

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

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

Absent: Commissioner Leo Bowman (excused)

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; DPA Ryan Brown; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Larry Moser, Bryan Thorp, and Norm Childress, Public Works; Rosie Sparks, Auditor's Office; Susan Walker, Planning.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September 25, 2012 were approved.
The Minutes of September 26, 2012 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 107

Fairgrounds

- b. Contract w/Sierra Electric, Inc. for Electrical Pedestal Replacement

Human Services

- c. Agreement w/Service Alternatives, Inc. for Developmental Disabilities Services
- d. Agreement w/Peopleworks Tri-Cities, LLC for Developmental Disabilities Services
- e. Amended Agreement w/Benton Franklin Community Action Committee
- f. Agreement w/EnTrust Community Services for Developmental Disability Services

Juvenile

- g. Contract w/M Trombley for Legal Representation Services

- h. Truancy Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District
- i. Contract w/J Blanco for Functional Family Therapy Training

Office of Public Defense

- j. Payment Authorization to P Younesi for Preliminary Court Appearances

Personnel

- k. Contract w/C Poulsen for Training Services

Sheriff

- l. Contract w/Watson Furniture Group, Inc. for Master Control Work Stations

Public Hearing – Budget Adjustment – 2011-2012 Current Expense

Keith Mercer presented the budget adjustment to the 2011-2012 Current Expense budget to allow the cash carry forward in excess of 13% be transferred to the following funds:

Park Development - \$100,000
Fairgrounds O & M - \$373,274
Capital Projects - \$6,322,237
Sustainable Development - \$204,489

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

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the budget adjustment to the 2011-2012 Current Expense Fund, Dept. 115 in the amount of \$7,000,000 as presented. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Six-Year Road Program

Steve Becken reviewed the total anticipated revenue and expenses for the Six Year Road Program and stated there was more need for work than money available and the expenses exceeded the revenue by \$25,759,421. Mr. Becken then reviewed the road program including potential new roads, the rural arterial program, paved road upgrades, enhancement and safety projects, along with the annual program and miscellaneous projects.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the Six Year Road Program as presented. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

One-Year Road Program

Steve Becken and Larry Moser presented the 2013 Benton County Road Program including the estimated revenues and expenses for a balanced budget in the amount of \$17,420,122. Additionally, they discussed the proposed Public Works Road Fund Purchases in the amount of \$34,200 and ER&R Purchases in the \$3,920,700.

Chairman Beaver asked for a summary on the Roza Traffic Safety Study that was done and Mr. Becken said he would present that to the Board during a regular board meeting.

Chairman Beaver said it was his understanding some of the proposed numbers were only placeholders because the projects had to be identified in case money become available and Mr. Becken confirmed that was true.

Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Coalition

Chairman Beaver said that Benton County received a request to support a resolution endorsing Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce's efforts to amend Washington's Energy Independence Act with respect to green power and protect qualifying utilities from the purchase of eligible renewable energy resources or renewable energy credits not needed. He asked the Board to review the issue and let him know if it was interested in supporting this coalition.

Commissioner Small said he was in favor of finding the best price for the constituents and would review the matter.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Small said that BCES approved its proposed budget in the amount of \$4,964,692 (our costs went up a total of \$148,851); \$164,000 came from upgrade for the 800 mhz. He said they did a good job making cuts and reducing the amount of full-time employees to balance the budget.

Chairman Beaver reported on his attendance at the Tri-City Chamber meeting, Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau meeting, TRIDEC meeting, and three candidate forums.

Budget Workshops – October 10 and 11

Chairman Beaver stated that his position had not changed and he was still interested in seeing a footprint reduction. He talked about the computer upgrades there were being implemented and the importance of that in creating speed and size reduction.

Commissioner Small said he agreed with that philosophy.

Vouchers

Check Date: 9/28/2012

Warrant #: 66436-66855

Taxes #: 010109121

Total all funds: \$623,016.51

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

Resolutions

- 2012-568: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 107
- 2012-569: Contract w/Sierra Electric, Inc. for Electrical Pedestal Replacement
- 2012-570: Agreement w/Service Alternatives, Inc. for Developmental Disabilities Services
- 2012-571: Agreement w/Peopleworks Tri-Cities, LLC for Developmental Disabilities Services
- 2012-572: Amended Agreement w/Benton Franklin Community Action Committee
- 2012-573: Agreement w/EnTrust Community Services for Developmental Disability Services
- 2012-574: Contract w/M Trombley for Legal Representation Services
- 2012-575: Truancy Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District
- 2012-576: Contract w/J Blanco for Functional Family Therapy Training
- 2012-577: Payment Authorization to P Younesi for Preliminary Court Appearances
- 2012-578: Contract w/C Poulsen for Training Services
- 2012-579: Contract w/Watson Furniture Group, Inc. for Master Control Work Stations
- 2012-580: Budget Adjustment to the 2011-2012 Current Expense Budget in the Amount of \$7,000,000 – Cash Carry Forward

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman