

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Shon Small
Commissioner James Beaver
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Commissioner Jerome Delvin (Transit Board Conference)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy Administrator Loretta Smith Kelty; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; County Engineer Matt Rasmussen; Assistant County Engineer Robert Blain; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Ryan Brown; Taylor Ranger, Auditor's Office; Clerk Josie Delvin; Human Services Manager Kyle Sullivan.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 26, 2016 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 138

Human Services

- b. Agreement w/Salvation Army for Ten-Year Homeless Housing Plan

Juvenile

- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Depts. 173 & 174

Office of Public Defense

- d. Amended Agreement for Mental Health Court Services w/D Hickman
- e. Juvenile Court Public Defense Service Agreement w/H Villani
- f. Juvenile Court Public Defense Service Agreement w/K Oldfield

Parks

- g. Agreement w/Friends of Badger Mountain for Purchase of Real Property Around Candy Mountain

Personnel

- h. United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Appraisers' Union
- i. United Employees Benefit Trust Participation Agreement for Juvenile Court Guild Union

Planning

- j. Copier Lease Agreement w/Ricoh USA
- k. Contract w/Berk Consulting, Inc. for Completion of Voluntary Stewardship Program

Public Works

- l. Examination of Financial Activities for Drainage Improvement District No. 10

Sheriff

- m. Salary Request Statement

Benton County 2060 Affordable Housing Funds

Kyle Sullivan said the steering committee had three recommendations for funding and a fourth that was approved last year but the money was not used yet (they were again seeking HUD funds) and wanted to approve again.

The recommendations were as follows:

- Community Action Connections' Second Chance Family Day Shelter – security system - \$17,928.00
- Elijah Family Homes' rehabilitation and repairs for the roof - \$5,230.00
- Kennewick Housing Authority – new construction - 28 unit addition to Nueva Vista project - \$150,000
- Catholic Charities and Housing Services new construction (approved last year) - \$210,000.00

Mr. Sparks said there was \$645,999 available in this fund, which would leave a couple hundred thousand dollars.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the recommendations and authorize Human Services to prepare the contracts in the amount of \$383,158 from the Affordable Housing Fund. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Other Business

David Sparks recapped his attendance at the recent statewide Administrator's Conference and said one of the topics discussed was using regional services instead of individual county services, specifically regional jails.

He said in the past the cities had really hounded Benton County to get outside contracts but there were just not any contracts available; throughout the state there was an oversupply of jail beds. He said that Yakima County built a facility just for contracts and it was closed and they looked at every possible lead.

He said they discussed bed day rates and currently Yakima County was \$48/day and Benton County was \$69/day; Yakima had a transition and eliminated 1/3 of their staff. He said if Benton County sent its prisoners to Yakima they could save a ton of money and he hoped that WSAC would take a good look at regionalization to see if it made sense. He added that if you can't raise revenue, you had to start looking at reducing costs and Benton County needed to stay innovative.

Chairman Small discussed the history of the issue regarding jail contracts and building jails and the competition across the State to get the contracts.

Commissioner Beaver said he would have this conversation with the cities and maybe regionalization was something they needed to take a stronger look at.

Horse Heaven Hills – Wheat Farmers Issue

Chairman Small said they had a good meeting up on the Horse Heavens with DNR, the wheat farmers and state legislators to discuss the recent issues and that DNR would be making some positive changes, including paying the farmers for their land.

Vouchers

Check Date: 04/29/2016

Warrant #: 138613-138799

Total all funds: \$4,161.30

Transfers #: 04291601-04291612

Total all funds: \$2,538,610.84

Warrant #: 138805-138916

Total all funds: \$281,806.21

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

Resolutions

- 2016-369: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 138
- 2016-370: Agreement w/Salvation Army for Ten-Year Homeless Housing Plan
- 2016-371: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Depts. 173 & 174
- 2016-372: Amended Agreement for Mental Health Court Services w/D Hickman
- 2016-373: Juvenile Court Public Defense Service Agreement w/H Villani
- 2016-374: Juvenile Court Public Defense Service Agreement w/K Oldfield
- 2016-375: Agreement w/Friends of Badger Mountain for Purchase of Real Property Around Candy Mountain
- 2016-376: United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Appraisers' Union
- 2016-377: United Employees Benefit Trust Participation Agreement for Juvenile Court Guild Union

- 2016-378: Copier Lease Agreement w/Ricoh USA
- 2016-379: Contract w/Berk Consulting, Inc. for Completion of Voluntary Stewardship Program
- 2016-380: Examination of Financial Activities for Drainage Improvement District No. 10

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:19 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman