

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 2:00 p.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA

**Present:** Chairman Shon Small  
Commissioner James Beaver  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Absent:** Commissioner Jerome Delvin (Excused)

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Ed Thornbrugh and Tracy Diaz, Benton-Franklin Human Services.

#### Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Application

Ed Thornbrugh said that as part of the Community Development Block Grant Application for non-entitlement areas, a public hearing was required to make the project available to the public.

Judith Gidley, Benton Franklin Community Action Committee updated the Board on the progress of the activities provided by the 2012 grant. They hired a full-time bi-lingual Family Development Specialist to deliver services in the rural non-entitlement areas for Franklin County, specifically Connell, Mesa, Basin City, and the rural non-entitlement areas for Benton County, specifically Benton City, West Richland and Prosser. The Family Development Specialist was able to provide these services at the Mid-Columbia Library in Benton City and Connell City Hall rent free.

She said they proposed continuing the program for 2013; the grant for 2013 was reduced by about \$15,000 but they were able to reduce their vehicle/travel budget tremendously because they were able to use a surplus vehicle.

#### Public Testimony

Garland Walton, City of Connell Mayor, said that transportation in the rural communities had always been an issue and if they could keep this grant going it definitely helped the under-privileged.

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Application for Community Development Block Grant Public Service Funds in the amount of \$63,250. Chairman Small seconded

Discussion

Commissioner Beaver wondered if the Board should have a workshop so it could see the benefit to the broader areas that were not mentioned. Ms. Gidley said there were already offices in those locations to provide the services.

Upon vote, the motion carried.

**Resolution**

2013-286: Approval of Application for Community Development Block Grant for Public Service Funds

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman