

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 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; DPA Ryan Brown; Superior Court Judge Bob Swisher; Juvenile Administrator Sharon Paradis; Jennifer Bowe, Juvenile; Marianne Ophardt, WSU Extension; Clerk Josie Delvin; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; Sheriff Steve Keane; Rosie Sparks, Auditor.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September 11, 2012 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Animal Control

- a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 137

Commissioners

- b. Time of Remembrance Proclamation
- c. Quit Claim Deed

Fairgrounds

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0124-101, Dept. 000

Human Services

- e. Contract w/Sierra Electric, Inc., for Repair Services for Crisis Response Unit

Juvenile

- f. Guess Speaker Contract w/D Wavra for Case Management Assessment Process Training
- g. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 171

Office of Public Defense

- h. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136
- i. Terminating Contract for Attorney K Hilde

Personnel

- j. Interlocal Agreement w/WA State Transit Insurance Pool

Public Works

- k. Setting Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the Six-Year Road Program, 2013-2018

WCIF Director Visit

New WCIF Director Jon Kaino introduced himself to the Board and provided a synopsis of WCIF's background, goals, executive summary (along with rate changes), retiree plans, and the new wellness program.

Juvenile Detention Facilities Needs Update

Judge Swisher and Sharon Paradis requested the Board consider increasing the detention bed capacity back to 2009 levels and hiring three new detention officers. Judge Swisher said there was an immediate need that presented a crisis situation and they wanted to open the other cell block that was previously closed. It was stated that Franklin County had approved opening the facility immediately and indicated they would approve the increase in the budget for next year.

Commissioner Small said he was a big advocate for juvenile justice and was glad to see that Franklin County was in favor of the request.

Chairman Beaver said he was still interested in a different arrangement with Franklin County and that he was not favor of reducing detention in the first place.

Commissioner Bowman commented that the money was there and could not be used elsewhere so he was in favor of moving forward.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the matter go to a supplemental budget hearing. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

WSU Extension - Benton County - Fruit Tree Endowment

Gwen-Alyn Hoheisel and Marianne Ophardt updated the Board on the fruit tree endowment awarded to WSU in the amount of \$27 million. Ms. Hoheisel said it was the largest single gift to WSU and would create six new professor positions and provide operating funds over the next 10 years. Additionally, Ms. Hoheisel provided samples of Gala apples just picked with the new fruit automated harvest assist.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Bowman said he attended the Elected Officials meeting and was very impressed with the presentation by Personnel on the new NEOGOV program. Additionally, he discussed

the RTPO program and said the money was not being spent and so they are going back to review the program and talk to the engineers about how to get the money spent.

Commissioner Small thanked Central Services for the new Outlook program and the computer upgrades being done for Benton County. Additionally, he said that Prosser was named one of 100 best communities for young people.

Chairman Beaver reported on his attendance at another Dept. of Ecology meeting, Benton-Franklin Council of Government Executive meeting, and the Park Board meeting at Higgins Air Field. He said the HAIEFIC loan review committee was reviewing some refinancing options for TiLite Sports and also thanked Melina and Lexi for the NEOGOV presentation at the Elected Officials meeting.

Vouchers

Check Date: 9/14/2012
Warrant #: 65426-65770
Total all funds: \$1,335,304.44

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

Resolutions

2012-529: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 137
2012-530: Time of Remembrance Proclamation
2012-531: Quit Claim Deed
2012-532: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0124-101, Dept. 000
2012-533: Contract w/Sierra Electric, Inc., for Repair Services for Crisis Response Unit
2012-534: Guess Speaker Contract w/D Wavra for Case Management Assessment Process Training
2012-535: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 171
2012-536: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136
2012-537: Terminating Contract for Attorney K Hilde
2012-538: Interlocal Agreement w/WA State Transit Insurance Pool
2012-539: Setting Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the Six-Year Road Program, 2013-2018

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman