

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 52
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for June 18, 2014

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The Honorable Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date in a special Bi-County Board Meeting held at the Benton County Justice Center.

Benton County

Present: Chairman Jim Beaver, Commissioner Jerome Delvin, Commissioner Shon Small

Franklin County

Present: Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck, Commissioner Rick Miller

Absent: Chairman Robert E. Koch

Meeting convened at 1:30 pm. Present in the audience: Superior Court Judge Bruce Spanner, Benton County Administrator David Sparks, Franklin County Administrator Fred Bowen, Human Services Interim Administrator Tracy Diaz, Linda Ivey, Jennifer Bowe, Tri-City Herald Reporter Geoff Folsom, Franklin County Clerk to the Board Mary Withers, and others.

AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Motion – Mr. Small: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to approve the agenda, items a through l. Second by Mr. Delvin. 3:0 vote in favor.

Franklin County Commissioners also **gave approval** of the agenda.

Human Services

- a. Approval of step increase for Tracy Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Benton-Franklin Department of Human Services (Benton County Resolution 2014 472, Franklin County Resolution 2014-269)
- b. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement #13/14-DD-CI-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Columbia Industries, approved by Benton County Resolution No. 2013 677 and Franklin County Resolution No. 2013-342 (Benton County Resolution 2014-472A, Franklin County Resolution 2014-270)
- c. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement #13/14-DD-ARC-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and The Arc of Tri-Cities, approved by Benton County Resolution No. 2013 673 and Franklin County Resolution No. 2013-337 (Benton County Resolution 2014 473, Franklin County Resolution 2014-271)

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- d. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement #13/14-DD-ACCS-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Ambitions Community Support Services of Washington, Inc., approved by Benton County Resolution No. 2013 672 and Franklin County Resolution No. 2013-339 (Benton County Resolution 2014 474, Franklin County Resolution 2014-272)
- e. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement #13/14-DD-CDC-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Children's Developmental Center, approved by Benton County Resolution No. 2013 676 and Franklin County Resolution No. 2013-338 (Benton County Resolution 2014 475, Franklin County Resolution 2014-273)
- f. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement #13/14-DD-GW-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Goodwill Industries of the Columbia, Inc., approved by Benton County Resolution No. 2013 678 and Franklin County Resolution No. 2013-340 (Benton County Resolution 2014 476, Franklin County Resolution 2014-274)

Juvenile

- g. Approval of Personal Service Contract between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Julio Blanco for delivery of Functional Family Therapy (Benton County Resolution 2014 477, Franklin County Resolution 2014-275)
- h. Approval of Personal Services Contract between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Ernie Chapin, dba Positive Powerful Teaching, to provide Clinics & Workshops (Benton County Resolution 2014 478, Franklin County Resolution 2014-276)
- i. Payment Authorization to CIMA for Volunteer Insurance Renewal (Benton County Resolution 2014 479, Franklin County Resolution 2014-277)
- j. School/Juvenile Probation Liaison Program Agreement between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Pasco School District for Probation Counselor at Pasco High School (Benton County Resolution 2014 480, Franklin County Resolution 2014-278)
- k. School/Juvenile Probation Liaison Program Agreement between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Pasco School District for Probation Counselor Chiawana High School (Benton County Resolution 2014 481, Franklin County Resolution 2014-279)

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1. Food Service Contract Amendment #8 between Benton-Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center and Aramark Correctional Services for food services (Benton County Resolution 2014 482, Franklin County Resolution 2014-280)

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Superior Court Judge Bruce Spanner, Juvenile Justice Center Director Darryl Banks and Superior Court Administrator Pat Austin gave a Power Point presentation regarding the status of the bi-county judiciary.

The following topics were included:

- Information about the progress being made toward a paperless court such as scanning of historical documents and contemporary documents, email notifications, eMotion, jMotion, electronic reader boards, use of iPads on domestic calendars, in-court scheduling, and jury information.
- Conversion of Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) forms into paperless forms. Of the eight major court forms that had been in an NCR format, five have been converted to electronic format, which has eliminated waste, given flexibility in updating information and led to substantial cost savings for printing.
- Judge Spanner explained how Odyssey's Document Management System will replace the Superior Court Case Management System (SCCMS) which uses Cobalt computer language that was put in place in 1978.
- Need for replacement of a Superior Court judge because of Judge Mendoza's appointment to the Court of Appeals. The replacement judge will be appointed by the governor. Then a judge will be elected at the next general election.
- Request for approval of a seventh Superior Court judge and an explanation of the needs (including jail cost savings, no capital cost, no other new staff, and how work by court reporters and bailiffs has been prioritized) and cost. Commissioner Peck noted that Franklin County has already given approval.
- Need for a temporary facilitator to help unrepresented litigants fill out paperwork.
- A new web page is being developed, located at bentonfranklinsuperiorcourt.com.
- Need for a dependable county car for employee use. Benton County Administrator David Sparks said we're looking into it.

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- Judge Spanner said work is being done to optimize the digital recording process to achieve good quality recordings but has not been completed yet. At this time he would prefer to use court reporters.
- The Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) report included an explanation of efforts to reduce gang involvement with an explanation about helping juveniles get on a more positive path, counseling, and work with families regarding domestic violence using programs such as the Step-Up Program and the Three Rivers family engagement program. Mr. Banks also explained how the probation program is functioning and work that is being done to help youth avoid probation violations. He would like to have the substance abuse treatment program expanded. He explained how schooling needs are being addressed including the use of employment skills training and internships, and also detention school. He gave an example of the success of one juvenile.
- Courtroom Security concern: Because of a Supreme Court amendment to Juvenile Court Rule 1.6 that becomes effective September 1, in-custody juveniles coming in the courtroom cannot be shackled so they will have to be brought into court one at a time. Mr. Banks said the security budget was lessened in 2010 so we lost a security person. Currently the JJC is using J&J Security. An additional person will be needed during docket times so we can have a second person in the courtroom, especially during in-custody hearings. If not in the courtroom, that person would be more of a rover.

Mr. Banks would like to discuss the security issue further at the next bi-county meeting.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER: AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Mr. Banks asked for approval to investigate a price and a potential contract with Dyron V. Murphy. He answered questions about the architectural selection process that has occurred and the work that would be included. The work is anticipated to include a report about cost differences, significant rehabilitation of the HVAC system, courtroom remodeling, possible expansion, provision for safe and secure classroom/ meeting room space that could be used for

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multiple purposes, and thinking of both current needs and future needs perhaps 25 to 30 years from now. The existing facility was built in 1979.

There was discussion about the need for an overall assessment of the whole building and of the current needs. Mr. Beaver feels the facility needs to have some work done but is also cautious about the cost being too great. The Board members asked staff to have a realistic assessment done with reasonable concepts and ideas.

Motion – Mr. Small moved to authorize the review team to negotiate a price and potential contract with Dyron V. Murphy related to potential renovation and expansion of the juvenile court administrative services building. Second by Mr. Delvin. 2:1 vote in favor. Yeas: Small and Delvin. Nay: Beaver.

Mr. Banks answered Mr. Peck's questions about a timeline and upfront costs above staff time of getting the estimate or proposals.

Motion – Mr. Miller moved that we authorize the current review team to negotiate a price and potential contract with Dyron V. Murphy to develop a feasibility study and assessment related to the potential renovation and expansion of the juvenile court administrative services building. Second by Mr. Peck. 2:0 vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned by both Boards at 2:33 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 25, 2014.

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R.E. Koch - Absent

Robert E. Koch, Chairman



Brad Peck, Chairman Pro Tem



Rick Miller, Member

Attest:



Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 16, 2014.