

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Jerome Delvin
Commissioner James Beaver
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Chairman Shon Small (excused)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: 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; Clerk Josie Delvin; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Treasurer Duane Davidson; County Engineer Daniel Ford.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 28, 2013 were approved.
The Minutes of February 5, 2013 were approved.

Review Agenda

Commissioner Beaver said there was a request to pull consent agenda item "i" (Public Works Contract with CWI). Additionally, PEDA had postponed their presentation.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "p" pulling "i". Commissioner Delvin seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Commissioners

- a. Rescinding Resolution 11 785 ~ Memorandum of Understanding w/WA St Military Department and Benton and Franklin County
- b. Ye Olde Car Club of the Tri-Cities Recognition

Facilities

- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 110

Human Services

- d. Amended Interlocal Agreement w/Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Regional Support Network

Juvenile

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

Personnel

- f. Appointment of Ed Schab to the Benton Irrigation District
- g. Appointment of Randall Bricker to the Kiona Irrigation District
- h. Appointment of Richard Petersen to the Benton County Civil Service Commission

Public Works

- j. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0501-101, Dept. 650
- k. Purchase Authorization for Three Ford Pickups From Columbia Ford
- l. Award of Liquid De-Icer Contract to Roadwise, Inc.
- m. Vacation of Improved Coats Road Right of Way

Sheriff

- n. Amending Resolution 2013-103 Authorizing Payment to Commercial Tire
- o. Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement w/the Federal Government

Sustainable Development

- p. Support Letter to Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network

Crow Butte Annual Report – Port of Benton

Kitty Thomas and Scott Keller gave the annual Crow Butte update to the Board. Ms. Thomas said they received a planning and design grant from Washington State in the amount of \$118,000 and they used county funds on that project; expenses ended up going over budget and she commented that the Corps had not been easy to work with on the permitting process.

Additionally, the Port of Benton received an \$830,000 construction grant for the Marina project with a 25% match (\$250,000 match). She said the money would be used for construction remodel of the Marina and they were asking Benton County to assist with matching funds. Ms. Thomas indicated it would be a two phase project and included putting a restroom station closer to the dock for the sportsmen, putting in 12 additional boat slips, extending the dock and marina, revamping to be more ADA friendly, and putting in a fish cleaning station. As a separate project they would be putting in a gazebo this year.

Ms. Thomas said the addition of the online reservation system was increasing revenue and visitors had almost doubled last year at 40% and all money went back into the park for upgrades.

Mr. Keller said they were asking the Board for a two-year extension on their contract for years 2013-2014 at \$50,000/year for a total of \$100,000.

The Board agreed it would review the matter and discuss whether it was financially feasible.

Benton City Economic Development Council Update

Randy Rutledge updated the Board on Benton City EDC and briefly discussed the following:

- Remodel of old fire station; Branches & Vines business filed for permit to be open;
- At least three new businesses open – downtown core commercial space was essentially full; still had one mall that was not filling up; would continue to work with the Chamber to bring some business;
- I-82 Corridor – he said they needed to get control of that area because they have turned away many businesses and that was essentially where their future was. He said they would continue to work with the City so they could take control of that ground. He also commented there was a rumor there might be some money available for the roundabout;
- Continue to coordinate with other groups to build the mission statement for Benton City as a community.
- Car Show event coming in April

Commissioner Delvin asked about the I-82 property. Mr. Rutledge said it was under DNR and they indicated they would go to a long-term lease; it needed planning, infrastructure, zoning, and to be marketed, however, he felt once the Interchange happened, it would help tremendously.

Unscheduled Visitors

John David, Kennewick, asked who he needed to speak with to give the Sheriff’s office a much deserved “pat on the back”. He said he spent some time with them recently for five consecutive days on some issues and wanted to compliment them for their professionalism. The Board members suggested he talk to Sheriff Keane. Additionally, Commissioner Delvin said that Richland had an “appreciation luncheon” so that was a possible way to show appreciation. Commissioner Beaver suggested he share this same conservation with the other cities and also the Tri-City Herald editorial board.

Franklin County Commissioner Brad Peck said a steering committee made up of representatives from Kennewick, Richland, Pasco, Benton and Franklin Counties had been meeting to discuss the consolidation of 911 services to see if it made sense and was fiscally responsible. He said they had an opportunity for Washington State Emergency Management to fund \$100,000 for a study to give them a roadmap. He said the State believed consolidation was a good idea and wanted to fund the effort.

He said there was an interlocal agreement put together and agreed to in concept by all parties except Benton County and he said he was here to answer any questions. He indicated the State was willing to provide the funds but only willing to do that with an interlocal of some sort; the State didn’t want to spend the money if all entities were not interested in the principal idea of consolidation and stating they agreed conceptually that consolidation was a good idea.

He said the interlocal allowed any of the entities to walk away with no strings attached (a good solid exit clause). He also said there appeared to be some confusion about the interlocal text, specifically, “the steering committee shall try to accomplish regionalization by the end of the year”. He said this was an objective, but not an obligation by anyone. Once the results of the study were complete, the entities would determine if they wanted to go forward.

Commissioner Beaver said he didn't have a problem looking at opportunities but was a little concerned about Benton County's investment. Commissioner Peck said the partner was the State and no one else was being asked to spend any money. Additionally, any partner may elect to terminate this agreement. Commissioner Beaver expressed his concern about emails that were going around stating the studies were done and they were already moving to implementation.

Commissioner Peck said that with respect to any communications, all steering committee members were in agreement that this was an opportunity for the state to look at a plan that the entities may or may not choose to implement. The study would outline the steps that would need to be taken if they wanted to consolidate the 911 services. Commissioner Peck said he would send the most recent draft interlocal to Mr. Sparks for distribution.

Commissioner Delvin said he would like to take a position at the next board meeting on whether to move forward or not. Commissioner Beaver agreed.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Beaver said he would be involved with the Council of Government meeting interviewing candidates for the next executive director (today and Friday).

Commissioner Delvin said that he and Commissioner Small attended the Tri-Cities Legislative Days in Olympia. Also present were Clerk Josie Delvin, Auditor Brenda Chilton, and Treasurer Duane Davidson. He said it was a good turnout from the Tri-Cities and they were briefed on education and transportation specifically Delta High School and Red Mountain. He said it was a good opportunity for Olympia to see what the community was doing.

Mr. Sparks updated the Board on union negotiations. He said that Loretta Smith Kelty and Steve Hallstrom settled another contract last night; six contracts complete with five to go.

Vouchers

Check Date: 02/05/2013
Warrant #: 74217-74242
Taxes #: 10113021-10113023
Total all funds: \$2,040,883.83

Check Date: 02/05/2013
Warrant #: 235217-235310
Direct Deposit #: 81223-81831
Total all funds: \$2,080,699.14

Check Date: 02/08/2013
Warrant #: 74493-74724
Total all funds: \$5,261.03

Check Date: 02/08/2013
Warrant #: 74339-74492
Procurement Cards #: 0213
Total all funds: \$618,167.75

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

Resolutions

- 2013-131: Rescinding Resolution 11 785 ~ Memorandum of Understanding w/WA St Military Department and Benton and Franklin County
- 2013-132: Ye Olde Car Club of the Tri-Cities Recognition
- 2013-133: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 110
- 2013-134: Third Amended Interlocal Agreement w/Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Regional Support Network
- 2013-135: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 138
- 2013-136: Appointment of Ed Schab to the Benton Irrigation District
- 2013-137: Appointment of Randall Bricker to the Kiona Irrigation District
- 2013-138: Appointment of Richard Petersen to the Benton County Civil Service Commission
- 2013-139: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0501-101, Dept. 650
- 2013-140: Purchase Authorization for Three Ford Pickups From Columbia Ford
- 2013-141: Award of Liquid De-Icer Contract to Roadwise, Inc.
- 2013-142: Vacation of Improved Coats Road Right of Way
- 2013-143: Amending Resolution 2013-103 Authorizing Payment to Commercial Tire
- 2013-144: Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement w/the Federal Government

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:46 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman