

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

**Present:** Chairman James Beaver  
Commissioner Shon Small  
Commissioner Jerome Delvin  
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; Public Works Manager Daniel Ford; DPA Ryan Brown; Clerk Josie Delvin; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Bob Woody, IT Department; GIS Manager Mary Phillips; Lee Rawlings and Marty Groom, Public Works; Sheriff Steve Keane; Erhiza Rivera, Treasurer's Office; DPA Steve Hallstrom; Clark Posey, Planning.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of August 12, 2014 were approved.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### District Court

- a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0131-101, Dept. 000

#### Human Services

- b. Agreement w/Benton-Franklin Community Action Connections for Grant Services
- c. Amended Agreement w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Services
- d. Amended Agreement w/DSHS, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery for Chemical Dependency Services
- e. Amended Agreement w/Somerset Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Services
- f. Amended Agreement w/Ideal Balance PLLC for Substance Abuse Services
- g. Amended Agreement w/Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health for Substance Abuse Services
- h. Amended Agreement w/K Larsen for Prevention Coordinator Services
- i. Amended Contract w/Lourdes Counseling Center for Shelter Plus Care Program
- j. Amended Agreement w/J Dorsett for Community Coordinator Services

- k. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 504

**Juvenile**

- l. Agreement w/State of WA Dept of Social & Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
- m. Contract w/Richland School District for Truancy Services
- n. Contract w/Finley School District for Truancy Services
- o. Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District for Truancy Services
- p. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 173

**Office of Public Defense**

- q. Agreement w/A Tindell for Public Defense Services to Respondents
- r. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136

**Personnel**

- s. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 000-101, Dept. 127
- t. United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Sheriff's Guild Employees
- u. United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Appraisers Union

**Protective Inspection**

- v. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000

**Metro Discussion**

Commissioner Delvin said that before he made a decision about funding Metro for its shortfall, he wanted to hear from the Sheriff if it was a viable program and if it was money well spent.

Sheriff Keane said that Metro had always been funded through grants. However, as the funding went away, it was decided to fund it through the end of the year and see what happened with the sales tax proposal. He indicated that Metro was not a line item in his budget. Additionally, Metro had been around longer than he had been a police officer and that as the drug problem continued, there was still a need for Metro. Sheriff Keane stated that the Gang and Apprehension Teams all overlapped with their work, but those were not drug specific. Metro officers were also commissioned by the DEA so it allowed them to work on federal cases as well. He said that Metro was doing the mission they were put in place to do by addressing the mid-level drug crimes and he wanted to see it continue especially since it was identified in the 3/10 sales tax. He said the cities might be willing to step up and pay for the County's portion until the sales tax revenue came in, but the Board would need to follow up with that.

He added that the sales tax would pay for the positions in Benton County (that were currently funded by the grants).

Commissioner Small said he would follow up with the City of Kennewick to get the final funding amounts and whether or not the cities would cover Benton County's portion.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Delvin reminded the Board he would not be at the next meeting because he would be travelling.

Commissioner Small said he continued to work with different partners and Human Services Manager Linda Robb on the shortfall in the Crisis funding and they were trying to reduce that number.

Chairman Beaver reminded the Board that budget was coming up and with the \$2 million shortfall during the last budget he was uneasy with additional requests coming to the Board. He said the County got lucky the citizens approved the public safety tax and believed it would be helpful, however, they would have to prioritize at some point. He said he wanted to sit down and have a special workshop to discuss the Commissioners' priorities and asked Mr. Sparks to set up that meeting.

### **Executive Session – Pending Litigation**

The Board went into executive session at 9:18 a.m. for approximately two minutes to discuss pending litigation with DPA Ryan Brown. Also present were Loretta Smith Kelty, Steve Hallstrom, David Sparks, Cami McKenzie and Bob Woody. The Board came out at 9:21 a.m. and Mr. Brown said the Board discussed pending litigation and no decisions were made.

### **Executive Session – Grievance Position/Performance of Public Employees**

The Board went into executive session at 9:21 a.m. with DPA Steve Hallstrom for up to 30 minutes to discuss a grievance position and performance of a public employee. Mr. Hallstrom said the Board would come out briefly and individuals would leave so the Board could discuss the performance of another public employee.

Commissioner Small recused himself from the executive session. Also present in executive session were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Ryan Brown, Marty Groom, Lee Rawlings, Dan Ford, Loretta Smith Kelty, and Bob Woody. At 9:30 a.m. Bob Woody, Marty Groom, Lee Rawlings, and Dan Ford left the room. Now present were Steve Hallstrom, Ryan Brown, Loretta Smith Kelty, David Sparks, and Cami McKenzie.

The Board came out at 9:53 a.m. Mr. Hallstrom said no decisions were made in executive session. Commissioner Small rejoined the meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to sign and send the letter as proposed by the PA to Robert Hawks in response to the Hamlin Performance Review Grievance – Employer Step 3 Response. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Small abstaining.

### **2015 Tri-Cities Legislative Priorities**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the letter to the Port of Benton regarding Benton County's 2015 Tri-Cities Legislative Agenda, identified as Juvenile Justice Center, Development of Nuclear Power, and Interstate-82 Red Mountain Interchange. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

## **Vouchers**

### **Check Date: 08/15/2014**

Payroll Draw Checks  
Warrant #: 237580-237592  
Direct Deposit #: 96901-97097  
Total all funds: \$104,664.97

Payroll Draw Deductions  
Taxes #: 101140814  
Total all funds: \$34,522.33

### **Check Date: 08/15/2014**

Transfers #: 081501-081515  
Total all funds: \$493,760.86

Warrants #: 106965-107170  
Total all funds: \$576,496.06

Warrants #: 107171-107297  
Total all funds: \$2,620.37

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

## **Resolutions**

- 2014-607: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0131-101, Dept. 000
- 2014-608: Agreement w/Benton-Franklin Community Action Connections for Grant Services
- 2014-609: Amended Agreement w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Services
- 2014-610: Amended Agreement w/DSHS, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery for Chemical Dependency Services
- 2014-611: Amended Agreement w/Somerset Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Services
- 2014-612: Amended Agreement w/Ideal Balance PLLC for Substance Abuse Services
- 2014-613: Amended Agreement w/Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health for Substance Abuse Services
- 2014-614: Amended Agreement w/K Larsen for Prevention Coordinator Services
- 2014-615: Amended Contract w/Lourdes Counseling Center for Shelter Plus Care Program
- 2014-616: Amended Agreement w/J Dorsett for Community Coordinator Services
- 2014-617: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 504

- 2014-618: Agreement w/State of WA Dept of Social & Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
- 2014-619: Contract w/Richland School District for Truancy Services
- 2014-620: Contract w/Finley School District for Truancy Services
- 2014-621: Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District for Truancy Services
- 2014-622: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 173
- 2014-623: Agreement w/A Tindell for Public Defense Services to Respondents
- 2014-624: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136
- 2014-625: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 000-101, Dept. 127
- 2014-626: United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Sheriff's Guild Employees
- 2014-627: United Employees Benefit Trust Participating Agreement for Appraisers Union
- 2014-628: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:58 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman