

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
April 12, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman James Beaver
Commissioner Leo Bowman
Commissioner Max E. Benitz, Jr.
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy Administrator Loretta Smith Keltz; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; DPA Ryan Brown; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Steve Becken and Malcolm Bowie, Public Works.

Workshop Agenda

Legislature – Tax Increases

The Board briefly discussed the proposed tax increases by the legislature and impacts it might have on Benton County.

Letter from Fair Association

Chairman Beaver asked the Board how it wanted to respond to the letter from the Fair Association.

Commissioner Bowman said he had not changed his position and was opposed to selling the Fairgrounds. Additionally, he talked about a recent event at the grounds, said it was a nice venue, and wanted to continue to aggressively market the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Benitz said it was time to enter into dialogue with the Fair Association and if they wanted to propose purchasing the grounds, then he wanted that option to be open to the public as well. He said his preference would be to enter into another lease and he suggested the Chairman start that negotiation process.

The Board agreed that Chairman Beaver and David Sparks could begin the negotiation process with the Fair Association.

Auditor's Office Update

Brenda Chilton updated the Board on two grants that were awarded to her office: (1) to replace two high-speed scanners (\$32,000) and (2) to replace a new electronic envelope opener (\$4,000). Additionally, she had a grant application pending to add more ballot drop boxes in the County (one in Benton City and one at the Justice Center).

EPIC Update

Commissioner Bowman said he talked with Mr. Brown about the next step regarding the lease and the Board now needed to send a letter to EPIC to punch the time clock and get things moving. Keith Mercer said he received an email from EPIC that confirmed they had ceased operations due to lack of funding and that it could be up to 3-4 years before they could resume operations. The Board agreed to send a letter to EPIC regarding termination of the lease.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 5, 2010 were approved as corrected.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "q". Commissioner Benitz seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Auditor

- a. Maintenance Agreements w/Comstor Information Management, Inc.

Commissioners

- b. Copier Lease w/Konica Minolta
- c. Invitation to Bid for Animal Control Facility

Human Services

- d. Agreement, #09/10-RSAT-LCC-00, w/Lourdes Counseling Center
- e. Amended Agreement, #07/10-HGAP-CAC-2, w/BF Community Action Committee
- f. Amended Contract, #07-46108-001-B, w/WA St Dept of Commerce, Housing Division
- g. Amended Contract, #09-46201-07, w/WA St Dept of Commerce, Housing Division
- h. Amended Contract, #09/11-SA-FSCCS-01, w/First Step Community Counseling Services
- i. Amended Contract, #09/11-SA-UCS-01, w/Unity Counseling Services
- j. Amended Agreement, #PSA-HA-2008/09, w/Housing Authority of the City of Pasco & Franklin Co.

Juvenile

- k. Contract w/Office of Juvenile Justice for Federal Grant Application

Personnel

- l. Copier Lease w/Pacific Office Automation
- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0504-101, Dept. 000

Public Works

- n. Supplemental Agreement No. 9 w/David Evans and Associates, Inc.
- o. Easement Agreement w/BNSF Railway Company for Wiser Parkway
- p. Project Agreement – Rural Arterial Programs Funds for Improvements to Nine Canyon Road
- q. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise to Northwest Pipeline GP

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:05 a.m.

Unscheduled Visitors

Letter to Bill De Rousie

Ryan Brown asked the Board if it wanted him to prepare a letter to Mr. DeRousie regarding his private access easement issue and the Board agreed. Additionally, Mr. Brown said he would schedule a workshop to discuss the Board’s policy on private access easements.

Claim for Damages

CC 2010-06: Received on March 24, 2010 from Mark Emerson Clark

Vouchers

Check Date: 04/02/2010
Warrant #: 7088-7274
Total all funds: \$1,212,242.98

Check Date: 04/05/2010
Warrant #: 230182-230302
Direct Deposit #: 52825-53406
Total all funds: \$1,985,552.63

Check Date: 04/05/2010
Taxes #: 10110041-10110044
Warrant #: 7291-7326
Total all funds: \$1,811,132.92

Check Date: 04/09/2010
Warrant #: 7416-7564
Total all funds: \$302,192.30

Total amounts approved by fund can be reviewed in the Benton County Auditor’s Office.

Resolutions

- 10-212: Maintenance Agreements w/Comstor Information Management, Inc.
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman