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District 3

# Board of County Commissioners BENTON COUNTY

David Sparks  
County Administrator

Loretta Smith Kelty  
Deputy County Administrator



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## AGENDA BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 17, 2012 Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

9:00 AM

Call to Order  
Approval of Minutes  
❖ July 10, 2012  
Review Agenda

Consent Agenda

**Auditor**

a. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0111101, Dept. 000

**Coroner**

b. Contract Amendment w/Dr. Carl Wigren

**Human Services**

c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0154-101, Dept. 000

d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 566

**Personnel**

e. Contract w/PricewaterhouseCoopers for Actuarial Services

**Public Works**

f. Denial of County Road District Improvement #22

g. Award of Contract to L. & S. Fencing for Fencing Installation

**Public Hearing:**

Clipper Windpower Development Company LLC Franchise – S Schuetze

Level 3 Communication LLC Franchise – S Schuetze

**Scheduled Business:**

WA Counties Risk Pool Presentation – M Wenner

Benton Franklin 4H Program Update – M Ophardt

**Grosscup Road** River Access Discussion – S Becken

**Unscheduled Visitors**  
**Board Assignment Update**

**Draft**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 10, 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 Kely; 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; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; DPA Ryan Brown; DPA Steve Hallstrom; Clerk Josie Delvin; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; Pat Powell, Auditor's Office; Erhiza Rivera and Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; Susan Walker and Valerie Smith, Planning Department.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 26, 2012 were approved.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "bb", adding "cc" (Supplies for Jail). Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

**Auditor**

- a. Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Ballot Drop Box at City Hall

**Central Services**

- b. Agreement w/MunicipalCMS LLC for Website Hosting
- c. Purchase Authorization from Efficiency, Inc. for Courtroom Audio Mixers

**Commissioners**

- d. Letter to R.W. Cox
- e. Payment Authorization to Design West Architects for Feasibility Study at Clerk's Lobby

**Facilities**

- f. Contract Award to ABM Janitorial, South Central, Inc. for Janitorial Services

**Fairgrounds**

- g. Contract w/Banlin Construction for Damaged Rooftops Repair
- h. Authorization for Bid Solicitation for John Deere Compact Excavator

- i. Authorization for Architectural & Engineering Services for Kitchen Improvements

**Human Services**

- j. Agreement w/Benton Franklin Community Action Committee
- k. Benton Franklin Housing Continuum of Care (BFHCC) By-Laws
- l. Agreement w/The Salvation Army

**Juvenile**

- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund 0115-101, Dept. 173 to 174

**Parks**

- n. Appointment of R Nordness to the Benton County Park Board

**Personnel**

- o. Service Contract w/GovernmentJobs.com, Inc., dba NeoGov, for Online Application System
- p. Contract w/The American Red Cross for Employee Life Safety Training

**Public Works**

- q. Authorization to Proceed w/Construction of Piert Road Extension
- r. Contract w/Inland Asphalt Company for Piert Road Extension
- s. Revision of 2012 Annual Road Program
- t. Authorization of the Mountain Ridge Court Drywell Installation

**Sustainable Development**

- u. Service Agreement w/Tri City Development Council

**Workforce Development Council**

- v. Appointment of M Anderson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- w. Appointment of M Black to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- x. Appointment of J Hogue to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- y. Appointment of E Jackson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- z. Appointment of P Ochoa to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- aa. Appointment of M Olson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- bb. Appointment of R Wuthrich to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council

**Sheriff**

- cc. Purchase of Toilet Paper from Crown Paper Janitorial

**Public Hearing – CRID #22**

Steve Becken read into the record the staff report dated July 10, 2012 stating in part as follows: that the petition no longer met the requirements of RCW 36.88.020 that an aggregate amount of the majority of the lineal front footage upon the contemplated improvement and of the area within the limits of the county road improvement district must sign the petition. Therefore, he recommended the Board not take any public testimony, close the public hearing, and deny the request to form CRID #22.

Chairman Beaver opened the public hearing and said the Board would not take any public testimony and then he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bowman moved to deny the application for CRID #22 based upon the information submitted by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Benton Conservation District Update**

Mark Neilson, Jack Clark, and Heather Wendt presented the Benton Conservation District update. Mr. Neilson said the assessment would expire at the end of the year and they were seeking to reauthorize the assessment for another five-year period. He said they met with Ryan Brown and Adam Fyall and additionally with Duane Davidson. He said his Board would be having a public hearing tonight, would finalize the system of assessment tomorrow to be submitted to the County Commissioners by August 1 and then have a public hearing with the Commissioners on August 21.

Commissioner Bowman said he would like a result or analysis of the process and what was accomplished with the assessment. Mr. Neilson said that information would be provided at the public hearing along with a summary.

### **Shoreline Public Participation Plan**

Susan Walker and Valerie Smith presented the Shoreline Public Participation Plan and described the process and steps the County would take to involve the community in decisions regarding the Shoreline Master Plan update. Ms. Walker said the goal would be to provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the process, and opportunities to review and comment on update alternatives before final decisions were made.

### **Unscheduled Visitors**

Pat Powell presented a Veteran's Request for Additional Assistance from Robert J. Burns seeking to increase his allowance by \$300.00.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bowman moved approval of the request for additional assistance from Robert J. Burns. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Commissioner Assignment Update**

Commissioner Small said he worked with PEDDA this last week on updating their bylaws and would be continuing that process.

Commissioner Bowman said that he reviewed the permit applications as submitted by the Planning Department and everything appeared to be down, and he was not sure how long before everything else was impacted, including sales tax revenue. Additionally, he discussed jail impacts and a statement about the potential loss of revenue in the amount of \$2 million to the City of Spokane from Spokane County for inmate revenue. He indicated it appeared there were more beds than needed across the State. He said that Benton County had paid the debt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for new beds, but now they have been empty for the past 6 months.

Commissioner Bowman said he wanted to request staff to provide a report identifying existing costs related to a full-house in the jail and the option to eliminate the extra costs not needed

because the County was not going to have the money. Additionally, maybe they could provide options to reduce other county costs and identify savings. As an example, he asked to find out how much money it cost to have a board meeting every week.

Chairman Beaver said he agreed it needed to be looked at because in five years Benton County's footprint would be smaller, not bigger. He said he at Kennewick he looked for years at alternatives to incarceration. He agreed and said he wanted to instruct staff to come up with some alternatives.

Commissioner Small said he knew that Mr. Sparks had been working with the Treasurer on sales tax and revenue and agreed there were a lot of decisions to be made.

Mr. Sparks commented that he learned at the Administrator's Conference that Wahkiakum County was looking at closing their jail and sub-contracting out. He said that Benton County had paid off the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bonds, but it was still paying \$20 million on the Justice Center. He said they needed to decide if it made sense to have a full staff with the jail only 2/3 full.

### **Executive Session – Labor Issues**

The Board went into executive session at 9:32 a.m. with Steve Hallstrom for up to 15 minutes to discuss labor issues. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Ryan Brown, Loretta Smith Kelty, and Melina Wenner. The Board came out at 9:44 a.m. and Mr. Hallstrom said that no action was taken.

### **Vouchers**

Check Date: 06/22/2012  
Warrant #: 60164-60363  
Taxes #: 01010612, 01160612, 05010612  
Total all funds: \$746,724.19

Check Date: 07/5/2012  
Warrant #: 60923-60948  
Taxes #: 10112071-10112073  
Total all funds: \$1,951,902.51

Check Date: 07/5/2012  
Warrant #: 234262-234374  
Direct Deposit #: 75322-75921  
Total all funds: \$2,157,090.33

Check Date: 07/6/2012  
Warrant #: 60578-60853  
Taxes #: 010106122  
Total all funds: \$1,173,131.89

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

**Resolutions**

- 2012-368: Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Ballot Drop Box at City Hall
- 2012-369: Agreement w/MunicipalCMS LLC for Website Hosting
- 2012-370: Purchase Authorization from Efficiency, Inc. for Courtroom Audio Mixers
- 2012-371: Payment Authorization to Design West Architects for Feasibility Study at Clerk's Lobby
- 2012-372: Contract Award to ABM Janitorial, South Central, Inc. for Janitorial Services
- 2012-373: Contract w/Banlin Construction for Damaged Rooftops Repair
- 2012-374: Authorization for Bid Solicitation for John Deere Compact Excavator
- 2012-375: Authorization for Architectural & Engineering Services for Kitchen Improvements
- 2012-376: Agreement w/Benton Franklin Community Action Committee
- 2012-377: Benton Franklin Housing Continuum of Care (BFHCC) By-Laws
- 2012-378: Agreement w/The Salvation Army
- 2012-379: Line Item Transfer, Fund 0115-101, Dept. 173 to 174
- 2012-380: Appointment of R Nordness to the Benton County Park Board
- 2012-381: Service Contract w/GovernmentJobs.com, Inc., dba NeoGov, for Online Application System
- 2012-382: Contract w/The American Red Cross for Employee Life Safety Training
- 2012-383: Authorization to Proceed w/Construction of Piert Road Extension
- 2012-384: Contract w/Inland Asphalt Company for Piert Road Extension
- 2012-385: Revision of 2012 Annual Road Program
- 2012-386: Authorization of the Mountain Ridge Court Drywell Installation
- 2012-387: Service Agreement w/Tri City Development Council
- 2012-388: Appointment of M Anderson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-389: Appointment of M Black to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-390: Appointment of J Hogue to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-391: Appointment of E Jackson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-392: Appointment of P Ochoa to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-393: Appointment of M Olson to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-394: Appointment of R Wuthrich to the Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council
- 2012-395: Authorizing the Purchase of Toilet Paper from Crown Paper; Rescinding Resolution 2012-331

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman

# RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FUNDS RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN  
ELECTION RESERVE FUND NUMBER 0111101, DEPARTMENT NUMBER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Benton County Commissioners, that  
funds shall be transferred as outlined in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
of Benton County, Washington.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

cc: B. Chilton; Auditor; File

Chilton

### BENTON COUNTY LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Dept Name:

Dept Nbr:

Fund Name:

Fund Nbr:

TRANSFER FROM: **Dept.**

TRANSFER TO: **Dept.**

BASE SUB (6 digit)	LINE ITEM (4 digit)	LINE ITEM NAME	AMOUNT	BASE SUB (6 digit)	LINE ITEM (4 digit)	LINE ITEM NAME	AMOUNT		
511.700	1730	Election Supervisor	\$27,430	511.700	1586	Election Administrator	\$27,430		
511.700	1587	Office Assistant III	\$1,874				\$1,874		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$29,304</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$29,304</b>

**Explanation:**

Transfer funds from Election Supervisor line item to existing Election Administrator line item -- to assist in making modifications to the current organization of the office over the next several years, in part through attrition, to allow for an organization that best works for the current Auditor.

Prepared by:

Date:

Approved

Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TYPE OF ACTION NEEDED</u>		
Meeting Date: <u>07/17/12</u>	Execute Contract		Consent Agenda X
Subject:	Pass Resolution	X	Public Hearing
Prepared by: <u>C. McKenzie</u>	Pass Ordinance		1st Discussion
Reviewed by: <u>R. Lukson</u>	Pass Motion		2nd Discussion
	Other		Other

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Benton County Coroner entered into a Contract per Resolution 11-284 with Dr. Carl Wigren, MD for forensic pathology services.

### SUMMARY

The contract is subject to price rate changes for 2012 and Dr. Carl Wigren, MD is requesting to amend the contract to charge up to an additional \$500.00 for evidence collection and supplemental help for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide (for a total autopsy charge in an amount up to \$1,800.00) for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Contract Amendment with Dr. Carl Wigren, MD.

### FISCAL IMPACT

An additional \$500.00 per autopsy (up to \$1,800.00 total)

Current Expense, 0000101.109.00000.563.200.4118

No supplement required

### MOTION

Consent Agenda

# RESOLUTION

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN BENTON COUNTY  
AND DR. CARL WIGREN, MD; AMENDING RESOLUTION 11-284**

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution 11-284 the parties entered into a contract for 2011 and 2012 whereby Dr. Carl Wigren, MD (Contractor) would provide complete autopsy and forensic pathology services as needed by the Benton County Coroner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract allowed for the price of services to be amended for calendar year 2012 and the parties desire to amend the current compensation set forth in the Contract to allow Contractor to charge up to an additional \$500.00 for evidence collection and supplemental help for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the Contract Amendment with Dr. Carl Wigren, MD attached hereto allowing the Contractor to charge up to an additional \$500.00 for evidence collection and supplemental help for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide for a total amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same, including the contract expiration date of December 31, 2012.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

# CONTRACT AMENDMENT

**THIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT**, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by and between BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON hereinafter called "COUNTY" and DR. CARL WIGREN, MD, hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR."

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution 11-284 the parties entered into a contract for 2011 and 2012 ("Contract"), whereby the CONTRACTOR would provide complete autopsy and forensic pathology services as needed by the Benton County Coroner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract allowed for the price of services to be amended for calendar years 2012 and 2013 and therefore the parties desire to amend the current compensation set forth in the Contract; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the provisions and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree that all provisions of their original Contract shall remain in effect except the below section 5.b. which shall be replaced in its entirety with the following:

**1. Section 5. COMPENSATION**

- b. The maximum total amount payable by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall not exceed \$1,300.00 per autopsy, except that the CONTRACTOR may charge up to an additional \$500.00 for evidence collection and supplemental help for an autopsy suspected as a Homicide. The Contract amount is subject to price amendment for calendar year 2013.

2. All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Chairman of the Board of Benton County Commissioners has executed this Contract Amendment on behalf of the COUNTY, and the CONTRACTOR has executed this Contract Amendment, on the day and year first above written.

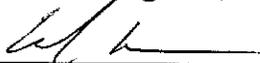
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Benton County**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman  
Benton County, Commissioner

Date: 7/6/12

**Dr. Carl Wigren, MD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Carl Wigren  
Print Name and Title

Approved as to Form

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TYPE OF ACTION NEEDED</u>	
Meeting Date: <u>7/17/2012</u>	Execute Contract _____	Consent Agenda <u>  x  </u>
Subject: <u>Line item transfer</u>	Pass Resolution <u>  x  </u>	Public Hearing _____
Prepared by: <u>Linda Ivey</u>	Pass Ordinance _____	1st Discussion _____
Reviewed by: <u>Ed Thornbrugh</u>	Pass Motion _____	2nd Discussion _____
	Other _____	Other _____

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Benton-Franklin Department of Human Services is providing Administration and Contract oversight compliance and services for the HOPWA/Reach Grant of the Homeless Housing & Assistance Fund 0154.101. Additional funds need to be transferred to meet the estimated expenditures for the remainder of 2012.

**SUMMARY**

The line item transfer appropriates funding to Interfund Professional Services from Pass Through.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Pass the Resolution and Attachment A – Line item transfer

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None- All transfers are within the Homeless Housing & Assistance Fund 0154-101.

**MOTION**

Move that appropriated funds shall be transferred as outlined in Attachment A.

# RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FUNDS RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE FUND 0154.101.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Benton County Commissioners, that funds shall be transferred as outlined in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

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of Benton County, Washington.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

cc: Human Services; Auditor; File

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<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TYPE OF ACTION NEEDED</u>		
Meeting Date: <u>7/17/2012</u>	Execute Contract	_____	Consent Agenda
Subject: <u>Line item transfer</u>	Pass Resolution	___x___	Public Hearing
Prepared by: <u>Linda Ivey</u>	Pass Ordinance	_____	1st Discussion
Reviewed by: <u>Ed Thornbrugh</u>	Pass Motion	_____	2nd Discussion
	Other	_____	Other

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the time the 2011-2012 budget was approved, only 1 year of the operating transfer for Drug Court was included. The line item transfer appropriates funds for the 2012 Drug Court interfund operating transfer.

**SUMMARY**

The line item transfer appropriates funding to Operating Transfer – current expense for Drug Court.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Pass the Resolution and Attachment A – Line item transfer

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None- All transfers are within the Human Services Fund 0108-101.

**MOTION**

Move that appropriated funds shall be transferred as outlined in Attachment A.

# RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FUNDS RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE HUMAN SERVICES FUND NUMBER 0108-101, DEPARTMENT 566 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONTRACTS.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Benton County Commissioners, that funds shall be transferred as outlined in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

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Member

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

cc: Human Services; Auditor; File

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<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TYPE OF ACTION NEEDED</u>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b> July 17, 2012 <b>Subject:</b> PWC Contract <b>Prepared by:</b> <u>Melina Wenner</u>	Execute Contract Pass Resolution <u>  X  </u> Pass Ordinance Pass Motion Other	Consent Agenda <u>  X  </u> Public Hearing 1st Discussion 2nd Discussion Other

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) has been providing actuarial services for Benton County for over 20 years. This actuarial review of the self-insured workers' compensation and self-insured liability programs is conducted every two years. Benton County has continued to contract with PwC due to their historical knowledge of Benton County's self-insured programs. They also serve as the Washington Counties Risk Pool's actuary and are very familiar with the risk pool's program. PwC is also able to obtain the historical liability loss experience of Benton County from the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Please see the attached Agreement for Professional Services with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for actuarial reviews of the workers compensation fund and insurance management fund for the 2013 and 2014. This review will help serve as a guide in its determination of appropriate cost and reserve levels for the workers' compensation and liability programs and establish future assessment rates for the 2013 and 2014 budget years.

**SUMMARY**

See above.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Pass resolution.

**FISCAL**

Total fee for actuarial services is \$27,000 and will be paid out of the Insurance Management Fund, 0504-101. No supplement is required.

# RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR BENTON COUNTY'S SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND SELF-INSURED LIABILITY PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, per resolution 2012-059, "...for all contracts for non-public works services the county need not advertise or follow a formal competitive bidding procedure, but may instead evaluate and utilize the procedures it deems best under the individual circumstances in order to obtain services of the highest quality at the lowest cost"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel/Risk Manager received a proposal for the actuarial services for Benton County's Self-Insured Workers' Compensation and Self-Insured Liability Programs from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in the amount of \$27,000 including WSST; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel/Risk Manager reviewed the proposal and recommends award of said services to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Benton County Commissioners, Benton County Washington, the Board hereby agrees with the Personnel/Risk Manager's recommendation and awards PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP the contract for actuarial services not to exceed \$27,000.00 including WSST; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Benton County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement attached hereto for said services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the term of the agreement commences July 17, 2012 and terminates upon project completion and acceptance by Benton County.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Constituting the Board of Commissioners  
of Benton County, Washington

Attest.....  
Clerk of the Board

## AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Agreement made between PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP of 1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1900, Seattle, Washington 98101-4043, hereafter referred to as *Contractor*, and BENTON COUNTY, State of Washington, hereafter referred to as *County*.

The parties to this Agreement, in consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations set out, agree as follows:

### Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR.

Contractor will perform the services in accordance with the Standards for Consulting Services established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Actuarial Standards of Practice promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board. Accordingly, Contractor will not provide an audit or attest opinion or other form of assurance, and Contractor will not verify or audit any information provided to Contractor. Contractor will provide an actuarial review of the County's self-insurance program for workers' compensation, the scope of this study to be as follows:

1. Estimate Outstanding Liability. Estimate the total outstanding claim obligations, as of the December 31, 2011 reserve date, for all self-insured claims incurred on or before that date. Estimates will be made net of the County's self-insured retentions.
2. Project Future Costs. Estimate self-insured losses to be incurred during accident years 2012 through 2014 based on estimated worker hours provided by the County.
3. Provide a Confidence Level Analysis. Provide loss estimates at a variety of confidence levels in addition to the expected amounts.
4. Cost Allocation. Design a self-insurance cost allocation system based on actuarial principles for 2012 through 2014 program costs. In allocating self-insurance costs, Contractor will consider ultimate loss estimates in #2 above, Department of Labor & Industries class rate relativities, and expense estimates provided by the County.
5. Cash flow analysis. Provide estimates of future payments for calendar years 2012 through 2014.
6. Actuarial Report. Provide a written report, which thoroughly documents methodologies and findings.
7. Presentation. Contractor will meet with the appropriate County personnel to present report and discuss observations and findings.

## RESOLUTION

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON:**

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ROADS, RE: A RESOLUTION DENYING THE  
FORMATION OF COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 22

WHEREAS, RCW 36.88.050 provides for the initiation of road improvement districts by the  
petition method; and

WHEREAS, a petition was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County,  
Washington (the "Board") to form a County Road Improvement District to construct Mt. Adams  
View Road, 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Artemis Ridge Avenue, Kiger Street, Achilles Avenue and Atlas Street all  
in Section 8 of the Willamette Heights; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-293, the Board declared its intention to form County  
Road Improvement District No. 22 (CRID No. 22) pursuant to the petition method to construct Mt.  
Adams View Road, 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Artemis Ridge Avenue, Kiger Street, Achilles Avenue and  
Atlas Street and fixed a time and date for a hearing on the creation of CRID No. 22; and

WHEREAS, the Board fixed July 10, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., local time, at the Commissioners' Meeting  
Room, Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, Washington, as the time and place for hearing all  
matters relating to the proposed improvement and the proposed CRID No. 22 and all objections  
thereto; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the above hearing was given in the manner provided by Resolution  
No. 2012-293 and RCW 36.88.050, and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Department of Public Works has examined the petition for the  
formation of CRID No. 22, together with all additions thereto or withdrawals therefrom made  
prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2012, and determined such petition to be insufficient and that it has  
been signed by the owners, according to the records of the County Assessor, of property equal to  
an aggregate amount of a majority of the lineal frontage upon the proposed improvement and  
less than an aggregate amount of a majority of the area within the boundaries of CRID No. 22 as  
established at the hearing by the Board; and there being no testimony forthcoming as a result of  
an invalid petition, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON that the Board finds petition for the formation of CRID No. 22 does not meet the requirements of RCW 36.88.020 and the request for the formation of County Road Improvement District No. 22 is denied.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Pro-Tem

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Constituting the Board of County  
Commissioners of Benton County,  
Washington

S. Becken, Public Works Manager

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>TYPE OF ACTION NEEDED</u>	
Meeting Date: <u>July 17, 2012</u>	Execute Agreement _____	Consent Agenda <u>    X    </u>
Subject: <u>Fencing at Quarry R185</u>	Pass Resolution <u>    X    </u>	Public Hearing _____
Prepared by: <u>mjb</u>	Pass Ordinance _____	1st Discussion _____
Reviewed by: <u>mjb</u>	Pass Motion _____	2nd Discussion _____
	Other _____	Other _____

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In response to County Risk Management Pool Public Works has requested quotes to place fence around Quarry R185.

**SUMMARY**

Three contractors listed on the Benton County Small Works Roster were solicited. One quote was received from L & S Fencing, Yakima, Washington in the amount of \$13,484.94 plus WSST.

Tri-City Fence, Inc. elected not to submit a bid due to their present work load. EBJ Fencing elected not to submit a bid due to the project being too large for them to complete.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Award of the business to L & S Fencing, Yakima, Washington.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$13,484.94 plus WSST will be paid by the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund #0501101.

**MOTION**

Approve as part of the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING A CONTRACT TO L. & S. FENCING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FENCING AND A GATE AT BENTON COUNTY QUARRY R185

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Counties Insurance Fund Risk Pool Manager recommended that a fence be installed above the vertical face of Benton County Quarry R185 for safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the quotes were solicited from contractors on the Benton County's Small Works Roster and Vendor List;

L & S Fencing, Yakima, Washington – LSFEN\*\*011CQ - \$13,484.94 Plus WSST

Tri-City Fence, Inc., West Richland, Washington – TRICIF\*278LR- No Bid

EBJ Fencing, Yakima, Washington – EBJFEF\*946OQ- No Bid

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Engineer reviewed the bid and recommends award be made to L & S Fencing, Yakima, Washington, for the quoted amount of \$13,484.94 plus WSST; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Benton County Commissioners, Benton County, Washington hereby agree to move forward with this project and award the installation of the fencing above the vertical face of Benton County Quarry R185 to L & S Fencing, Yakima, Washington, for a total contract amount of \$13,484.94 plus WSST; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a contract will be brought before the Board of County Commissioners for signature at a later date.

Dated this 26th day of June 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Pro-Tem

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Constituting the Board of County  
Commissioners of Benton County,  
Washington

Orig: Public Works

M. Bowie

Steven W. Becken  
Public Works Manager

Malcolm Bowie  
County Engineer

Clipper Windpower Development Company  
LLC Franchise – S Schuetze

Prosser 786-5611  
Tri-Cities 736-3084  
Ext. 5664  
Fax 786-5627

# Benton County

## Department of Public Works

Post Office Box 1001 - Courthouse  
Prosser, Washington 99350-0954

July 10, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Benton County Courthouse  
Prosser, WA 99350

RE: Application for Franchise: Clipper Windpower Development Company LLC

Commissioners:

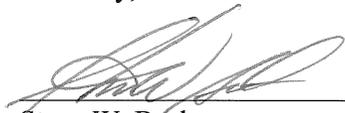
Clipper Windpower Development Company LLC has filed a petition to create a Franchise Agreement for an Electric Transmission System and all facilities within all of unincorporated Benton County road right of way.

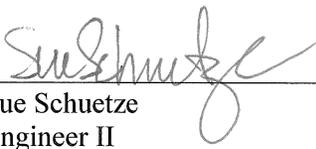
This office has reviewed the request and based upon our current franchise requirements recommends approval of the request subject to the following conditions:

1. The term of the franchise continue for a ten (10) year period with a cost of \$500.
2. The Grantee is to carry liability insurance with Benton County named as an insured with a minimum limit of \$500,000.00. A copy of the proof of insurance is to be provided to Benton County.
3. Placement of facilities within the right of way shall meet all requirements of Benton County as to location and repair of roads and right of way.
4. Should Benton County require utility relocation work because of road reconstruction or maintenance, said work shall be at the Grantee's expense.
5. The franchise is nonexclusive.
6. The Grantee sign the Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise, which will be prepared based upon the requirements set forth at the public hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve W. Becken  
Public Works Manager

  
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Sue Schuetze  
Engineer II

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Level 3 Communication LLC Franchise – S  
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July 10, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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RE: Application for Franchise: Level 3 Communications, LLC

Commissioners:

Level 3 Communications, LLC has filed a petition to continue a Franchise Agreement for a Fiber Optic Cable System and all facilities within all of unincorporated Benton County road right of way.

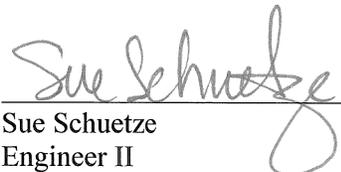
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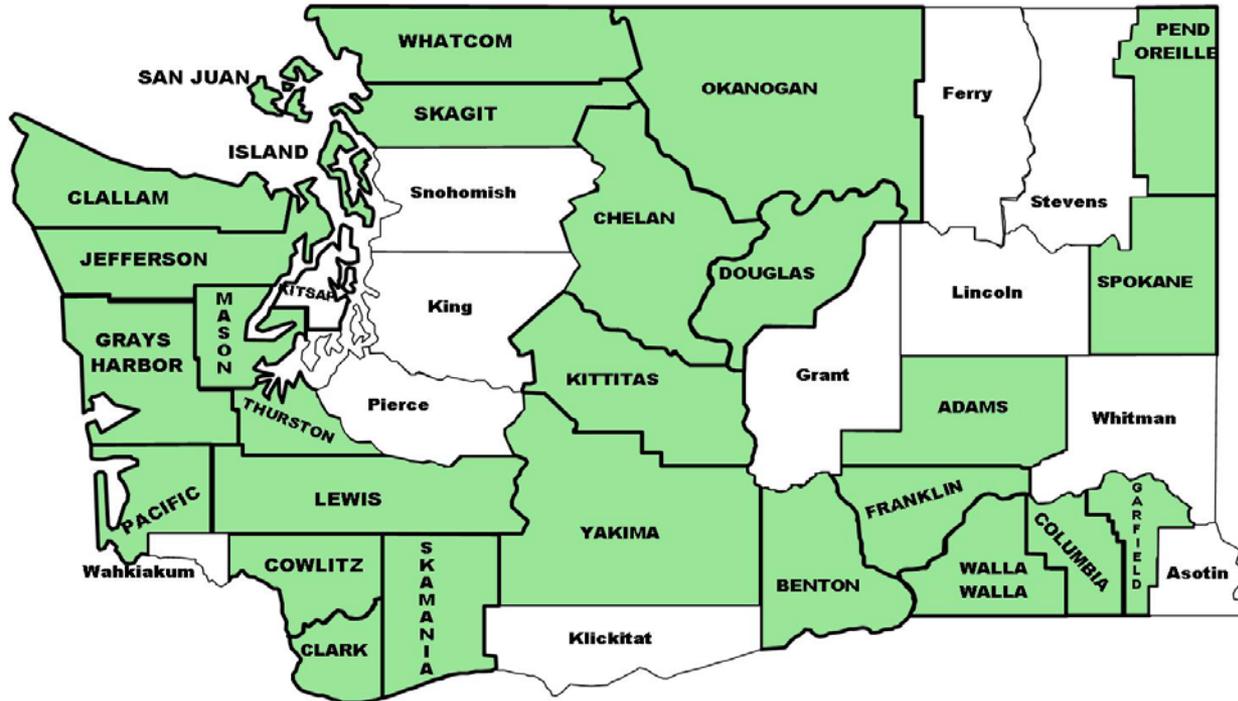
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# Membership

2012 WCRP Members



<u>Element</u>	<u>WCRP</u>
Population	2,792,131 (42%)
Square Miles	45,649 (69%)
County Road Miles	23,497 (60%)

 WCRP Member Counties shaded in green



# Mission Statement

- To provide comprehensive and economical risk coverage
- Reduce the frequency and severity of losses, and
- Decrease costs incurred in the managing and litigation of claims



# Insuring Products

- **Third Party Liability (Casualty) Program**
  - General Liability including Law Enforcement, Public Officials and Disciplinary Proceedings
  - Employment Practices Liability
  - Automobile Liability
- **Property Program** (Commercially Insured Member Option)
- Member option coverage for **Crime, Environmental, Public Official Bonds and Special Events**



# Joint Self-Insurance Liability Policy

*CREATED BY COUNTIES FOR COUNTIES*

- **Unique to Counties and their operations**
  - Membership written, membership altered, membership maintained
  - Established and annually reviewed/ revised by the Pool's Board of Directors, with assistance from the Underwriting and Executive Committees and the Pool's Coverage Counsel
- **Eleven pages in total with Cover & Declarations Pages**
  - Developed and maintained to address ever-changing county-related activities and exposures
  - Addresses Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Property Damage, Errors and Omissions, and Advertising Injury
  - Coverage for both Expenses and Indemnities
  - Elected Officials/Employees/Volunteers/Agents/Spouses

# Joint Self-Insurance Liability Policy (cont.)



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- Full “Occurrence” Policy Form
- “Occurrence” Limits of \$20-25 Million
  - Initial \$10 million coverage limits are “risk-shared” from the Pool (jointly self-insured by the membership)
    - Member-selected deductible levels, from \$10,000 to \$500,000
    - Pool SIR... excess of member deductibles to \$100,000
    - Layered reinsurance from multiple highly-rated companies
  - \$10 (to \$15) million “following form” excess insurance
  - NO aggregates



# Governing Structure

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Each Member County appoints  
Director and Alternate Director(s)  
Standing Committees: Finance, Personnel,  
Risk Management, Underwriting*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*11 members  
Elected from/by Board of Directors*

## WCRP STAFF

*Executive Director  
Administrative Services - Claims Administration - Member Services*



# Administrative Services

- Management of Administrative Entity, Operational Budgets and Pool's Assets
- Marketing/Underwriting of Insuring Programs
- Independent Actuary Reviews and Claims Audits
- Financial/Statutory Reporting and Auditing
- Subject to:
  - Oversight by State Risk Manager
  - Annual Audits by State Auditor
  - Independent actuarial reviews
  - Independent and insurer claims audits





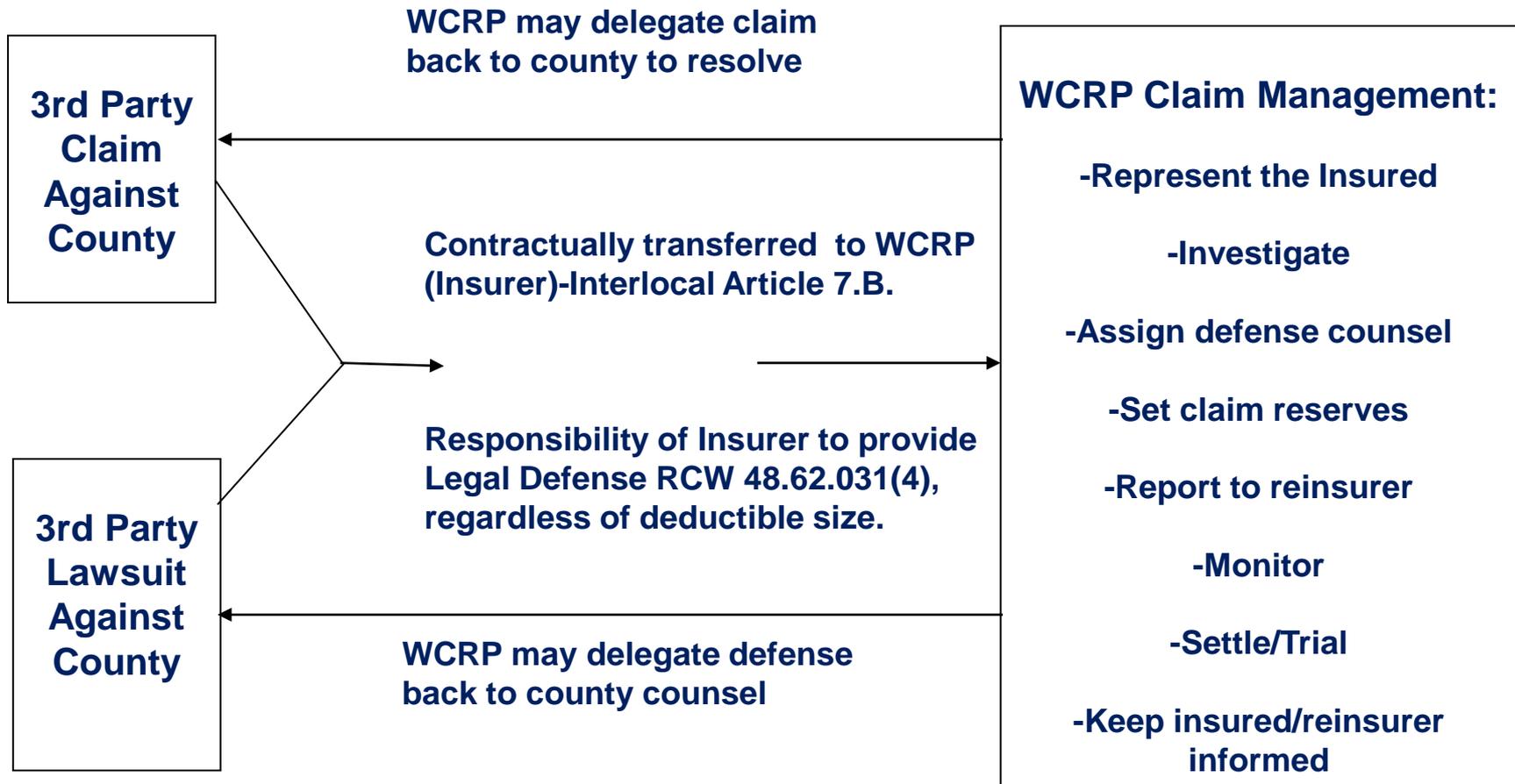
# Py2012-Q2 Finances

## as of March 31, 2012

- Total Assets = \$30.0 million (+8.3% increase over 2011)
- Claims Reserves = \$6.0 million (-2.2% decrease YoY)
- “Corridor” Reserves = \$9.1 million (“Stop-Loss” limits total \$11.7 million during first 5.5 years in this program)
- Net Position = \$11.0 million (+6.9% increase YoY)
- “Actuarial Confidence Level” well over 98%
- Operating Budget = \$1.8 million (11.2% of total program)



# Claims Management Process





# Member Services

- Specialty Services
  - Membership Compact – compliance/support
  - Annual visitations / membership marketing
  - Agency Partnering (WSAC, WACO, CTI/CPO, WAPA, WASPC, CRAB, other Pools)
  - Orientation/training of new member-county officials and newer directors
  - Strategic planning and monitoring



# Risk Management: Loss Control - Resources

- County by County Risk Analysis and Assessments of Exposures, Phase I/II
- Pre-defense Reviews
- One on One Loss Control Assistance
- Human Resources Hotline
- On-line library with model and shared policies
- Membership Compact/County Risk Manager and Claims Administrator trainings and certifications
- Claims Administrator/Risk Manager Roundtables



# Risk Management: Loss Control – Trainings

On-site/ Regional/ Webinar/ On-line

## Employment

- Conducting Difficult Conversations
- Conducting Excellent Performance Evaluations
- Employment Law Do's and Don'ts
- Management and Supervisors Training

## Road Design/Maintenance

- Legal Concepts Risk and Roads
- Right of Way Liability
- Vehicle Collision Investigation



# Risk Management: Loss Control – Trainings (cont.)

On-site/ Regional/ Webinar/ On-line

## Law Enforcement/Corrections

- Law Enforcement Liability
- Mental Health Issues in the Jail
- Preventing In-custody Death
- Law Enforcement (LEXIPOL) Daily Training Bulletin

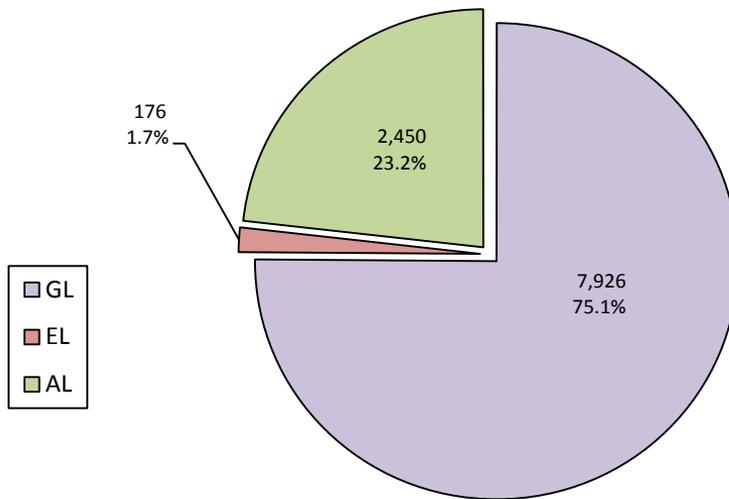
## Other

- Public Records
- Liability in Land Use Permitting/Permit Error
- Defensive Driving

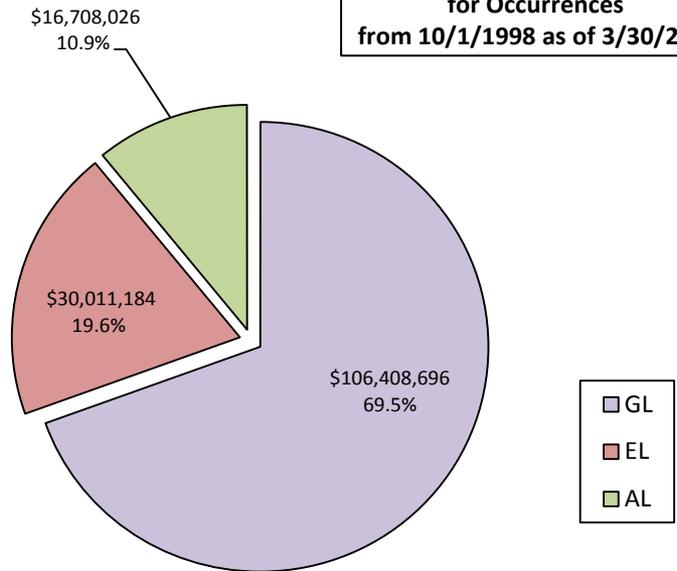


# Liability Distribution by Type

**Case Submissions**  
for Occurrences  
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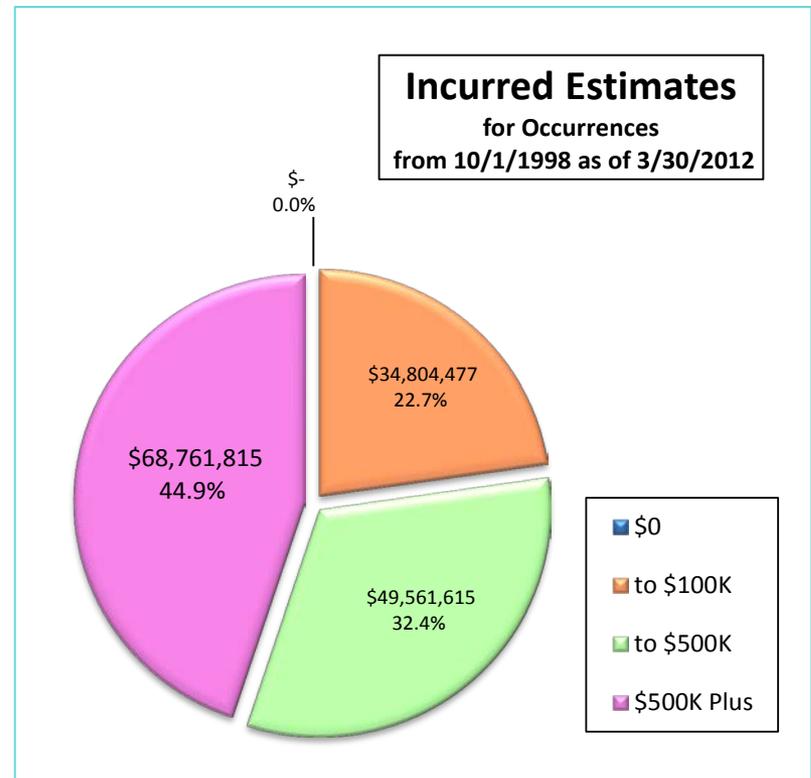
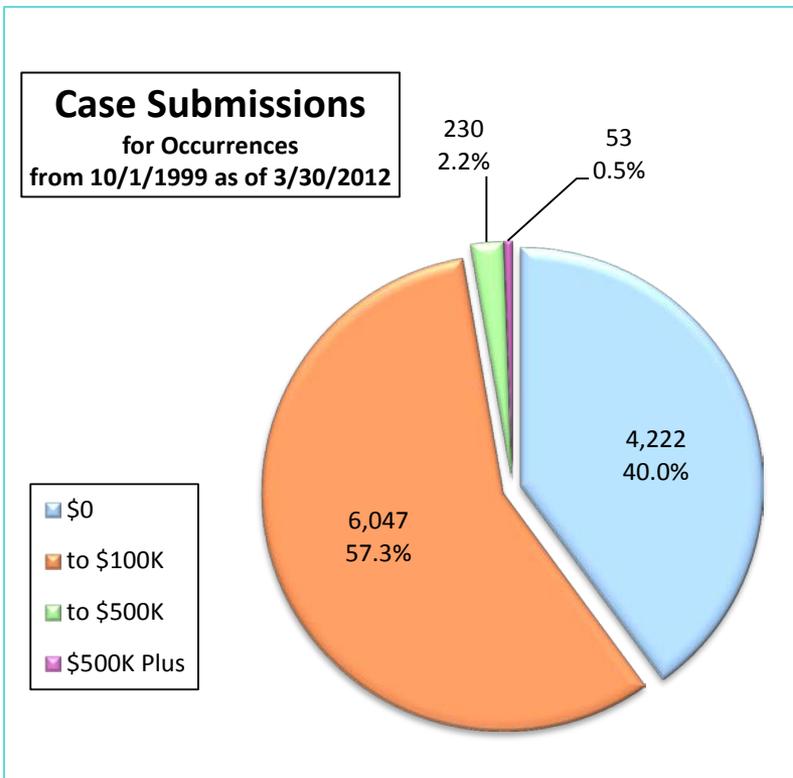


**Incurred Estimates**  
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# Liability Distribution by Range of Severity



