

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Max E. Benitz, Jr. Chairman
Commissioner Leo Bowman
Commissioner James Beaver
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 Kelty; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Steve Becken, Public Works; DPA Ryan Brown; Bob Woody, Central Services.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of August 3, 2009 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Auditor

- a. Letter to Washington State Auditor's Office

Commissioners

- b. Proclamation – Family Day, A Day to Eat Dinner w/Your Children
- c. Salary Request Statement
- d. City of Richland's Revitalization Area for Industry, Science & Education
- e. 2009 Organization of Benton County Commissioners; Rescinding Resolution 09-077

Facilities

- f. Authorization to Purchase HVAC Air Filters; Amending Resolution 09-494

Human Services

- g. Appointment of K Mills-George as County-Designated Mental Health Professional
- h. Contract Amendment, #07/09-SA-FSCCS-01, w/First Steps Community Counseling Services
- i. Contract Amendment, #07/09-SA-AFW-01, w/Advocates for Wellness
- j. Contract Amendment, #07/09-SA-KCS-01, w/Knowledge Counseling Services
- k. Contract Amendment, #07/09-SA-SCC-01, w/Somerset Counseling Center

- l. Contract Amendment, #07/09-SA-UCS-01, w/Unity Counseling Services
- m. Service Agreement w/Community, Trade and Economic Development

Juvenile

- n. Truancy Contract w/Kennewick School District
- o. Personal Service Contract w/M Henry, MS
- p. Personal Service Contract w/R Cornish, Ph.D.
- q. Personal Service Contract w/M Cummings

Parks

- r. Authorization to Purchase of Backhoe Attachment

Public Works

- s. Award of Purchase of 130 Grader Blade Cutting Edges
- t. Examination of Financial Activities of Drainage Improvement District No. 10

Other Business

Commissioner Bowman commented on a job well done by the Commissioners' staff in processing a special permit application for Col Solare.

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

SPV 09-02 – Continued Public Hearing

Mike Shuttleworth said the Applicant had requested an extension of time to allow the Applicant to gather adequate information regarding the short plat application.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to continue the public hearing to October 12, 2009 at 9:05 a.m. in the Commissioner Board Room, Benton County Courthouse. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:15 a.m.

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:15 a.m. with DPA Ryan Brown for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation. Also present were Melina Wenner, Loretta Smith Kelty, Mike Shuttleworth, David Sparks, and Cami McKenzie. The Board came out of executive session at 9:28 a.m. Mr. Brown announced that no decisions were made but direction was given.

Other Business

Budget Workshops

Commissioner Beaver suggested that any requests by Department Directors or Elected Officials to meet with the Board regarding the 2010 budget be scheduled through David Sparks. The Board agreed.

Property Issue – Lorayne J Ranch

Lisa Small presented the history on the Lorayne J Ranch property and the County owned ten-foot parcel (walking path and trail). She said the most recent request by a landowner was to have Benton County remove some weeds between his fence and another property owner's fence (an approximate 12-inch strip that is located within the County's property line). However, he would not give the County access to complete that request.

Ms. Small presented some options to resolve the ongoing issues with the parcel strips and requested the Board give some direction. Additionally, Kathleen Galiato (via videoconference) said she had not been able to fully research the issue, but said it would best if each landowner could control their portion of the land and suggested someone start knocking on doors to advise the landowners of options, as opposed to sending a letter regarding vacation of the riding trails.

Ms. Small reminded the Board it would need 100% participation from the landowners to vacate the riding trails, remove the wording and sell the parcels back to the landowners.

The Board agreed to move forward with the petition process as the first step and Commissioner Benitz and Mike Shuttleworth would begin the process of talking to the neighbors.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:45 a.m.

Mosquito Control Update

Angela Balint, manager for Mosquito Control District #1, updated the Board on its recent activities including community events, public education, treatment of standing water, and aerial spraying this year. She discussed the positive findings of West Nile virus in Benton County and that they had built up an emergency "West Nile" fund to prepare for years like this. She asked the Board to continue to support the taxes that fund the Mosquito Control District.

Other Business

Unscheduled Visitors

Brad Taylor said his handicapped daughter used the Dial A Ride program in Prosser and he requested the Board as a unit support the program and oppose the removal of the Dial A Ride program in Prosser. He said the residents passed the special tax just for these services and it was greatly needed.

Commissioner Bowman said the Transit Board was working on the budget and looking at cutting services that would have the least impact on riders and the most impact on budget. He said he appreciated Mr. Taylor coming forward to the Board.

Vouchers

Check Date: 08/05/2009
Taxes #: 10109081-10109083
Warrant #: 930143-930180
Total all funds: \$1,793,873.56

Check Date: 08/05/2009
Warrant #: 224625-224788
Direct Deposit #: 46181-46753
Total all funds: \$2,072,225.00

Check Date: 08/07/2009
Warrant #: 930213-930389
Total all funds: \$430,528.43

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

Resolutions

- 9.508 Proclamation – Family Day, A Day to Eat Dinner w/Your Children
- 9.509 City of Richland's Revitalization Area for Industry, Science & Education
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman