

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Shon Small
Commissioner James Beaver
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Commissioner Jerome Delvin, Excused

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy Administrator Loretta Smith Kely; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; County Engineer Daniel Ford; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Ryan Brown; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; Clerk Josie Delvin; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Bob Woody, Central Services; Sue Schuetze, Public Works; Erhiza Rivera, Treasurer's Office; Treasurer Duane Davidson; PA Andy Miller; Margaret Ault, PA's Office; Kenn Denn, Central Services; Bryan Perry, Safety Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of August 20, 2013 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Central Services

- a. Department Name Change

Commissioners

- b. Contract, #E14-028, w/WA State Military Department for E911
- c. Letter In Opposition to Initiative 522

Human Services

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 564
- e. Establishing Classification Description for Housing Program Navigator
- f. Appointment of D George As The County-Designated Mental Health Professional

Juvenile

- g. Indigent Civil Defense Contract w/P Peterson

- h. Amended Agreement w/St of WA, Dept of Social & Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

Office of Public Defense

- i. Compensation Authorization for P Younesi for Superior Court Appearances

Parks

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

Personnel

- k. Employee of the Month Appointment
- l. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0504-101, Dept. 000

Prosecuting Attorney

- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 117
- n. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 117
- o. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0120-101, Dept. 000

Public Works

- p. Order and Agreement for Franchise to Kennewick Irrigation District
- q. Contract w/Stripe Rite, Inc. for Pavement Marking

DUI Filing Grant Discussion

Andy Miller said the State legislature passed a DUI bill last session to help prosecution target some filing issues for individuals arrested for DUI or other charges involving alcohol. He said that funding included deputy prosecutors throughout the State and Benton County had been asked to participate. He indicated that funding would be up to \$100,000; additionally, they understood if the funding stopped, they would not be asking to continue the program. He said if they were directed to ask for supplemental funding, it would be zero cost to Benton County.

Commissioner Beaver said he recommend the Board move forward with this process as outlined by Prosecutor Miller. Chairman Small agreed.

Jail Mental Health Request for Qualifications

Ed Thornbrugh said they recently published an RFQ for prescriber services to enhance mental health services in the Benton County Jail and received two submissions (one from Lourdes and one from Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health.) After review of the submissions and meeting with individuals from each organization, he said they were prepared to recommend the County contract with Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health to provide psychiatric services with a PharmD under the supervision of a Psychiatrist. He said that although this submittal was more expensive, it included three advantages:

1. The plan includes scalability to purchase additional blocks of service as needed;
2. The organization has an extensive history of providing medication services in corrections environment;
3. The provider is required to work under the supervision of a Psychiatrist, which provides secondary review of care provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to accept the recommendation from Mr. Thornbrugh to prepare a contract with Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Community Garden Discussion

Bryan Perry said he looked at the proposal submitted and met with Frank Coberly and Carol Moser for a community garden on county owned property. Additionally, he met with the City of Richland and talked with WSU Extension for both Spokane and Benton Counties. He indicated that most community gardens run by cities or counties tend to be run by the municipalities and take place in parks. He said they were interested in leasing a 100 x 100 foot section of county-owned property within the City of Kennewick to be cared for by employees of Amazon and Benton-Franklin Health District. He said the big issue was that it would need to be leased from the County and there were also liability concerns. He asked the Board if there was further interest in pursuing the issue. He added that Marianne Ophardt, Benton County WSU Extension indicated the City of Kennewick was interested in putting a community garden in Lawrence Scott Park, which was not too far from the proposed location near the Health District.

Commissioner Beaver said it sounded like the plan didn't fit the County's organization and would direct them to the City of Kennewick. Chairman Small agreed.

Video Conference Replacement

Kenn Denn said they had completed their research of replacement for the current video conference units in Prosser and Kennewick Commissioner Hearing Rooms. He said they had started a project to upgrade and replace the current data/voice network and the Cisco replacement components would seamlessly integrate with this upgrade. Additionally, it would give expansion ability for video arraignment for District Court and Superior Court and provide video conferencing with outside public and government entities. He said they were looking for permission to go forward with this project to parallel with the data/voice network upgrade. The initial cost would be \$272,421.32 with an annual warranty cost of approximately \$30,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the replacement of the video conference units and purchases as submitted by the IT Department. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Other Business

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the resolution appointing Harold Juergens as the Benton County Fire District 6 Commissioner. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Beaver asked permission to attend the ECA Peer Exchange – 21st Century located in Oakridge, Tennessee.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve Commissioner Beaver to attend the ECA Peer Exchange. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Small expressed gratitude and appreciation to Sue Schuetze for her service to Benton County for over 34 years and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Vouchers

Check Date: 08/23/2013
Warrant #: 86442-86615
Total all funds: \$851,204.34

Check Date: 08/23/2013
Transfers #: 082302-082315
Total all funds: \$170,462.88

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

Resolutions

- 2013-613: Department Name Change for Central Services to IT Dept.
- 2013-614: Contract, #E14-028, w/WA State Military Department for E911
- 2013-615: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 564
- 2013-616: Establishing Classification Description for Housing Program Navigator
- 2013-617: Appointment of D George As The County-Designated Mental Health Professional
- 2013-618: Indigent Civil Defense Contract w/P Peterson
- 2013-619: Amended Agreement w/St of WA, Dept of Social & Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
- 2013-620: Compensation Authorization for P Younesi for Superior Court Appearances
- 2013-621: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 126
- 2013-622: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0504-101, Dept. 000
- 2013-623: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 117
- 2013-624: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 117
- 2013-625: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0120-101, Dept. 000
- 2013-626: Order and Agreement for Franchise to Kennewick Irrigation District
- 2013-627: Contract w/Stripe Rite, Inc. for Pavement Marking
- 2013-628: Appointment of Harold Juergens as the Benton County Fire District 6 Commissioner

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

Clerk of the Board

Chairman