

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
February 2, 2009, 9:00 am.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Max E. Benitz, Jr. Chairman
Commissioner James Beaver
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Commissioner Leo Bowman (excused – testifying in Olympia)

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; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Ryan Brown; Deputy Treasurer Erhiza Rivera; Safety Coordinator Bryan Perry; Public Works Manager Ross Dunfee.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 26, 2009 were approved.

Consent Agenda

The following items were added to the consent agenda: “z” (Certification of 2009 Road Levy) and “aa” (Diverting Road Tax Levy Funds).

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “y”, adding “z” and “aa”. Chairman Benitz seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Clerk

- a. Local Records Grant Award w/WA State Archives

Commissioners

- b. Organization of Benton County Commissioners for 2009
- c. 2009 – 2014 Capital Facility Plan
- d. Benton County Tax Levy for 2009
- e. 2009 Alternate Dates for Budget Hearings
- f. Support Letter to City of Richland
- g. Reappointment of D Wiens to Benton County Mosquito Control Board

Facilities

- h. Authorization to Purchase Ethernet Link Protectors

Fairgrounds

- i. Lease Agreement w/Columbia River Cowboy Gathering Foundation

Human Services

- j. Appointment of J Montgomery to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
- k. Appointments of County-Designated Mental Health Professionals
- l. Amendment #07/09-PREV-ESD-1 w/Educational Services District 123
- m. Agreement #08/09-PREV-VYC w/Vista Youth Center
- n. Travel Expense Reimbursements

Juvenile

- o. Authorization to Purchase Washing Machines from Integrity Laundry Solutions
- p. Approval of Payment to Western States Equipment to Repair the Main Generator
- q. Approval of Payment to Yoder Inc. for Repairs to Dishwasher at Kitchen Detention

Office of Public Defense

- r. Superior Court Felony Service Agreement w/T Harms
- s. District Court Service Agreement w/E Riley
- t. District Court Service Agreement w/S Ajax

Road/Engineer

- u. Authorization to Proceed w/Improvement of Webber Canyon Road
- v. Plan and Sheet One of 6 Approval for Hess Road Guardrail Upgrade
- w. Administrative Authority Letter and Task Assignment for Locust Grove Road
- x. Administrative Authority Letter and Task Assignment for Clodfelter Road

Sustainable Development

- y. Elliot Lake Letter to KID

Road/Engineer

- z. Certification of 2009 Road Levy
- aa. Diverting Road Tax Levy Funds

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

Water Resource Inventory Area 31 – Semi Annual Report

Dave McClure, Klickitat County, provided a status update on the WRIA 31 Management Plan. He said the Planning Unit unanimously approved the watershed plan and they were now waiting for completion of the SEPA review. He provided a packet of information for comparison of WRIA recommendations and said the State had signed off on the determination of significance and they were now ready to publish notice and accept written comments. He said the plan would be adopted as soon as the three boards could find a convenient date.

Additionally, he said that watershed planning was taking a big hit in the state budget, but the Department of Ecology had stated the WRIA 31 planning unit was highly effective, so they were hoping not to take a hit in the budget.

Commissioner Beaver suggested Mr. Fyall draft a letter to send to Mercer Ranch thanking them for the use of their facility for the WRIA 31 meetings. Chairman Benitz agreed and recommended that Klickitat County also sign the letter.

Chairman Benitz asked if they would get the additional dollars once the plan was adopted. Mr. McClure said they hoped to get most, if not all the money that was asked for. Additionally, in response to a question by Chairman Benitz, Mr. McClure stated that no part of the plan was in the Yakama Reservation.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:35 a.m.

Public Hearing – Short Plat Vacation – SPV 08-06

Mike Shuttleworth presented an application requested the vacation of the 40-foot natural drainage easements located on Lots 1 and 2 of Short Plat 1121.

Proponents

Sandra and Mario Perez, applicants, spoke in favor.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the vacation of the 40 foot natural drainage easements located on Lots 1 and 2 of Short Plat 1121. Chairman Benitz seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:40 a.m.

Bureau of Reclamation Comment Letter

Adam Fyall presented a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation requesting they revisit options for the Yakima River Basin, including Black Rock.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the letter. Chairman Benitz seconded.

Discussion

Chairman Benitz said he agreed with the letter and the request for an extension to try and get additional resources. Commissioner Beaver said he agreed the County should do something, and the process allowed opportunities.

Upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:45 a.m.

Canvassing Board Appointment

The Board approved the Canvassing Board Appointment letter appointing Max Benitz, Jr. to serve.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:50 a.m.

Park Board – Semi-Annual Report

Bert Lake gave a Powerpoint presentation outlining the park activities and projects. Additionally, Mr. Lake said the general direction of the Park Board was service to the community, awareness of the budget, looking to the future, and providing the best parks while keeping in mind the interests of the community. He said they support the decisions of the group and thrive on the cooperation of partners.

Other Business

Veterans Assistance – Waiver

Pat Powell presented a waiver request for a veteran.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the waiver request for Dennis Tracy. Chairman Benitz seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Vouchers

Check Date: 01/30/2009
Warrant #: 916574-916690
Total all funds: \$932,935.04

Check Date: 01/30/2009
Warrant #: 916691-916963
Total all funds: \$1,576,681.69

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

Resolutions

09-076: Local Records Grant Award w/WA State Archives
09-077: Organization of Benton County Commissioners for 2009
09-078: 2009 – 2014 Capital Facility Plan
09-079: Benton County Tax Levy for 2009
09-080: 2009 Alternate Dates for Budget Hearings
09-081: Reappointment of D Wiens to Benton County Mosquito Control Board
09-082: Authorization to Purchase Ethernet Link Protectors
09-083: Lease Agreement w/Columbia River Cowboy Gathering Foundation
09-084: Appointment of J Montgomery to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
09-085: Appointments of County-Designated Mental Health Professionals
09-086: Amendment #07/09-PREV-ESD-1 w/Educational Services District 123
09-087: Agreement #08/09-PREV-VYC w/Vista Youth Center

- 09-088: Authorization to Purchase Washing Machines from Integrity Laundry Solutions
- 09-089: Approval of Payment to Western States Equipment to Repair the Main Generator
- 09-090: Approval of Payment to Yoder Inc. for Repairs to Dishwasher at Kitchen Detention
- 09-091: Superior Court Felony Service Agreement w/T Harms
- 09-092: District Court Service Agreement w/E Riley
- 09-093: District Court Service Agreement w/S Ajax
- 09-094: Authorization to Proceed w/Improvement of Webber Canyon Road
- 09-095: Sheet One of 6 - Approval for Hess Road Guardrail Upgrade
- 09-096: Administrative Authority Letter and Task Assignment for Locust Grove Road
- 09-097: Administrative Authority Letter and Task Assignment for Clodfelter Road
- 09-098: Certification of 2009 Road Levy) and
- 09-099: Diverting Road Tax Levy Funds
- 09-100: Approval of Short Plat Vacation SPV 08-06

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman