

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman James Beaver
Commissioner Shon Small
Commissioner Leo Bowman
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, Sustainable Development Manager; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; DPA Ryan Brown; Treasurer Duane Davidson; Larry Moser, Public Works; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; Clerk Josie Delvin; Teri Holmes and Randy Reid, Central Services; Haydee Guevara; Erhiza Rivera and Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Susan Walker, Planning; Ken Denn and Robert Heard, Central Services.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 19, 2012 were approved.
The Minutes of January 24, 2012 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "w", pulling "m" (2012 ER&R Rates) for discussion. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Commissioners

- a. Competitive Bidding Resolution; Rescinding Resolution 11-402
- b. Establishing Uniform Process for Awarding Contracts; Rescinding Resolution 11-403
- c. Establishing Uniform Small Works Roster Process for Awarding Contracts; Rescinding Resolution 11-404
- d. Soliciting Personal and Professional Service Contracts; Rescinding Resolution 11-405

Facilities

- e. Payment Authorization to James Delp DBA Clog Busters for Emergency Work @ Jail

Fairgrounds

- f. Contract w/Lindstrom Construction Co. for Removal & Replacement of Metal Girder Beam

GIS

- g. Contract w/Mapcon Mapping for Color Digital Orthophotography for 2012

Juvenile

- h. Agreement w/MacArthur Foundation for “Models for Change” Participation

Personnel

- i. Lease Agreement w/Neopost for Mail Processing Services

Public Works

- j. Certification of the 2012 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue
- k. Improvement Authorization of Antinori Road Pursuant to County Road Improvement District No. 21
- l. Authorization to Divert Road Tax Levy Funds to Current Expense for Traffic Enforcement Purposes
- n. Order & Agreement for Franchise to Northwest Open Access Network
- o. Supplemental Agreement w/J-U-B Engineers, Inc. for Piert Road Extension

Sheriff

- p. Vehicle Purchase Authorization for Ford Superduty Supercab
- q. Vehicle Purchase Authorization for Chevrolet Caprice
- r. Vehicle Purchase Authorization for Chevrolet Tahoe
- s. Purchase Authorization from 911 Supply, LLC for Uniforms and Accessories
- t. Purchase Authorization from Blumenthal Uniform Co., Inc. for Uniforms and Accessories
- u. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0116-101, Dept. 000
- v. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120

Superior Court

- w. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 123

Item “m” (ER&R Rental Rates)

Commissioner Small said he was having discussions with the Public Works Department and wanted to postpone this issue for a week. The Board agreed.

Tom Adams, The Chaplaincy, provided a letter to the Board thanking it for contracting with The Chaplaincy for 34 years for services to the jail.

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

Treasurer Investment Pool Fund – Public Hearing – Supplemental Hearing

Loretta Smith Kely requested the Board approve the supplemental appropriation to the 2011-2012 Benton County budget for the Treasurer’s Investment Pool Fund. In response to a question, Treasurer Davidson said that generally their investments were safer than stocks and there was a chance they could lose money, however, it was an opportunity to substantially increase the investment return with the investment pool.

As there was no one present to testify, public testimony was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the budget amendment adopting the 2011-2012 Treasurer Investment Pool (Fund 0109-1-01). Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Hanford Issues

Pam Larsen and Larry Lockrem gave updates to the Board on the following issues:

Hanford Communities Annual Report

- Energy Communities Alliance Meeting in D.C. – Energy Parks
- Waste Treatment Plant
 - Defense Nuclear Safety Board – requested to meet in March
 - Current Workforce – 3,000 range – 62% complete
- Tank Farm Operations
- Groundwater Remediation
- 324 Building – Contamination Issues
- Environmental Restoration Storage Facility
- Reactors (along the river)
- Transuranic Waste
- K-Basin – Demolition and Removal Update
- Waste Burial Grounds – Excavation
- Plutonium Waste Burial Ground – Final Record of Decision
- Mission Support Alliance
- Advocacy for Issues of Local Concern – Working w/TRIDEC/State of Washington, EPA, NW Congressional Staff; ECA
- Projected Hanford Workforce
- Statistics – reduction of workforce due to end of stimulus funds
- Preservation of B Reactor – presented the Board with a copy of the Achievement in Historic Preservation presented to Hanford Communities
- 300 Area Remedial Report - legally required to clean up to commercial standards, but has been cleaned up to residential standards

Hanford Advisory Board Annual Report

- Tank Waste Committee Members/Issues
- DOE/ORP Road Map
- HAB Executive Council Recommendations/Goals
- System Planning/Alternative Waste Forms
- Tank Waste Closure
- Pipe Line Feasibility
- Interim Storage Facilities
- Hanford Waste Treatment – History
- Summary – topics for committee issues

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 10:05 a.m.

The Board agreed to hold an executive session prior to the IT presentation by Central Services.

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 10:05 a.m. with attorney Ken Miller to discuss pending litigation for up to 20 minutes. Also present were David Sparks, Melina Wenner, Loretta Smith Kilty, and Cami McKenzie. The Board came out at 10:18 a.m. Mr. Sparks said no decisions were made.

IT Strategic Plan Implementation – Update

Randy Reid gave a Powerpoint presentation and briefly discussed the following implementations and schedule:

Started in 2011

- Enhance county web presence
- Improve courtroom automation
- Conduct email/platform study (direction: Microsoft Exchange)
- Procure asset management/help desk software
- Stabilize and virtualize server environment
- Develop and test disaster recovery plan
- Implement Wireless Connectivity
- Other Projects – Not in IT Plan
 - Voice System Transition
 - Connect Fairgrounds
 - Move email archive to new system
 - Migrate Ascend/ProVal

Start in 2012

- Migrate email/calendar from Groupwise
- Improve IT skill depth
- Migrate off Novell

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Bowman provided a report on the work done by the Governor’s “Connecting Washington” task force. He said the Red Mountain Interchange was listed as priority #5 on the projects list. He requested the board approve two letters to Secretary Paula Hammond and Governor Gregoire thanking them for their understanding of the potential in Eastern Washington, specifically Red Mountain.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the letters as presented. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bowman reported that the federal government had started to work again on its six-year transportation plan. Additionally, he spoke to the committee chairman in Olympia regarding the City of Kennewick (UGA legislation) and was told that bill came out of committee with one nay vote and was now on its way to the Senate floor as modified.

Commissioner Small said he talked with 11 business owners in Benton City to discuss progress in their town and possible innovative ways to improve their economic development.

Chairman Beaver reported on his attendance at the following meetings: Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau, TRIDEC, Council of Governments, and water meetings in Yakima.

Additionally, Chairman Beaver commended the efforts of Commissioner Bowman on the Red Mountain issue. He said that participation was important and that travel had the potential to mean \$26 million. He said when the County looked at travel it should keep in mind that sometimes the benefits far exceeded the expense. He said he wanted to remain engaged in these issues and try to get invited to the party so Benton County could get its piece of the pie.

Claim For Damages

CC 2012-02: Received on 1/31/2012 from Dennis Pratt

CC 2012-03: Received on 1/31/2012 from Robert Pyke

Vouchers

Check Date: 1/27/2012

Warrant #: 50324-50612

Taxes #: 010101123, 010101121, 010101124

Total all funds: \$935,179.79

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

Resolutions

2012-056: Competitive Bidding Resolution; Rescinding Resolution 11-402

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2012-060: Payment Authorization to James Delp DBA Clog Busters for Emergency Work @ Jail

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2012-062: Contract w/Mapcon Mapping for Color Digital Orthophotography for 2012

2012-063: Agreement w/MacArthur Foundation for "Models for Change" Participation

- 2012-064: Lease Agreement w/Neopost for Mail Processing Services
- 2012-065: Certification of the 2012 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue
- 2012-066: Improvement Authorization of Antinori Road Pursuant to County Road Improvement District No. 21
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- 2012-076: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- 2012-077: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 123
- 2012-078: Budget Amendment – Adopting the 2011-2012 Treasurer Investment Pool Fund Budget

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman