

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
December 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Max E. Benitz, Jr. Chairman
Commissioner Leo Bowman
Commissioner James Beaver
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, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Linda Ivey; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Steve Brown, Building; Mike Shuttleworth, Planning; DPA Ryan Brown; Susan Walker, Planning; Auditor Bobbie Gagner; Deputy Auditor Brenda Chilton; Treasurer Duane Davidson.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 30, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “m” Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Clerk

- a. Contract w/M Dolven for Family Law Facilitator Services

Commissioners

- b. Letter to Elected Officials on Biennial Budget
- c. Thank You Letter to Employees
- d. Letter to Benton Franklin Health District

Facilities

- e. Contract w/Water Conditioning of the Tri Cities, Inc. for Water Treatment Services

GIS

- f. Interlocal Agreement w/City of West Richland for GIS Services

Human Services

- g. Line Item Transfer, Dept. 0154-101, Dept 000
- h. Travel Expense Reimbursement

Office of Public Defense

- i. Termination of District Court Indigent Defense Contract w/B Anderson

Personnel

j. Establishing Holidays in 2010 and Hours for the Transaction of Business
Sheriff

k. Purchase of Paper from Columbia Basin Paper & Supplies

Superior Court

l. Line Item Transfer, 0000-101, Dept. 123

Office of Public Defense

m. Terminating Tonya Corsi's Contract

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:05 a.m.

Public Hearing

Steve Brown presented the resolution adopting the fee schedule for the Benton County Building Department.

Testimony

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

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to accept the proposed fee schedule for the Benton County Building Department. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

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

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The Board went into executive session with DPA Ryan Brown at 9:15 a.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Mike Shuttleworth, Susan Walker, Loretta Smith Kelty, and Melina Wenner. The Board came out at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Brown stated the Board took no action.

Other Business

NACO Report

Commissioner Bowman said he had attended the recent NACO conference and had a lot of information available, including legislative priorities and the adopted budget.

Benton County Republican Party – Auditor Recommendation

Patrick McBurney presented the certificate of nomination by the Republican Party for the person to fill the unexpired term of Benton County Auditor. He said the nominations were Brenda Chilton, Patricia Holten, and Eugene Astley.

Chairman Benitz stated the interviews for the Benton County Auditor would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at the Benton County Justice Center.

Vouchers

Check Date: 12/4/2009
Warrant #: 939093-939246
Total all funds: \$1,142,539.63

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

Resolutions

- 9.794 Contract w/M Dolven for Family Law Facilitator Services
- 9.795 Contract w/Water Conditioning of the Tri Cities, Inc. for Water Treatment Services
- 9.796 Interlocal Agreement w/City of West Richland for GIS Services
- 9.797 Line Item Transfer, Dept. 0154-101, Dept 000
- 9.798 Termination of District Court Indigent Defense Contract w/B Anderson
- 9.799 Establishing Holidays in 2010 and Hours for the Transaction of Business
- 9.800 Purchase of Paper from Columbia Basin Paper & Supplies
- 9.801 Line Item Transfer, 0000-101, Dept. 123
- 9.802 Terminating Tonya Corsi's Contract
- 9.803 Adopting the Fee Schedule for the Benton County Building Department

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

Clerk of the Board

Chairman