

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 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; Assistant County Engineer Matt Rasmussen and Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Ryan Brown; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Clerk Josie Delvin; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Bob Woody, IT Department; GIS Manager Mary Phillips; DPA Reid Hay; Treasurer Duane Davidson; Judge Bruce Spanner; Darryl Banks, Juvenile Administrator; Jon Law and Clay Vannoy, Sheriff's Office.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September 9, 2014 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Time of Remembrance Proclamation

Facilities

- b. Letter to Proceed to G2 Construction

Human Services

- c. Contract w/Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Inc. for October Community Event

Noxious Weed

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0134-101, Dept. 000

Parks

- e. Contract w/Stratton Surveying of Kennewick for Work @ Horn Rapids Park
- f. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 126

Prosecuting Attorney

- g. Amended Contract w/Teamsters Local 839, Representing Sheriff's Office Clerical

Public Works

- h. Offer Letter Authorization for Project Engineer

Sheriff

- i. Payment Authorization to Choice Martial Arts, LLC for Leasing Facility for Training
- j. Contract Addendum w/LexisNexis for External Hard Drive System @ the Jail
- k. Purchase Authorization of Twelve Office Chairs From Husk Office Furniture & Supplies
- l. Contract w/Desert Valley Powersports for As Needed Parts and Repairs

Sustainable Development

- m. Support Letter Request to Senator Maria Cantwell for Manhattan Project Request
- n. Support Letter Request to Senator Patty Murray for Manhattan Project Request

Public Hearing - Public Safety Needs Tax Ordinance

Loretta Smith Kelty presented the ordinance for adoption of the Public Safety Needs sales and use tax.

Ms. Smith Kelty entered into the record Exhibit “1” (Letter from Demolition and Excavating Services) in opposition to the new sales and use tax ordinance.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the resolution establishing the 3/10 of 1% Public Safety Tax Fund and attached Ordinance 535 implementing the imposition of the sales and use tax as passed by the citizens of Benton County. Commissioner Delvin seconded.

Discussion

Chairman Beaver said it was pretty straight forward with clear direction and he wanted to thank everyone who worked the issue.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Juvenile RFQ Results

Darryl Banks and Judge Spanner provided the results of the Juvenile Justice Remodel RFQ for the potential contract with the architect and scope of work based on rough square footage and three potential options:

- Contract with Architect - \$121,989.12
- Base Option – major renovation/modernization of existing building: \$5.7 million
- Base Option plus additional court specific space - \$6.6 million
- Base Option plus additional court space and programming space - \$8.3 million

Mr. Banks asked if they were in the ball park with these numbers and if they were, was there a limit. He said they would be meeting with Franklin County on Wednesday to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Delvin said the price didn't shock him based on what was being proposed, however, his decision would depend on whether they could get some money from the State. He said he had talked with Senator Brown and if she could go forward with that, he was hoping to ask for \$4 to \$5 million from the State since they were a partner in this. He said he would like to proceed with the architect.

Commissioner Small said he felt the Juvenile facility had run its course and that it was time to upgrade and there was some money for that. However, he wanted to hear more about the pros and cons of the different scenarios but was in favor of moving forward.

Chairman Beaver said it looked they were going forward. He stated that he toured the facility and listened to the Facilities Manager as he illustrated some problems. He said he felt some things could be resolved in the short term that didn't cost as much. He said he was in favor of moving forward with the architect and flush out what was needed.

Judge Spanner said he wanted to know if it was accurate to report to Franklin County that Benton County was not offended by the numbers and not offended by the potential scope of work. The Board agreed with that, however, Chairman Beaver said he was not in favor of the 70/30 split.

Commissioner Priorities

Chairman Beaver said his priorities included looking for efficiencies; continuing the financial analysis presentations to the Board; evaluate changes to make the county financially stronger; water in the Yakima River; and continue to make county programs better.

Commissioner Delvin said that sustainable budget was important and using taxpayer money the best they could. He said he was impressed with staff always looking at services and looking for the most cost effective programs. He mentioned the water conservation program (they weren't getting their needs met so they came up with a plan and the State was helping). He said he agreed with those priorities as outlined.

Commissioner Small said there had also been substantial changes in IT and he wanted to continue down that path. He said he was also impressed with individuals and appreciative of their efforts to be more efficient and save money.

The Board also agreed it wanted to look at the bi-county relationship in the coming years and see if that was a partnership that needed to be dissolved. The Board discussed looking at the Human Services program first.

Other Business

GWMA Issue

Mr. Fyall updated the Board on the GWMA issue and said they made a request to be removed from the GWMA as instructed. He said the Conservation District had taken the lead on the new

groundwater group for Benton County and that he was involved in the meetings as well as Mike Shuttleworth and Commissioner Delvin. He said they were securing a grant for \$250,000 for well monitoring and related expenses but the cost was approximately \$333,000. The group was requesting funding as follows: Conservation District - \$46,500; Health District - \$7,500; and Benton County - \$30,000.

Mr. Fyall indicated there was money available in Sustainable Development for this project.

Commissioner Delvin said nothing had yet happened in the GWMA group and they had sent the letter requesting to get out since Benton County had more groundwater issues than the Yakima River. He said they could now start identifying groundwater issues in the whole county and believed this was a good use of the money.

Commissioner Small asked if this also included recharging the aquifer and Mr. Fyall indicated it did not since it was more of a water quality not quantity issue. Commissioner Small said he was in favor of moving forward. Chairman Beaver also agreed.

Dan Ford introduced Matt Rasmussen (new Assistant County Engineer) to the Board.

Noxious Weed Issue

Commissioner Small indicated the Board might be approached from the Noxious Weed Board about an increase in the parcel assessments. He said it was his understanding that Nicole Berg, as well as 18 farmers he spoke to were opposed to this increase.

Vista Field Vision Meeting

Chairman Beaver indicated he attended the Vista Field Vision Meeting to start discussing the future vision for Vista Field.

Executive Session – Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with DPA Ryan Brown for approximately 20 minutes to discuss litigation. Also present were DPA Reid Hay, Mike Shuttleworth, Loretta Smith Kelty, Dan Ford, Matt Rasmussen, Jeff Liner, David Sparks, and Cami McKenzie. The Board came out at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Brown stated the Board discussed litigation but took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to sign the quit claim deed presented by Public Works Department, correcting the public record concerning an easement over certain property in Sections 31 and 32, Township 9 North range 28 East, near Dallas Road. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Claim for Damages

CC 2014-16a: Received July 28, 2014 from Mark Gidley
CC 2014-16b: Received July 28, 2014 from Shawna Mobert

CC 2014-17: Received August 14, 2014 from Eugene Richard Banks
CC 2014-18: Received August 19, 2014 from Deborah K. Lowry
CC 2014-19: Received August 20, 2014 from Christopher James Gilchrist
CC 2014-20: Received September 4, 2014 from Benjamin Scott Wade

Vouchers

Check Date: 09/10/2014

Procurement Cards #: 914
Total all funds: \$135,646.77

Check Date: 09/15/2014

Warrant #: 237696-237707
Direct Deposit #: 97731-97927
Total all funds: \$104,059.47

Payroll Draw Deductions
Taxes #: 101140914
Total all funds: \$34,322.61

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

Resolutions

2014-667: Time of Remembrance Proclamation
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2014-675: Purchase Authorization of Twelve Office Chairs From Husk Office Furniture & Supplies
2014-676: Contract w/Desert Valley Powersports for As Needed Parts and Repairs
2014-677: Establishing the 3/10 of 1% Public Safety Tax Fund; Adopting Ordinance 535
2014-678: Approval of Quit Claim Deed – Nor Am Investment LLC

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman