

BOARDS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL BI-COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

Franklin County Courthouse
Commissioners' Meeting Room
1016 North 4th Avenue
Pasco Washington

MEETING MINUTES

Franklin County Commissioners Present: Chairman Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem Bob Koch, Member Brad Peck

Benton County Commissioners Present:

Present: Chairman Shon Small, Chair Pro Tem James Beaver and Jerome Delvin, Member

Franklin County Employees Present: County Administrator Keith Johnson, Director of Human Resources Carlee Nave, Assistant to Administrator Sherrie Young and Clerk to the Board Karin Milham

Bi-County Employees Present: Human Services Director Kyle Sullivan and Human Services Finance Manager Tammy McKeirman

Public Present: Judith Gidley with Community Action Committee, Melissa Hess with Community Action Committee, Director of Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Ken Roughten, Chief Financial Officer of Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Troy Wilson, Benton County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Brown, Benton County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Lukson, *Tri-City Herald* Reporter Wendy Culverwell and KONA radio Dennis Shannon

CALL TO ORDER

Franklin County Board of Commissioners Chair Rick Miller called the Special Bi-County Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., for Franklin County.

Benton County Board of Commissioners Chair Shon Small called the Special Bi-County Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., for Benton County.

Commissioner Miller welcomed Benton County Board of Commissioners and the public to the Franklin County Courthouse.

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF HUMAN SERVICES

Commissioner Miller stated this meeting was to discuss Tri-Cities Behavioral Health Review Workgroup's recommendation to appoint a mental health consultant for designing a comprehensive behavioral health care plan for Benton and Franklin Counties. The plan includes Crisis Response, Chemical Dependency and Medicaid programs.

Commissioner Jerome Delvin asked for an estimated time of completion of the work. Mr. Ken Roughten Director of Greater Columbia Behavioral Health stated it would take approximately six to eight weeks but reminded the Commissioners this agreement was to fine tune the present delivery system and not to overhaul the system.

There was discussion of funding timelines, the consultant's role with Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health (CWCMH) and ensuring there was a "no compete" clause in the contract not only for the consultant, but the entire organization. Mr. Roughten clarified that the consultant, Mr. Rick Weaver, was an employee and not on the Board of Directors for Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health. Mr. Roughten also confirmed a "no compete" clause would be included in the contract.

Commissioner Peck asked for clarification that, once in place, this contract would replace the contracts regarding the three aforementioned programs and therefore replacing the related contracts between Benton-Franklin Human Services and Benton or Franklin Counties. Commissioner Peck also asked for confirmation that the new organization could be comprised of multiple providers. Mr. Roughten confirmed this contract would void the three current contracts and also confirmed multiple providers could be involved with the new plan.

- ❖ **On behalf of Benton County, Commissioner Jerome Delvin read the following prepared motion: *In an effort to provide the most efficient and effective behavioral health sciences to our residents, I move that the Benton and Franklin Bi-County Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of Rick Weaver as the consultant responsible for the development of a behavioral health system of care plan for Benton and Franklin Counties. It is expected this plan will result in an improved behavioral health system of care for the residents of Benton and Franklin Counties. Commissioner Jim Beaver seconded.***

After changing the word, "sciences" to services," Commissioner Small called for the vote and the motion was unanimously carried.

- ❖ **On behalf of Franklin County, Commissioner Bob Koch read the following prepared motion: *In an effort to provide the most efficient and effective behavioral health services to our residents, I move that the Benton and Franklin Bi-County Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of Rick Weaver as the consultant responsible for the development of a behavioral health system of care plan for Benton and Franklin Counties. It is expected this plan will result in an improved behavioral health system of care for the residents of Benton and Franklin Counties.***

As a condition of seconding the motion, Commissioner Peck offered an amendment to Commissioner the motion on the table by adding "pending approval and review of acceptable contract for services.

After Commissioner Koch agreed with Commissioner Peck's amendment, Commissioner Miller called for the vote and the motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to bring before with Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chairman, Rick Miller

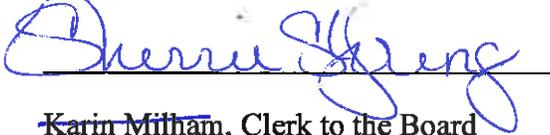


Chairman Pro Tem, Robert Koch



Member, Brad Peck

Attest



Karin Milham, Clerk to the Board