

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 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; Susan Walker and Clark Posey, Planning; Larry Moser, Public Works; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Erhiza Rivera, Treasurer's Office; Auditor Brenda Chilton.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 20, 2012 were approved.

Review Agenda

Commissioner Bowman requested item "p" (Dept. of Corrections contract amendment) be added to the consent agenda. The Board agreed.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Authorization to Acquire Microsoft Premier Support Services
- b. Approval of Expending Funds to Purchase LibertyWEB Licenses
- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101-106, Dept. 000
- d. Appointment to the Badger Mountain Irrigation District Board of Directors
- e. Appointment to the Benton Irrigation District Board of Directors
- f. Lease Amendment w/Sundowns Training Center
- g. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement w/Mission Support Alliance

- h. Interlocal Agreement w/Washington Counties Insurance Pool
- i. Amended Trust Agreement and Bylaws w/Washington Counties Insurance Fund
- j. Funding Authorization of the 2012 Bituminous Surface Treatment
- k. Order & Agreement for Franchise for PacificCorp dba Pacific Power
- l. Approval of Digital Submittal Certification for Traffic Law Enforcement 2011
- m. Approval of Annual Certification for 2011
- n. Approval of Certification of Road Fund Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier Removal 2011
- o. Authorization for the Purchase of Refined Petroleum Products – Bulk Diesel Fuel
- p. Contract Amendment with Dept. of Corrections

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

Public Hearing – Franchise – PUD No. 1

Steve Becken presented the application for franchise submitted by Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County. He said they received no comments and the recommendation was to extend PUD's franchise for an additional 10 years.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the application for franchise filed by Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, with the conditions as presented in the report. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan

Commissioner Beaver said that Benton County was asked to participate in this plan which equated to a request to pay \$10,000. He said he had not made any commitments but would like to have Mr. Brown evaluate whether the County could participate and to what degree they should get involved. He said there had been a series of meetings between different entities to discuss the integrated Yakima plan. He added that the watershed in that area was the 4th largest aquifer in the United States.

Commissioner Small said he was somewhat familiar with the plan and was in favor of Mr. Brown reviewing the issue on whether the County could contribute \$10,000.

Commissioner Bowman said he was not sure the County should participate, even if it could. He said he hadn't seen the plan and it was his understanding the Yakama Nation was opposed to it. He didn't know what good it would be to adopt and spend \$10,000 if the plan couldn't be put into effect. He said before he could say yes, he wanted to see the work plan and what future plans for spending were. He said the Board should see a plan and find out the Yakama Nation's position before asking Mr. Brown to do a bunch of research.

Chairman Beaver said he was not here to sell the program but he was supportive of water in the basin and if the federal government was willing to step up and pay \$3.1 to \$3.6 million, he would

be willing to pay \$10,000 as our piece. He said the federal government had done it before and there is no reason why they couldn't come here and build this; he said the fact the Director of Interior came to Washington State to hear about this issue said they recognized the problem and it was important for the County to be engaged.

Commissioner Bowman said he didn't disagree and was not opposed to the plan. However, he didn't believe a budget should be established before the work plan was developed. He said they develop a scope of work then ask for proposals to see what the cost would be.

Unscheduled Visitors

Jim Mackey, Prosser, discussed two bad intersections at his end of the County (Johnson and Wilgus) - a lot of overgrowth and was difficult to see; and (Griffin and Wine Country Road - old Hwy 12) - a tricky intersection if you are not paying attention. He said he was almost hit by a vehicle on two different occasions. The Board asked the Public Works Department to meet with Mr. Mackey after the meeting to help address his concerns.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Bowman said he would like an update on the Shoreline Master Plan and requested the Board have a workshop on that issue. Mr. Sparks said it could be scheduled in approximately three weeks when all three Commissioners would be able to attend.

Commissioner Small informed the Board there was a 911 scam occurring in the area where they were trying to get money. Additionally, he thanked the elected officials for participating in the Prosser leadership course on March 14.

Chairman Beaver reported on his meetings with the Council of Governments, cities, and citizens. Additionally, he discussed the progress edition in the Tri-City Herald that he thought illustrated the successes at Benton County. He thanked the team for its work and said he was impressed with the caliber of people that worked at Benton County.

Vouchers

Check Date: 3/23/2012
Warrant #: 54413-54562
Transfer #050103121, 050103122
Total all funds: \$871,862.19

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

Resolutions

2012-173: Authorization to Acquire Microsoft Premier Support Services Clerk
2012-174: Approval of Expending Funds to Purchase LibertyWEB Licenses

- 2012-175: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101-106, Dept. 000
Commissioners
- 2012-176: Appointment of Dan Mildon the Badger Mountain Irrigation District Board of
Directors
- 2012-177: Appointment of Donald Reddout to the Benton Irrigation District Board of
Directors
- 2012-178: Lease Amendment w/Sundowns Training Center
- 2012-179: Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement w/Mission Support Alliance
- 2012-180: Interlocal Agreement w/Washington Counties Insurance Pool
- 2012-181: Amended Trust Agreement and Bylaws w/Washington Counties Insurance Fund
- 2012-182: Funding Authorization of the 2012 Bituminous Surface Treatment
- 2012-183: Order & Agreement for Franchise for PacificCorp dba Pacific Power
- 2012-184: Approval of Digital Submittal Certification for Traffic Law Enforcement 2011
- 2012-185: Approval of Annual Certification for 2011
- 2012-186: Approval of Certification of Road Fund Expenditures for Fish Passage Barrier
Removal 2011
- 2012-187: Authorization for the Purchase of Refined Petroleum Products – Bulk Diesel Fuel
- 2012-188: Contract Amendment with Dept. of Corrections

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30
a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman