

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 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 Kely; 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; Juvenile Administrator Sharon Paradis; Prosecuting Attorney Andy Miller; Sheriff Steve Keane; Eric Hsu, Office of Public Defense; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Rosie Sparks, Auditor's Office; DPA Ryan Brown; Superior Court Judge Robert Swisher Jacki Lahtinen, District Court Administrator; Deputy Treasurer Erhiza Rivera.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 12, 2012 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "p". Commissioner Small seconded and said he wanted to remind employees to include on the cover sheet under fiscal impact where the funding would come from. Upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Facilities

- a. Contract Amendment w/Stoncor Group, Inc. dba Stonhard for Jail Kitchen Floor Repair; Amending Resolution 2012-265

Fairgrounds

- b. Contract w/RDO Equipment Company for As Needed Equipment Repair

Human Services

- c. Shelter Plus Care Renewal & Consolidation Grant Agreement w/US Dept of Housing & Urban Development
- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 504
- e. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0152-101, Dept. 000

- f. Support of WA State Emergency Solutions Grant w/Dept of Commerce & Community Action Committee

Juvenile

- g. Contract w/DSHS for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

Office of Public Defense

- h. District Court Amended Agreement w/J Lilly
- i. Interlocal Agreement w/City of West Richland for Public Defense Services

Personnel

- j. Authorization of Risk Manager to Settle Claims & Litigation; Rescinding Resolutions 89-380 & 95-152

Planning

- k. Reappointment of L Coughlin to Planning Commission

Public Works

- l. Bid Award Contract to Inland Asphalt Company for Piert Road Extension
- m. Contract w/CWI Security Services, Inc. for Alarm Monitoring System

Sheriff

- n. Toilet Paper Purchase Authorization from Columbia Basin Paper & Supply
- o. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 121

Treasurer

- p. Supplemental Interlocal Agreement w/City of Richland & Port of Benton Relating to Property Tax Distributions for the Richland Revitalization Area for Industry, Science & Education

State Gang Prevention Grant Application

Sharon Paradis, PA Andy Miller, and Sheriff Steve Keane presented the application for gang prevention grant being offered by the State in the amount of \$104,976 (no match required). Ms. Paradis said the money would be used to contract with Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) to coordinate the gang and intervention activities as a comprehensive approach.

Andy Miller said he was in support of the grant and it could be helpful in suppression efforts. He indicated there were a lot of hard core offenders using firearms that needed to go prison and a lot of gang affiliates that were scared and needed a way to get out; he said it would reinforce what the Sheriff's office was currently doing.

Sheriff Keane said that law enforcement did a good job of suppression but this was a better 360 approach for all agencies to get coordinated.

Commissioner Bowman asked what would happen when the grant went away and said the County needed to make contingency plans for that event. He also asked if SARC would need to hire someone and Ms. Paradis indicated they would need to hire someone. There was a discussion regarding where the program would be located and Commissioner Bowman thought it was important to remain separate from the SARC activities.

Commissioner Small said it was another opportunity to go 100% on prevention but agreed they may have to wind down some programs and prioritize.

Chairman Beaver commented that public safety was his number 1 priority and he didn't have a problem prioritizing safety over other programs and that should remain the focus.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the grant application for the Office of Juvenile Justice for the 2012 Washington State Criminal Street Gang Prevention & Intervention Grant Program. Commissioner Small seconded. A friendly amendment was approved to go to public hearing on the supplement if the grant were approved by the State. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Law & Justice Council Presentation

Sheriff Steve Keane said the Council was asking the Board to approve forming a citizen advisory committee to research the need to go to a criminal justice sales tax. He said that forming a committee was needed to study the entire criminal justice system and talk with elected officials to see what was needed and decide whether it should go to a ballot to have the citizens decide on a criminal justice sales tax.

Kennewick Police Chief Hohenberg said his top priority was to make this area a safe place. He said when he started at Kennewick there was a ratio of officers to population of 1.58 to 1,000 and they were now down to 1.21 to 1,000. As an example, he said they would need 25 additional officers in Kennewick to get them back to 1.56 to 1,000 and to get to 1.39 per 1,000, which he felt was a good target, he would need to hire an additional 15 officers. He said he was very committed to adding police officers in Kennewick but it would impact other areas of the criminal justice system. He was in favor of taking a holistic approach for Benton County and forming a citizen advisory committee to look at all needs in Benton County.

Richland Police Chief Chris Skinner said that anytime they were looking at a tax it could be very emotional. He said there was a lot of collaboration in Tri-Cities and people took that for granted. However, he believed that having a citizen advisory committee look at this issue was a good business case because what happened in Kennewick and W. Richland affected the City of Richland positively and everyone benefitted from the enhancements of this possibility. He said they wanted to build police departments that met the needs of the community and it was past the time where they could only offer one set of core responsibilities but also had to look at prevention, intervention, and suppression.

West Richland Police Chief McElroy said everyone had to deal with the same issues and those issues crossed lines. However, they had very collaborative efforts and he felt that should be emphasized. Additionally, he said he was very supportive of this effort and would appreciate the Board's support.

Sheriff Keane said they wanted to get started on a committee soon and they would make some recommendations but it would be up to the Board to ratify the committee selection. PA Andy Miller said there were 15 citizens on the committee last time and 15-20 this time would be nice. He emphasized the importance of geographic diversity and having someone familiar with mental health issues.

The Board agreed to have a citizen advisory committee formed.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Small said he spent a lot of time last week with DPA Reid Hay and Public Works looking at the CID/Piert Road issue and they were making progress. Additionally, he reminded the Board he would be heading to Seattle after the meeting to attend the Health Alliance meeting and would be back tomorrow.

Commissioner Bowman said he attended the Association of County Engineers conference in Walla Walla and participated in a panel representing NACO. He also attended a Law Library Board meeting and they were reviewing the issue of what books to be purchased, specifically Judge's Chambers books.

Also, he attended the Red Mountain meeting in Yakima at DOT headquarters with others across the State and Benton REA continued to facilitate that program.

Chairman Beaver reported on a conference call with the Dept. of Ecology regarding the ongoing water issue and the annual Park Board pot luck at Two Rivers Park. Additionally, he attended the Council of Governments meeting and KGH ribbon cutting.

Chairman Beaver said that one of the Board members would need to attend the Canvassing Board on August 21 and fill in for him since he was on the ballot. The Board indicated they would review their calendars and take care of that for him. Additionally, Chairman Beaver requested DPA Ryan Brown to contact Yakima County about the interlocal agreement and remind them Benton County was still waiting for the requested changes.

Additionally, he thanked county employees for assisting with the Fairgrounds issue and continuing to work that issue.

Claim for Damages

CC 2012-11: Received June 14, 2012 from Rene Rojas

Vouchers

Check Date: 6/15/2012
Warrant #: 234234-234251
Direct Deposit #: 75079-75281
Total all funds: \$111,016.03

Check Date: 06/15/2012
Warrant #: 59755-59975
Total all funds: \$1,481,423.44

Check Date: 06/15/2012
Taxes #: 10112064
Total all funds: \$33,231.93

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

Resolutions

- 2012-318: Shelter Plus Care Renewal & Consolidation Grant Agreement w/US Dept of Housing & Urban Development
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- 2012-321: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 504
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- 2012-324: Contract w/DSHS for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
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- 2012-328: Reappointment of L Coughlin to Planning Commission
- 2012-329: Bid Award Contract to Inland Asphalt Company for Piert Road Extension
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- 2012-331: Toilet Paper Purchase Authorization from Columbia Basin Paper & Supply
- 2012-332: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 121
- 2012-333: Supplemental Interlocal Agreement w/City of Richland & Port of Benton Relating to Property Tax Distributions for the Richland Revitalization Area for Industry, Science & Education
- 2012-334: Criminal Street Gang Prevention & Intervention Grant Program Application

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman