

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 55  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for May 15, 2015

*This document is a summarized version of the Board of Commissioners proceedings. The minutes are paraphrased, not verbatim.*

Special Bi-County Board Meeting  
Friday, May 15, 2015  
1:00 pm  
*Franklin County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room  
Pasco, WA 99301*

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Robert E. Koch, Member; Jerrod MacPherson, Interim County Administrator; and Valerie Loffler, Clerk to the Board. The meeting convened at 1:00 pm.

**RFP AWARD FOR AUCTIONEERING SERVICES (1:00 pm)**

Interim County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson reported three responsive proposals were received on May 13, 2015, from Higginbotham International, Musser Brothers Auctioneers and Booker Auction. The proposals were further reviewed and evaluated by himself, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Dickerson and Public Works Director Matt Mahoney. (Exhibit 1)

Resolution 2015-196

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move to award the auctioneering services contract to Musser Brothers Auctioneering as the lowest bidder.

Second by Mr. Koch. 2:1 vote in favor. Mr. Koch opposed.

**HUMAN SERVICES - CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT (1:30 pm)**

The Honorable Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners met by conference call at 1:30 pm. Present representing Franklin County were Chairman Brad Peck, Chair Pro Tem Rick Miller, and Commissioner Robert E. Koch.

Present representing Benton County were Chairman Jerome Delvin, Chair Pro Tem Shon Small, and Commissioner James R. Beaver. Ken Roughton, Greater Columbia Behavior Health Director, also participated in the discussion.

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Present in the audience were Chuck Eaton, Kevin Dougherty, Kris Ann Kennedy, Tim Dickerson, Gabriel Portugal, Gordon Cable, Janet Taylor, Terry and Shelley Grimshaw, Linda Robb, Matt Beaton, and Judy Cox.

Benton County Commission Chairman Jerome Delvin announced the purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the future of Crisis Response. No action is expected.

Benton County Commissioner Shon Small led the discussion to privatize mental health services in Benton County. The County would no longer provide crisis response and other mental health services. Instead, a private agency would create a "one-stop shop." He added that it would also put Benton County in line with the State's intent to combine its chemical dependency, mental health and health care systems by 2020.

The Boards discussed litigation risks, severable liability, and whether or not there were any inherent conflicts of interest having a single provider for all services. The Boards also considered preparation and timeline for a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Benton County Chairman Delvin suggested a commissioner from each county hold public meetings and gather information. Commissioner Robert E. Koch will represent Franklin County. Franklin County Chairman Brad Peck requested each of the six commissioners provide a list of questions.

Greater Columbia Basin Behavioral Health Director Ken Router responded to questions about the impact on services.

Benton County Commissioner James R. Beaver spoke in support of an RFP. He would prefer Commissioners Small and Koch bring back additional information.

Franklin County Chairman Brad Peck and Benton County Chairman Jerome Delvin agreed a legal opinion would be necessary to determine if the RFP could be passed off to the Greater Columbia Basin Behavioral Health if either of the two counties doesn't wish to participate.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Janet Taylor reported it wouldn't be appropriate for Franklin County to participate in the Executive Session scheduled by Benton County because it wasn't properly noticed in Franklin County.

Franklin County Commissioners adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 20, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Brad Peck, Chairman

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Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

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Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed May 27, 2015.