

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 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;; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; DPA Ryan Brown; Donna Holmes, Public Works; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; Randy Reid, Central Services; Nick Kooiker and Erhiza Rivera, Treasurer's Office.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 17, 2012 were approved unanimously. It was noted for the record that Commissioner Bowman was absent for that meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Board of Equalization

- a. Reappointment of L Bateman to Board of Equalization

Central Services

- b. Authorization to Purchase the Quest GroupWise Migrator for Exchange from CDW-G LLC

Commissioners

- c. Setting Dates for 2013-2014 Biennium Budget Hearings
- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 125
- e. Payment Authorization to Design West Architects, PA for Architectural Services

GIS

- f. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Orthophotography

Juvenile

- g. Contract Amendment w/Desertgreen Lawn and Tree Care, LLC

Personnel

- h. Employee of the Month Award

Public Works

- i. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement w/Franklin County for Engineering Services
- j. Plat Sign Plans Approval for The Ridge at Reata West

Sheriff

- k. Contract Termination w/Keefe Commissary Network; Rescind Resolutions 08-1004 & 11-751
- l. Contract w/Keefe Group LLC for Inmate Commissary Goods

WSU Cooperative Extension

- m. Appreciation Letter to WSU, Pullman Office

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

Feasibility Study – Moderate Risk Waste Facility

Donna Holmes presented the Feasibility Study for a Moderate Risk Waste Facility to replace the City of Richland facility that was destroyed by the fire. She said the study including a siting study for placement of building and financing options to purchase property, construct, and operation and maintenance of the facility. Funding options included utility tax/franchise fees, public works trust fund loan, possible Department of Ecology grant, and funds remaining from 2012/2013 grant.

Commissioner Bowman said there were many different scenarios and he wanted to see the options narrowed. He wanted to know what it would cost to operate and most importantly where the money would come from.

Chairman Beaver said the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and HDR did a good job of coming up with some options. He said with the 3/10 tax for public safety possibly coming up on the ballot, he didn't feel this issue ranked with public safety and he was opposed to raising taxes. He said he wanted to approach this program as being grant driven and look at resources available, but was not willing to have Benton County fund the program. He said they should figure out a way to get started and a path forward to expand.

Commissioner Small said the Board should take into consideration the possibility of constructing a new maintenance shop since that might affect the decision regarding a solid waste facility. He discussed possible sites, including the Wisser development area.

Chairman Beaver said he not in favor of placing a waste facility in Wisser area and believed the County should be sensitive about where the site was placed.

Commissioner Bowman asked about volume taken to the landfill and how that compared with the mobile collection sites. Ms. Holmes said the first mobile was located in West Richland and they had a small turnout (400 cars) and was probably due to residents believing it was for West Richland residents only. She said they also held one at the County Road Shop and they had

double the turnout and reached capacity; this Friday and Saturday they would be holding a two-day event at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bowman said he was in favor of holding mobile events and wanted to see that scenario built into the equation; start with mobile events and then build a facility and vice versa. Chairman Beaver said he was also in favor of looking at a small facility and holding mobile events to bring back to a facility as a way to handle the future and be able to pay for it.

Pete Regalsky said the fixed facility was processing five times the materials as collected at mobile events at one-quarter the cost; mobile was a very expensive way to process materials. With a facility, they can ship aggregate material and processing and shipping costs are more efficient. He said the modest facility and a small staff to handle mobile events was the model they were trying to replicate.

The Board asked for a cost analysis on mobile v. facility and the cost estimate to build, operate and maintain. Mr. Regalsky stated the bottom basement way to do business was mobile events. However, the demand for service far exceeded what could be done at these mobile events. He indicated the funding option that linked up best with service was a surcharge on the garbage service.

Ms. Holmes said the cities were meeting with their councils for comments and review and everyone would go back to the SWAC to re-evaluate how to operate and or fund.

Chairman Beaver said the Executive Session scheduled on the agenda was cancelled.

Unscheduled Visitors

James Woody discussed his concern about taxes and the high rate of unemployment in the United States. He said we needed more private sector businesses to stimulate the economy.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Bowman said he didn't have anything to report since he was on vacation.

Commissioner Small said there were a few groups in support of the putting the criminal justice tax on the ballot. Additionally, he said that dispatch was talking about "consolidation" and that his definition of consolidation meant reduction in some way.

Chairman Beaver reported on his attendance at the following meetings: Finance Committee; Bi-County Health Board; Hanford Communities; and Benton-Franklin Council of Government. Additionally, he provided a copy of the Yakima County intergovernmental agreement for water resources plan to Ryan Brown for his review.

Chairman Beaver also presented a letter to send to the Sheriff regarding budget status and a reminder for all departments to stay current with budget and expenditures and stick to their approved budget.

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

Commissioner Small thanked Loretta Smith Kelty and David Sparks for all the hours spent working on the budget.

Vouchers

Check Date: 4/20/2012
Warrant #: 56399-56598
Transfer #: 01010412.05010412
Total all funds: \$1,323,658.50

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

Resolutions

- 2012-225: Reappointment of L Bateman to Board of Equalization
- 2012-226: Authorization to Purchase the Quest GroupWise Migrator for Exchange from CDW-G LLC
- 2012-227: Setting Dates for 2013-2014 Biennium Budget Hearings
- 2012-228: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 125
- 2012-229: Payment Authorization to Design West Architects, PA for Architectural Services
- 2012-230: Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Orthophotography
- 2012-231: Contract Amendment w/Desertgreen Lawn and Tree Care, LLC
- 2012-232: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement w/Franklin County for Engineering Services
- 2012-233: Plat Sign Plans Approval for The Ridge at Reata West
- 2012-234: Contract Termination w/Keefe Commissary Network; Rescind Resolutions 08-1004 & 11-751
- 2012-235: Contract w/Keefe Group LLC for Inmate Commissary Goods

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman