

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 04, 2011 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Leo Bowman
Commissioner James Beaver, Absent
Commissioner Shon Small
County Administrator David Sparks
Alt. Clerk of the Board Marilu Flores

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy Administrator Loretta Smith Kelty; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Public Works Engineer Malcohm Bowie; Jonathan Young, DPA

Workshop Agenda

Chairman Bowman reported on the 1126 Gang Bill and how there has been little progress made and it is unknown where this bill is going to end up at this point in time.

Chairman Bowman discussed a past Red Mountain grant and how said grant was used. Chairman Bowman indicated that he would be meeting with Adam Fyall, David Sparks and Mike Shuttleworth today to discuss the Red Mountain Master Plan and implementation thereof. Chairman Bowman would like to discuss what is happening on Red Mountain now that the plan is completed and how it is going to be implemented now taking into affect current zoning ordinances.

Chairman Bowman gave on update on Legislative measures and provided board members with an informational packet on current status of bills in Olympia and reported that the marijuana bill (5073) was not going to be enforced by local health departments, but actually the State Health Department.

Commissioner Small briefly discussed the 911 tax passed by our Board in 2010 and that it was his understanding that the state is intending to use taxes collected for other purposes other than what it was originally intended to be used. Commissioner Small is working with Benton County Emergency Services in drafting a letter to the legislature regarding the tax.

Commissioner Small met with Deb Heintz from the Prosser Economic Development Association and reported on what great plans Ms. Heintz has in increasing economic development in Prosser. There will now be two additional monthly PEDDA meetings each month.

Commissioner Small reported on his meeting with Benton County Emergency Services and his discussions regarding the overage in the amount of \$500,000 designated to 800 megahertz and indicated that no determination had been made regarding any refunds due the County and/or Cities. He also discussed a future building signal booster tower purchase due for replacement in the Sheriff's Office.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:00 a.m. for the regular session.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 28, 2011 were approved.

Review Agenda

Chairman Bowman requested items "j" (Award of Bituminous Surface Treatment to Granite Northwest, Inc.); "o" (Standardization for Duty Weapons); and "p" (Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Department 121) be pulled.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the consent agenda items pulling items "j", "o", and "p". Chairman Bowman seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Commissioners

- a. Letter to City of Richland Regarding Benton County Emergency Services
- b. Letter to City of Kennewick Regarding Steptoe Extension

Facilities

- c. Blanket Service Agreement w/Industrial Equipment Solutions, Inc. for Door Repairs
- d. Change Order No. 1 w/Siefken & Sons for TI Project

Fairgrounds

- e. Letter to Central Premix

Human Services

- f. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 560
- g. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 560

Public Works

- h. Amended Task Assignment w/WA State Dept of Transportation for Clodfelter Road
- i. Amended Task Assignment w/WA State Dept of Transportation for Locust Grove Road
- k. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0155-101, Dept. 000

Sheriff

- l. Salary Request Statement
- m. Salary Request Statement
- n. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- q. Authorization for Tire Purchases From the State Contract

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

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session with DPA Jonathan Young and Sheriff Steve Keane via satellite at the Justice Center, Kennewick, WA at 9:05 am for approximately 10 minutes to discuss current litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Loretta Smith Kelty, Melina Wenner and Marilu Flores. The Board came out of executive session at 9:10 am and Mr. Young said no decisions were made.

Melina Wenner presented a resolution for approval regarding Benton County settlement offer to Mr. Mark Clark.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the recommended resolution regarding the settlement offer of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to Plaintiff Mark Clark for the global resolution of all claims among the parties, conditioned upon execution of a mutually agreeable Settlement Agreement and Release requiring dismissal of, and release in full, of all claims between the parties. Chairman Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Visitors

There were no unscheduled visitors.

Vouchers

Check Date:	04/01/2011
Warrant #:	31284 – 31453
Total all funds:	\$1,247,701.62

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

Resolutions

- 11 224 Blanket Service Agreement w/Industrial Equipment Solutions, Inc. for Door Repairs
- 11 225 Change Order No. 1 w/Siefken & Sons for TI Project
- 11 226 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 560
- 11 227 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 560
- 11 228 Amended Task Assignment w/WA State Dept of Transportation for Clodfelter Road
- 11 229 Amended Task Assignment w/WA State Dept of Transportation for Locust Grove Road
- 11 230 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0155-101, Dept. 000
- 11 231 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- 11 232 Authorization for Tire Purchases From the State Contract
- 11 233 Approval of Benton County Settlement Offer to Mark Clark

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:11 am.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman