

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 52
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for July 10, 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 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney and Engineer Matthew Rasmussen met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Ed Thornbrugh, Jerrod MacPherson, Tri-City Herald Reporter Geoff Folsom, Greg Wendt and CRAB Board representative Walt Olsen.

Interlocal Maintenance Agreement with North Franklin School District (NFSD) – Task Assignment #NFS2013-01

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Interlocal Maintenance Agreement with North Franklin School District, Task Assignment 2013-01. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-252 was approved.

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT (9:04 am)

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Ed Thornbrugh, Jerrod MacPherson, Geoff Folsom, Greg Wendt, Walt Olsen, Tim Waters and Marianne Ophardt.

Opening of Requests for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/RFQs) for Shoreline Master Program Update

RFP/RFQ opening convened at 9:04 am. Mr. MacPherson said the Shoreline Management Act requires updating of the county's Shoreline Master Program. Each RFP/RFQ should contain prices for six phases. The Board asked that the total amount be read for each bid rather than by individual phases. The Department of Ecology will be funding the work with a \$250,000 grant.

Four bids were received:

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AHBL, Inc., from Tacoma	Total: \$225,000
Anchor QEA from Seattle	Total: \$189,995
Watershed Company from Kirkland	Total: \$224,940
SCJ Alliance from Wenatchee	Total: \$226,000

The bids will be reviewed by the Planning and Building Department for completeness of RFP requirements. The Planning and Building Department will then make a recommendation for award. The final plan has to be approved by the state. The whole project has to be completed by December 1, 2015. The state anticipates it will be a two- to three-year process depending on the complexity of the shorelines. Mr. MacPherson noted that the bids that have been opened are Requests for Proposal and it is a professional services award, seeking qualifications and other information.

The work includes shorelines, flowing water and lakesides that meet a cubic foot per second threshold. The Columbia River, Snake River, Palouse River, portions of the Esquatzel Coulee, and approximately two dozen miscellaneous lakes will be included. Each shoreline will be evaluated to determine if they still meet the standard and whether or not they will still be included in the update or if they can be removed. Numerous privately owned lakes are also part of the project.

WSU EXTENSION

WSU Extension Agent Marianne Ophardt and Franklin County Extension Director Tim Waters met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Geoff Folsom, Ed Thornbrugh and Margo Hines.

Demonstration Garden

Ms. Ophardt told the Board about work done through the Master Gardeners including a project called Plant a Row for the Hungry where people grow produce, then donate some to local food banks. Some companies give free seeds to the people who participate at the end of the year to encourage planting of extra produce. People can take a tax deduction of \$1.25 per pound for food they donate. The high school FFAs are also donating leftover plants for distribution to people who are interested in the Plant a Row program. A newer part of the program is mentoring local community gardens. There are 11 community gardens in Richland, six in Kennewick and three in Pasco. Other smaller communities have them, too, such as Prosser and

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Connell. Master Gardeners mentor those gardens. The City of Kennewick has started a community garden in Jay Perry Park this year. The City of Richland has several community gardens.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Margo Hines met with the Board. Present in audience: Lester Storms, Geoff Folsom and Ed Thornbrugh.

Public Comment

Lester Storms told the Board about his concerns regarding a Federal government plan called Common Core related to education that he feels is against our state constitution and also takes away state rights. He said the Federal government is not supposed to dictate school activities from Federal level down to the local level.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Peck move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll and Irrigation payroll in the total amount of \$640,156.25 which is signed by Auditor Matt Beaton, and for approval of fund expenditures in the total amount of \$218,773.79 signed by Mr. Burckhard. Mr. Bowen has reviewed the vouchers. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Payroll	58768-58845	167,993.37
Direct Deposit		357,099.69
		525,093.06
Benefits	58846-58851	91,324.64
	Total	\$616,417.70
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Payroll	84306-84312	\$3,000.28
Direct Deposit		5,532.17
		8,532.45
Benefits	84313-84316	1,437.56
	Total	\$9,970.01
Irrigation Payroll:		
Payroll	84292-84301	\$5,525.15
Direct Deposit		5,979.79
		11,504.94
Benefits	84302-84305	2,263.60
	Total	\$13,768.54
(Exhibit 1)	Grand Total All Payrolls	\$640,156.25

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Fund Expenditures	<u>Warrants</u>		Amount Issued
Current Expense	84317	84378	\$35,985.55
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Sheriff Sex Offender Grant		87397	\$56.00
Election Equipment Revolving		84398	\$6,377.48
Treasurer O & M	84399		\$715.77
Jail Commissary	84400	84405	\$4,501.95
FC Public Facilities Const Fund	84406	84407	\$3,720.62
TRAC Operations Fund	84408	84428	\$17,073.69
Franklin County RV Facility	84429	84432	\$512.26
County Roads	84433	84444	\$123,325.83
Ending Homelessness Fund		84445	\$1,440.00
Motor Vehicle/Public Works	84446	84447	\$86.57
Current Expense		84448	<u>\$3,125.90</u>
		Grand Total:	\$218,773.79 (Exhibit 2)

Consent Agenda

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of consent agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Koch.

3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2013-253, GCBH Amendment #BFCRUS-11/13-02, Amendment No. 02, for the State Mental Health Amendment, between Greater Columbia Behavioral Health and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services
2. Approval of Resolution 2013-254, GCBH Amendment #BFCRUP-11/13-03, Amendment No. 03, for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Amendment, between Greater Columbia Behavioral Health and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services
3. Approval of Resolution 2013-255, Acknowledgment of Washington Counties Risk Pool settlement of property damages to Aspen Landscape trailer

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen, Public Works Director Matt Mahoney, Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp and County Engineer Matthew Rasmussen met with the Board.

Present in audience: Lester Storms, Geoff Folsom and Walt Olsen.

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Executive Session at 9:40 am pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel matters related to agency enforcement actions; litigation or potential litigation, expected to last up to 15 minutes. Mr. Storms, Mr. Folsom and Mr. Olsen left the audience.

Open Session at 9:56 am.

Executive Session continued at 9:56 am expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 10:14 am.

Executive Session continued at 10:14 am expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 10:30 am.

Executive Session continued at 10:30 am expected to last 15 minutes.

Open Session at 10:45 am.

Mr. Peck said our recently concluded executive session focused on a county road intersection involving Wahluke Road running north and south, Hollingsworth Road running east-west, and Chestnut Road also running east-west. At the northwest corner of that intersection there is a curved segment of road that allows someone to go from Hollingsworth eastbound to Wahluke going northbound. The issue and the core of our discussion was farming in the easement, how it impacts sight distances, what impact it has on public safety, what our county policies are on farming in right-of-ways, and a number of other related topics.

Easements along our roadways are established for a variety of purposes, not the least of which is public safety. We have an obligation to protect public interests, public safety, and limit liability for the county. In this particular situation at this intersection, it involves a corn crop that's tall enough that it impedes the sight distance around that corner. Because we've received comments from people that work in the Courthouse and from citizens expressing concern about this particular place, we need to focus our attention on it, and it appears that time is of the essence in that regard to protect public safety. We have not received by anyone in the public of any other intersections that have similar concerns. We want to try to balance the interests of the county and of our ag community but we don't feel comfortable doing that at the risk of public safety.

So with all that said, at this particular intersection – and this is going to be the heart of the motion – I think the Board should take an action to at least temporarily if not permanently close off the curved section of road that goes from or connects Hollingsworth Road and swings

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northeasterly to where it connects up with Wahluke Road northbound, close off that curved section of road, and at the same time keep Wahluke as a through road north-south but add stop signs on Hollingsworth at Wahluke and also on Chestnut at Wahluke, effectively making that intersection a two-way stop and eliminating that curve. That's an immediate action I think that needs to take place so that we can protect public safety and buy us the necessary time to establish and update a county policy on what we're going to do with respect to farming in easements, especially in these cases where we have a conflict between public safety, the county's interest in the easement, and so forth. That review and update of our policies may take a couple of weeks. I think that process ought to include a public hearing so that the public can be involved and we can explain what the concerns are about farming the easements, things we might be able to do to allow that farming to continue, namely eliminate these small number of curved sections that we have in the county now. Certainly there will be people on all sides of that issue.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I would move to direct the Public Works Department to immediately close off that curved section I've already described and make that intersection that I've already described into a two-way stop with the through route being north-south, and that we continue discussion -- perhaps Matt Mahoney or Matt Rasmussen would be the right person to meet with the landowner and express our support for ag but also our necessary concern for public safety and state roadway sighting distances -- and to take those actions immediately and then follow up with the hearing and policy updates that I've already described. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD (CRAB) (10:51 am)

CRAB Board representative Walt Olsen said he did not have anything in particular to discuss with the Board, just that he was available to offer any assistance CRAB can offer.

PROSECUTOR (10:52 am)

Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor met with the Board.

Recessed at 10:52 am.

Reconvened at 11:01 am. Present in audience: Geoff Folsom.

Executive Session at 11:01 am pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss collective bargaining expected to last up to 45 minutes. Present: Janet Taylor, Rosie Rumsey, Matt Mahoney, Tom Westerman and Tim Anderson. Mr. Folsom left the audience.

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Open Session at 11:46 am.

Executive Session continued at 11:46 am expected to last 20 minutes.

Open Session at 12:09 pm. Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Westerman and Mr. Anderson left the meeting.

Recessed at 12:09 pm.

Reconvened at 12:19 pm. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; Fred Bowen, Janet Taylor, Rosie Rumsey and Mary Withers.

Executive Session continued at 12:19 pm expected to last up to 30 minutes.

Open Session at 12:46 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move to adjourn. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 12:46 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until July 17, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rick Miller, Chairman



Robert E. Koch, Chairman Pro Tem



Brad Peck - Absent

Brad Peck, Member

Attest:



Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 31, 2013.

July 10, 2013



FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Matt Beaton, Auditor

July 10, 2013

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, July 10, 2013 *Beaton*
move that the following warrants be approved for payment.

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The motion was seconded by *R. K. K.*and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy *Matt Beaton*Payroll Prepared By *Carroll Crisp*



FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Matt Beaton, Auditor

7/10/2013

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PAID
JUL 10 2013
COUNTY CLERK

In the amount of

\$218,773.79

The motion was seconded by

And passed by a vote of 3 to 0

Jeff A. Burckhard
The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Thomas Westerman

Vouchers Audited By: Thomas Westerman
& Tim Anderson