# Allegation Index by Category

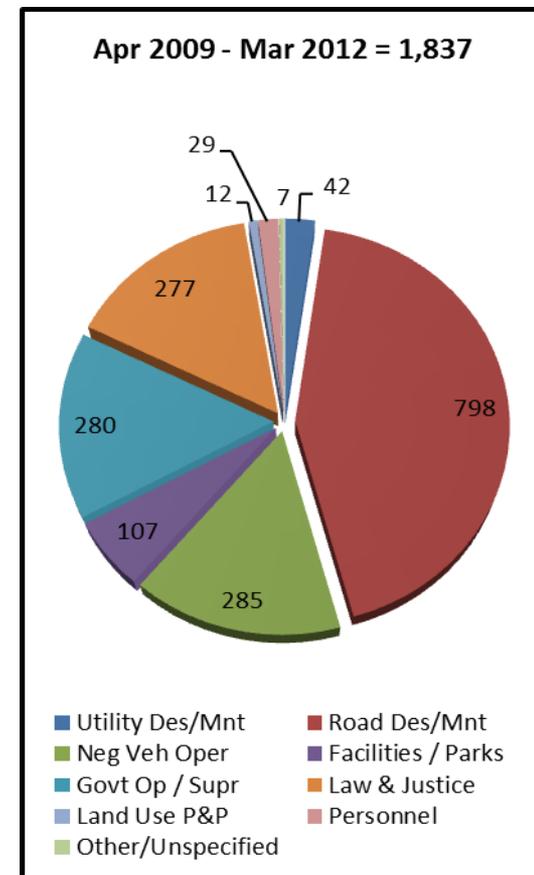
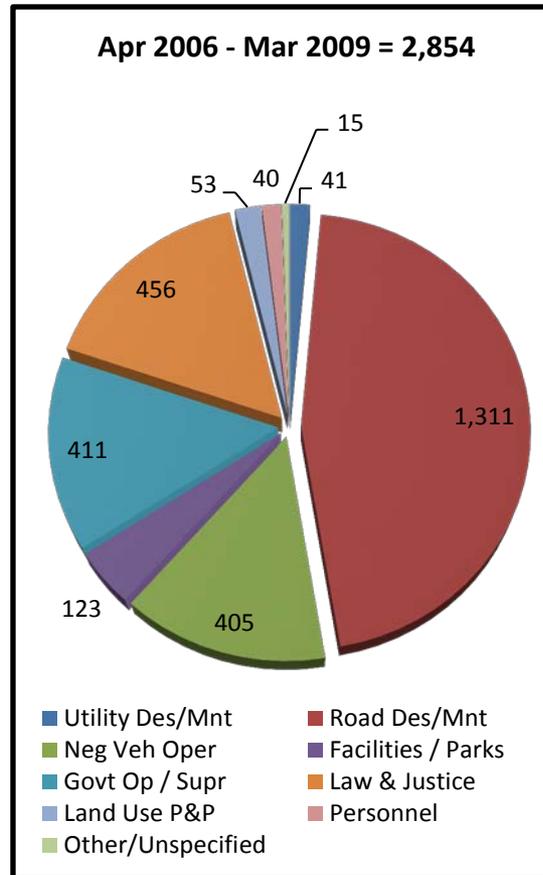
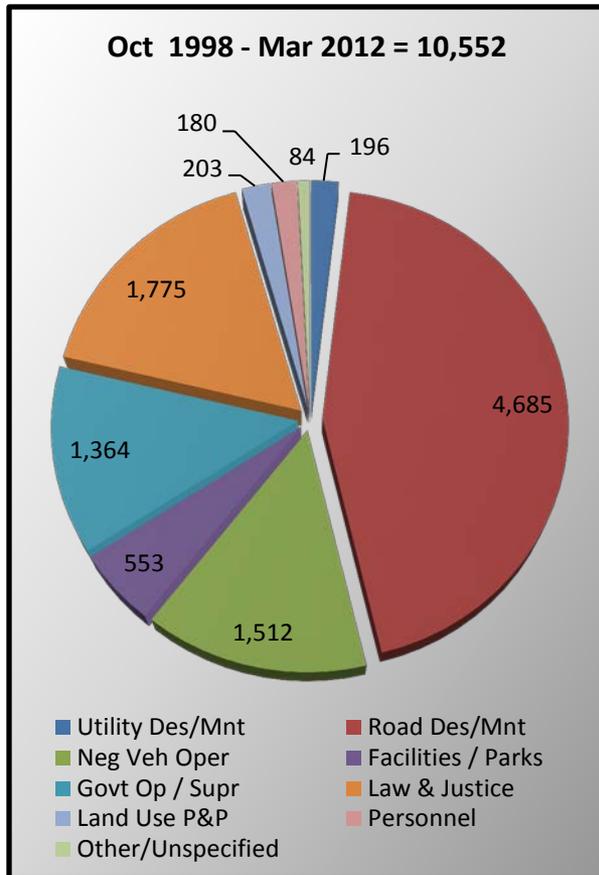


- Utility Des/Mnt: Utility Design, Utility Maintenance
- Road Des/Mnt: Road Design, Road Maintenance, Railroad Crossing, Vegetation Overgrown, Vegetation Spraying
- Neg Veh Oper: Negligent Vehicle Operation
- Facilities / Parks: Facility Design, Facility Maintenance, Inadequate Facilities, Park Design, Park Maintenance, Slip and Fall
- Govt Op / Supr: Assault by Employee (non-SO), Breach of Contract (non-Personnel), Constitutional Error, Discrimination (Other), Improper Award, Improper Disclosure, Libel/Slander, Negligent Handling, Negligent Supervision
- Law & Justice: Civil Rights Violation, Failure to Quash Warrant, False Arrest, Illegal Search, Improper Pursuit, Judicial Conduct, Malicious Prosecution, Medical Malpractice, Negligent Criminal Investigation, Premature Prisoner Release, Slow Response, Unlawful Imprisonment, Unlawful Seizure of Property, Excessive Force (LE)
- Land Use P&P: Land Development Design, Land Use Planning, Permit Error
- Personnel: ADA Violation, Breach of Contract, Discrimination (Employee and Other), Sexual Harassment, Whistleblower, Wrongful Termination
- Other/Unspecified: Not Coded, Unknown, Water Diversion



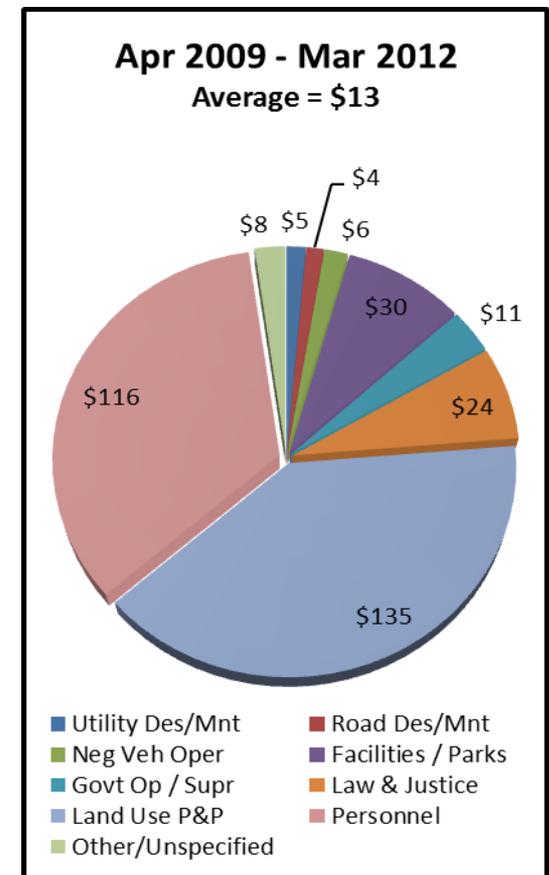
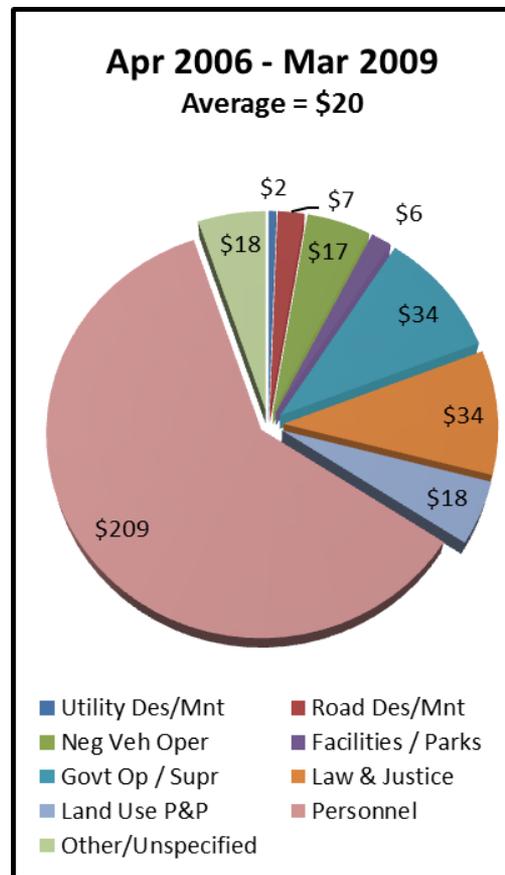
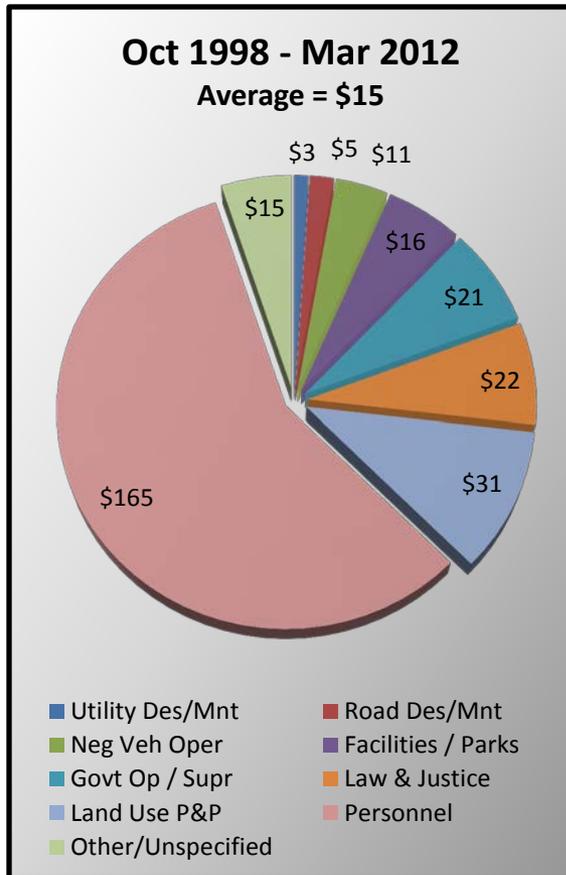
# Loss Frequency by Categorized Allegations

## Number of Occurrences





# Per Occurrence Incurred Cost by Categorized Allegation (\$000s)





# Operating Philosophy

- Synonymous with a co-op – the Pool is only as strong as its weakest link
- Claims are evaluated on their merits – to settle or go to trial is determined by each claim's objective merits
- Membership counts – the Pool's members are its greatest assets
- Each member is unique – one size does **not** fit all
- The Pool's strength lies in its diversity



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Accomplishing the Mission!

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July 11, 2012

To Benton County Commissioners,

**THE PROBLEM:** Last Sunday (July 8) the neighbors at Twin Bridges had to endure not only 107-degree heat but also the onslaught of people that massed to one small opening to the Yakima River. This opening is located at the end of an easement over the Simpson property and is used for maintenance of a state bridge, Twin Bridges.

(Small opening to Yakima River at the end of the state bridge maintenance easement)  
picture in document

My daughter and son-in-law (Kendra and Charles Simpson, 76205 N. Grosscup Rd.) live at the home next to this small opening by Twin Bridges. They purchased the home 6 years ago. Though hot days have brought floaters to the spot in past years, it wasn't until last summer when the numbers of floaters got out of control. It may be because Neighborhood Market's parking lot was open for use for the first time during that summer. In the past there was no trespassing allowed in the lot. The Neighborhood Market's parking lot is the end point of the float for most. The large volume of floaters entering through the Twin Bridges spot was so bad last summer, my daughter and son-in-law tried to sell their home and move on. However, the realtor discovered that the home had the reputation of being the place to party and float. **NO SALE.**

**THE MASSIVE PARTY:** This summer, especially last Sunday, was unbearable. I went to check on their home since my daughter and son-in-law were returning from a camping trip. When I drove up to their place, floater cars were overwhelming their neighborhood and specifically the perimeter of their home. Police had to be called to move people out of the way so they could pull into their own driveway. By 2:00 pm, I counted at least 80 cars squeezed like cockroaches into every crevasse. By 4:00 pm 105 cars massed the neighborhood. Cars were parked in NO PARKING zones, hanging out onto the roadway. Music was playing as half naked people, packing cases of beer and floaty toys, worked their way to the small spot on the Yakima River next to my daughter and son-in-law's home. Of course each of the 105 cars had more than one person in it. I'd guess the average was 4 floaters per car.

For a small, quiet rural neighborhood having that volume of people milling about was overwhelming. And this was the first hot day of the summer! (Picture of some of the cars below)

picture

**POLICE ARE OVERWHELMED:** Police and the sheriff were called. They came. Maybe a car was towed away. They can't stay there to babysit this massive party and so they leave. Once again, the massing occurs.

**THE LITTER:** The next day, Monday July 9th, the remnants of the 420+ party are evident. Beer cans, beer boxes, towels and a shirt, pens, and more are scattered all over the easement, down the bank, and in the river.

picture

(New litter and illegal parking on Monday, July 10)

picture

**DANGEROUS SITUATION:** By the county allowing large volumes of people to congregate onto an area that can't support the crowding, the county is allowing potentially dangerous situations to happen. This massing has created a dangerous situation where an already narrow 2-lane canal road (with a canal on one side and a steep bank on the other) is further restricted by crowded parking and pedestrians. The speed limit is 35mph on this road (Yakima River Road) yet cars can barely crawl through the congestion. In fact the speed sign was bowled over a couple of weeks ago. If a situation occurs, cars or people could be forced into the watery canal because of the restricted traffic flow. On the other side, cars or people could tumble off the steep embankment hitting neighbors' power or irrigation systems. Hitting my daughter and son-in-law's irrigation system would cause catastrophic canal run off that would cut a gorge through their property before heading into the river. This area is not designated for public parking or pedestrians.

**FRUSTRATION FOR THE NEIGHBORS:** How can people live next to a party that occurs every hot day through the year? It is like living in the middle of the Water Follies. We can't escape. We can't go home, We can't sell. **HELP!**

## **ACTION IS NEEDED**

I am not writing the commissioners just to vent frustration about what is happening in my neighborhood and to my children. I am not writing just to

inform the commissioners that the police feel overwhelmed by the mess and can only do so much. I am writing to have the commissioners, who have the power to solve the problem, do just that. So.....

## **What's the solution?**

1. Hire extra police to monitor the crowds that mass the area, directing traffic, parking, litter, etc.
2. Buy my son-in-law and daughter's home at fair market value and use it as a park for river floaters similar to Snively Park or the home across from Neighborhood Market that is now torn down and designated as a Yakima River Public Recreation Easement. Both sites are available for river floaters, swimmers, and fishermen. The county could help the community by creating a park for floaters, kayakers, and fishermen in the area they naturally want to be at....my son-in-law and daughter's home. It would be supported with bathrooms, garbage cans, and rules.

However, a less expensive solution is possible. All three suggestions would have to happen to give relief to the neighborhood.

1. The county could block traffic altogether on the bridge easement road with a locked gate available to bridge maintenance and the Simpsons who live on the easement.

The Bonneville Power Administration does this with easements that go through property owner's land. My sister owns 4 acres at West Lake in West Richland and has a BPA easement running across her property. The gate has two locks: one for her and one for the maintenance workers. No one else gets to use the easement—especially the public.

My son-in-law and daughter's property line includes most of the easement road that goes down to the narrow spot on the Yakima River. They could fence it off along their property line and share the gate with state maintenance workers as my sister does with BPA. The map of their property is being sent with the letter is sent off today to you.

2. A 4-strand barbed wire fence could be strung across the opening with a sign stating NO TRESSPASSING DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION. In fact the 4-strand barbed wire fence with sign could also be strung along Yakima River Road to the bridge. This fence and sign concept is done along the Yakima River along Van Giesen. Even though there are pull-offs available

along the road or at Jones Rd., no one is allowed to enter the river along Van Giesen. (picture below)

picture

3. Signs with a map could be posted informing floaters about appropriate entry points to the Yakima River at County/city locations.

1. Snively Park and Boat Launch is located across Twin Bridges at the end of Snively Rd. No private homes are located next to it. It has a bathroom and parking.

2. Neighborhood Market's parking lot in West Richland

3. The land across the river from Neighborhood Market, which is part of the Yakima River Public Recreation Easement.

4. Chamna Natural Preserve under the I82 Bridge. It has a large parking lot with bathroom.

**All these Yakima River sites are designed to be used by the public.**

Nothing supports the public use of the small opening to the Yakima River within a quiet rural neighborhood especially when the volume of people are growing exponentially each summer. The NO PARKING and NO LITTERING SIGNS are ignored. Police are called and come when they can. We are on our own out here.

### **ACTION IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Please respond with proactive solutions to this mess. We want to know your course of action for our neighborhood and community. You were informed of this problem at Twin Bridges last summer as well and nothing as changed. Actually, it has changed.....it is worse and will continue to get worse until something dangerous happens. The commissioners cannot ignore this problem any longer.

Sincerely,

Sandra Stredwick

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