Darryll Olsen of the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association to be aware of House Bill #1350 regarding a 5000 gallon exempt permit for water.

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**PROSECUTOR (10:10 am)**

Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Roger Lenk and Michelle Dupler.

**Executive Session** at 10:11 am pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss contract negotiations expected to last 15 minutes. Those in the audience left the meeting. Commissioner Peck left the meeting during the executive session to attend another meeting.

**Open Session** at 10:26 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I move to adjourn. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:0 vote in favor.

**Adjourned** at 10:28 am.

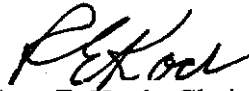
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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until February 13, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rick Miller, Chairman



Robert E. Koch, Chairman Pro Tem



Brad Peck, Member

Attest:

  
Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed February 13, 2013.





# FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

*Matt Beaton, Auditor*

2/6/2013

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 2/6/2013

*Burd Peak*

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:

certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

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In the amount of

*[Signature]*

\$397,218.80

The motion was seconded by

And passed by a vote of 3 to 0

*[Signature]*  
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy

*[Signature]*  
Vouchers Audited By