

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 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; DPA Ryan Brown; R.J. Lott and Carel Hiatt, Planning; Clerk Josie Delvin; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Rosie Sparks, Auditor; Captain Clay Vannoy; Sergeant Carlos Trevino; Larry Moser and Malcolm Bowie, Public Works; Deputy Treasurer Erhiza Rivera.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 10, 2012 and May 15, 2012 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "l" and requested to amend item "b" (Commissioners Bylaws). Commissioner Small seconded.

Discussion

Commissioner Bowman requested to amend item "b" by moving Executive Sessions as the last agenda item before adjournment. The Board agreed.

Additionally, item "m" (DOC Agreement with Sheriff's Office for Jail Bed Space) was added to the consent agenda.

Upon vote, the Board approved the consent agenda as modified:

Commissioners

- a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 107
- b. Amendment of Bylaws and Rules of Procedure for Board of Benton County Commissioners; Repealing and Superseding Resolution 11-499
- c. Appointment of Scott Revell to the Benton County Water Conservancy Board

Human Services

- d. Agreement w/Catholic Family & Child Services of the Tri-Cities

Personnel

- e. Trainer Contract w/S Perry of Avenue Law
- f. June Employee of the Month Appointment

Planning

- g. Short Plat Vacation – SPV 12-03
- h. Copier Lease Agreement w/Sharp Electronics Corporation

Public Works

- i. Payment Authorization to Nolan’s Body Shop for Dump Truck Repairs
- j. Consultant Agreement w/Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for On-Call Geophysical Services
- k. Lease Agreement w/Mark & Marilyn Tullis for Top Soil
- l. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0155-101, Dept. 000

Sheriff

- m. DOC Agreement – Jail Bed Space

Amendment – Agreement w/Washington State Military

Chairman Beaver requested the Board grant the Chairman authority to sign the amendment (due to time sensitivity of the contract).

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the Chairman to sign the amendment with Washington State Military for grant funding. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Continued Public Hearing – SPV 12-02

R.J. Lott said he spoke with the FAA office and asked them for requirements for private runways. They said they look at airspace above to make sure it doesn’t conflict with other runways. He said he verified the FAA did not have any other requirements on the ground for private runways. Additionally, he spoke with the applicants and they have agreed to increasing the time from 12 months to 18 months to vacate the easements and remove the special permit.

Chairman Beaver asked if there was a discussion about notification for potential buyers of the property. Mr. Lott said yes and that was the reason the easements would remain in place if the property was for sale so potential buyers would know what may happen on the property. The other option was to remove everything and then whoever came forward to buy the property had the understanding they could place structures or fencing across where the easement previously existed. Chairman Beaver said it was very important there was a notification process in place.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the vacation of the 170-foot by 1,650-foot taxi and runway easement located on the North 170 feet of all four Lots of Short Plat No. 2720 and a 70-foot by 160-foot taxiway easement located on the lot line between Lots 1 and 2 with 35 feet being on each lots as shown on the face of said short plat as recorded in volume 1 of

Short Plats, page 2720 records of Benton County, Washington. He said the motion was conditioned on the applicants recording a document that eliminates the previously recorded 170-foot taxi and runway easement, AF 2002-009813, with the Benton County Auditor. He said the motion was also conditioned on the applicants submitting a letter that withdraws their Special Permit to operate a private airstrip. These conditions must be completed within 18 months of the date of approval by the Benton County Board of Commissioners or this approval will be declared null and void. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Gang Unit Update

Sergeant Trevino and Captain Vannoy updated the Board on the Gang Unit and briefly discussed the following:

- Continuing to work with cities and other agencies on gang emphasis
- Intelligence - gang documentation forms (102 this year); 70 gang related calls (only one violence related crime)
- Corrections – communicating with Security Threat Group in the jail
- Public Education – completed contact with mobile home park managers; now setting up gang presentation for any of those managers to attend so they know what to look for
- Working with Road Department – already one reported graffiti that lead to an arrest
- KiBe School District presentation
- Pamphlets – parents’ guide to gang awareness in both English and Spanish (paid from grant money)
- Suppression efforts – executed 16 search warrants; 43 felony arrests; 75 misdemeanor; 74 warrant arrests; seized four dangerous weapons; graffiti (eight with solvability - 100% clearance by arrest (3-4 times/week drive to areas hardest hit by graffiti); newest trend for drugs is illegal prescription drugs
- Home visits – 26 to gang members
- Summer months – watch high traffic areas and provide extra patrol

Captain Vannoy congratulated Sgt. Travino on his efforts and success in such a short time with all the required training and staff changes.

Request for Public Hearing – Budget Adjustments

Keith Mercer presented four budget adjustments to be approved for public hearing. He said they all have identified funding sources with nothing coming from Current Expense. The requests were as follows:

- Sheriff Patrol grant in the amount of \$488,825
- Benton County Planning grant in the amount of \$93,200
- Solid Waste Collection grant in the amount of \$225,850
- Canine/Boat Fund grant in the amount of \$63,666

Mr. Mercer requested the Board go to public hearing on June 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Assignment Update

Commissioner Small said that he and Adam Fyall attended a 4-hour meeting in Ellensburg with the Columbia River Policy Advisory Group regarding aquifer depletion. He said along with all the bad news, it was noted that Benton & Franklin Conservation Districts were making progress on water reduction through their conservation efforts.

Also, Commissioner Small said that Prosser Hospital agreed to contribute \$1,000/year toward maintenance of the generator and they were still looking for other contributions.

Commissioner Bowman said he attended the Tri-City Chamber meeting and topics included the Kennewick School District getting a \$450,000 hit due to state property tax devaluation across the state and Citizens for Power discussing protecting Washington energy rates.

Additionally, Commissioner Bowman provided information from Benton REA regarding their Red Mountain website. He said they were requesting comments from the Commissioners on development of the website and they could provide that feedback directly to Troy Berglund at Benton REA or Commissioner Bowman.

Chairman Beaver reported on his attendance at a Council of Governments meeting with federal governments on a continuing resolution; Mental Health/Alcohol facility tour; HAEIFIC meeting; and Policemen Memorial. Additionally, he asked if there were discussions regarding additional security at the Justice Center in light of the recent incident. Mr. Sparks said that Risk management was working with the Sheriff's office on a proposal.

Claim For Damages

CC 2012-10: Received May 21, 2012 from Wanda Cadwallader

Vouchers

Check Date: 05/18/2012
Warrant #: 58071-58327
Transfer #: 01160512
Total all funds: \$1,023,606.38

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

Resolutions

2012-274 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 107
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman