

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 53  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for August 5, 2015  
Special Bi-County Board Meeting

*This document is a summarized version of the Board of Commissioners proceedings. The minutes are paraphrased, not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.*

The Honorable Boards of Benton County Commissioners and Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date.

Commissioners present representing Franklin County were Franklin County Chairman Brad Peck, Chair Pro Tem Rick Miller, and Commissioner Bob Koch participating by telephone.

Commissioners present representing Benton County were Benton County Chairman Jerome Delvin, Chair Pro Tem Shon Small, and Commissioner James R. Beaver.

Also present: Jerrod MacPherson, Interim County Administrator; and Valerie Loffler, Clerk to the Board, and others in the audience.

The meeting convened at 2:00 pm.

**HUMAN SERVICES (2:00 pm)**

Benton County Commission Chairman Jerome Delvin announced the purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the future of Human Services.

**Executive Session** at 2:03 pm pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) regarding performance of a public employee expected to last up to 30 minutes.

**Open Session** at 2:34 pm.

**Executive Session** continued at 2:36 pm expected to last up to 15 minutes.

**Open Session** at 2:51 pm.

**Recessed** at 2:52 pm.

**Reconvened** at 3:10 pm.

**Executive Session** at 3:13 pm pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) regarding performance of a public employee.

**Open Session** at 3:24 pm.

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Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant said we have an outstanding request for additional information. He recommended that the Franklin County Commissioners wait to take action until we see if that information would assist the Board in making a decision. He did not know if the information we're waiting for has the potential to affect considerations or outcomes.

**Motion** – Mr. Delvin: I move to authorize the chairman or chairman pro tem if necessary to execute the letter to Ms. Robb that was reviewed by both Boards in executive session and that the letter be delivered by Benton County administration. Second by Mr. Beaver. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I'd like to move to authorize the chairman or chairman pro tem if necessary to execute the letter to Ms. Robb that was reviewed by both Boards in executive session and that the letter be presented by Benton County administration. Second by Mr. Koch.

Mr. Peck said he intends not to support the motion. I think it is at best premature. There is still information that our prosecutor has requested. I don't see that there is a need for an immediate action here. If there were, I don't think that Benton County would have allowed this to be executed beyond today. I think time will tell as the story unfolds whether or not this was a wise course. We'll have to see how things play out.

**2:1 vote in favor. Yeas: Miller and Koch. Nay: Peck.**

**Detox Contract (3:31 pm)**

There was extensive discussion about how to proceed to provide detox services in the future due to state requirements that are mandated by the year 2020. The Boards may meet with commissioners from Yakima County as well.

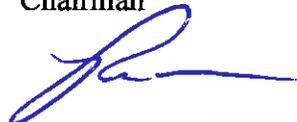
**Adjourned at 4:05 pm.**

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until August 10, 2015.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Attest:

  
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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed September 23, 2015.