

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 4, 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; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Ryan Brown; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Valerie Smith, Planning; Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; Pat Powell, Auditor's Office; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Clerk Josie Delvin.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 27, 2012 were approved.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Building

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

#### Central Services

- b. Purchase Authorization for Information Technology Equipment and Software
- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0502-101, Dept. 000

#### Clerk

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 106

#### Commissioners

- e. Organization of Benton County Commissioners; Rescinding Resolution 11-794
- f. 2013 Non-Bargaining Contribution to Employee Insurance Benefits

**District Court**

- g. Interlocal Agreement w/State of WA, Administrative Office of the Courts for Interpreter Funding

**Juvenile**

- h. Contract w/Connections Consulting for Interpreter Services
- i. Amended Agreement w/D Anderson for Indigent Legal Representation
- j. Amended Agreement w/J Paulsen for Indigent Legal Representation
- k. Amended Agreement w/K Moreno for Indigent Legal Representation
- l. Amended Agreement w/D Campbell for Indigent Legal Representation

**Parks**

- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 126

**Public Works**

- n. Letter to Washington State Department of Transportation re County Engineer
- o. Approval of Plans and Specifications for Dallas Road Grading
- p. Appropriation of Additional funds for Mountain Ridge Court Drywell

**Sheriff**

- q. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120

**Treasurer**

- r. Amended Agreement w/Technologies Unlimited for Software Upgrades

**Public Hearing – Official Zoning Map**

Mike Shuttleworth presented the amendments to the Benton County Official zoning Map and recommended the Board approve the changes and adopt the ordinance.

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Small moved to approve the ordinance adopting the Benton County Official zoning Map and authorizing the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Assignment Update**

Commissioner Small said he sat on the canvassing board and they certified the election; attended a B-F Health Board meeting and HBA meeting.

Commissioner Bowman said it was a quiet week. He also attended the B-F Health Board meeting and HBA meeting.

Chairman Beaver said he attended a meeting for Workforce Development Council and the same meetings as the other members. He also mentioned he would be attending the planetarium presentation at CBC tonight.

## **Unscheduled Visitors**

### **Veterans' Assistance - Waiver**

Pat Powell presented a petition for income limit waiver by Beatrice Gowdy for the Board's approval.

**MOTION**: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the petition for income limit waiver for Beatrice Gowdy. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Steve Becken introduced Dan Ford, the new County Engineer.

The Board recessed, reconvening 9:15 a.m.

### **Yakima Basin Salmon Recovery Update**

Adam Fyall said that Commissioner Bowman had been involved with the Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board and that he had been the alternate. He introduced Nancy Lilquist, Chair (Ellensburg City Council), Paul Ward, member (Yakama Nation), Alex Conley, Executive Director, and Heather Hadsel, Operations Manager.

Ms. Lilquist said that in anticipation of Commissioner Bowman retiring, they wanted to recognize his contribution and participation to the Board. She said through Leo's leadership he brought together communities and the overlapping boards to organize the current Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board. She said they wanted to thank him for his leadership and that she personally learned a lot about collaboration of efforts.

Alex Conley said when he was hired in 2006, there were 26 government agencies involved in the process and Commissioner Bowman was the one that kept them grounded and reminded them of the importance of local government. He read a letter into the record from Lynn Hatcher at Noah Fisheries thanking Leo for his dedicated service and leadership.

Paul Ward said it was through Leo's leadership at the county level that allowed this group to form and he praised him for his guidance and accomplishments. He said he had been a real leader and thanked him for his work on salmon recovery.

The group then presented Commissioner Bowman with a framed certificate and carved wooden fish.

### **Vouchers**

Check Date: 11/30/2012  
Warrant #: 70310-70521  
Taxes #: 010111129  
Total all funds: \$763,649.24

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

**Resolutions**

- 2012-752: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000
- 2012-753: Purchase Authorization for Information Technology Equipment and Software
- 2012-754: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0502-101, Dept. 000
- 2012-755: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 106
- 2012-756: Organization of Benton County Commissioners; Rescinding Resolution 11-794
- 2012-757: 2013 Non-Bargaining Contribution to Employee Insurance Benefits
- 2012-758: Interlocal Agreement w/State of WA, Administrative Office of the Courts for Interpreter Funding
- 2012-759: Contract w/Connections Consulting for Interpreter Services
- 2012-760: Amended Agreement w/D Anderson for Indigent Legal Representation
- 2012-761: Amended Agreement w/J Paulsen for Indigent Legal Representation
- 2012-762: Amended Agreement w/K Moreno for Indigent Legal Representation
- 2012-763: Amended Agreement w/D Campbell for Indigent Legal Representation
- 2012-764: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 126
- 2012-765: Approval of Plans and Specifications for Dallas Road Grading
- 2012-766: Appropriation of Additional funds for Mountain Ridge Court Drywell
- 2012-767: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- 2012-768: Amended Agreement w/Technologies Unlimited for Software Upgrades
- 2012-769: Amending the Official Zoning District Map Boundaries

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman