

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
February 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Leo Bowman
Commissioner James Beaver
Commissioner Shon Small
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 Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Deputy Treasurer Erhiza Rivera; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; DPA Ryan Brown and DPA Steve Hallstrom; Fire Marshal Ken Williams; RJ Lott, Planning.

Workshop Agenda

Water Workshop

Commissioner Beaver commented on the recent water workshop with Department of Ecology and said he was anxious to be a part of the water process and get implementation going. The Board discussed having another workshop in May to finalize the workshop discussion.

HAEIFC

Commissioner Beaver said the Governor wanted to eliminate the HAEIFC and he would be testifying in Olympia about the need to keep the money here locally for economic development.

Commissioner Small provided a copy of a letter from PEDDA regarding the proposed elimination of HAEIFC and the Board suggested Mr. Fyall draft a similar letter to Senator Delvin.

Walter Clore Center

Commissioner Small updated the Board on the construction of the Walter Clore Center and said he would be taking a tour of the construction site.

GCBH

Commissioner Small reported that Benton County would be billing directly for court costs incurred in the involuntary treatment cases for those individuals not part of the RSN.

Health District Canal Building

Commissioner Beaver said he was still looking to get that project complete and asked for an update. Additionally, Chairman Bowman said he was still waiting for an answer regarding using funds for that project and who would own the building.

Animal Control Update

Mr. Sparks reported that the County received the occupancy permit for the Animal Control Building and they would be ready to go once the ordinance was adopted on February 14.

Salmon Recovery Event

Adam Fyall reported on the salmon recovery event and said (Yakama Nation and other salmon recovery groups) have recognized that Benton County is an integral part of the salmon recovery process and were now looking at installing a satellite facility for steelhead release down the river closer to the mouth.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 31, 2011 and February 2, 2011 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Letter to Washington State Liquor Control Board
- b. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0153-101, Dept. 000

Facilities

- c. Contract w/Schindler Elevator Corporation for Maintenance Services

Human Services

- d. Appointment of M Gerber to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board
- e. Surplus of Personal Property
- f. Travel Reimbursement

Office of Public Defense

- g. Salary Request Statement

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

Continued - Public Hearing – Short Plat Amendment

Mike Shuttleworth said the Board continued the public hearing on December 13, 2010 and directed staff to meet with interested parties to discuss their concerns. He said they held a public meeting at the Home Builders Association and met with about 25 individuals who represented landowners, surveyors, builders and engineers.

He said if the Board wanted to approve the ordinance as previously presented, it could do so at this public hearing. However, if it wanted to make changes as suggested, he asked the Board to direct staff to make changes and bring back at another time.

Chairman Bowman asked who would be monitoring the 20-foot requirement for private roads and Mr. Shuttleworth said that would be left up to the owners.

Testimony

Renee Dahlgren, Kennewick, said she felt this was a good compromise and was in favor of the modified version.

Rick Russom, Worley Surveying, recommended the Board make changes that were suggested at the public meeting. He also asked about adding the additional 600-foot rule for cul-de-sacs.

Ken Williams, Fire Marshal, said if the language stated it was “an improved turnaround”, that every 600 feet would work for them.

Kevin Adamson, Pasco, said he wanted to understand the 50-lot limit and if it was a new requirement. Mr. Shuttleworth said if the development went over 50 lots, it would need to have a second access. Mr. Shuttleworth said the requirement was not in the short plat ordinance, but was in another ordinance relating to planned development and subdivisions. Mr. Adamson commented that it would be pretty expensive to add a second access.

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

Commissioner Small asked about the turnaround issue. Mr. Williams said the current ordinance stated “600 ft. cul-de-sac”. He said to ease the burden on the development and be more flexible, they agreed with the term “turnaround”, as long as a fire truck could maneuver with one backup motion. Additionally, he wanted the language to state “improved turnaround as approved by the Fire Marshal”. The Board agreed with changing the language in the ordinance as suggested, including: allowing short plats in UGAs; allowing 12 lots on private access easements and paved road requirements with more than 12 lots; and turnaround language as suggested by the Fire Marshal.

Malcolm Bowie requested the Road Department be allowed some “sign off” if it was going to be constructed as a county road.

Commissioner Beaver requested a letter be drafted to the Home Builders Association thanking them for their participation in the process. Mr. Fyall was instructed to draft that letter.

The public hearing was continued to February 28, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:25 a.m.

Final Plat – Reata Place – SUB 10-01

Mike Shuttleworth presented the final plat of Reata Place. He said that all 17 conditions had been met and was ready for approval by the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the final plat of Reata Place, SUB 10-01, and authorized the Chairman to sign the final plat. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes with DPA Ryan Brown to discuss potential litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Steve Hallstrom, Loretta Smith Kelty and Melina Wenner. The Board came out at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Brown said the Board took no action.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:50 a.m. for approximately 10 minutes with DPA Steve Hallstrom to discuss potential litigation. Also present were Ryan Brown, Melina Wenner, Loretta Smith Kelty, Barb Wagner, David Sparks, and Cami McKenzie. The Board came out of executive session 9:59 a.m. Mr. Hallstrom said the Board took no action.

Vouchers

Check Date: 02/04/2011
Warrant #: 27505-27724
Warrant #: 27733-27903
Total all funds: \$1,581,938.34

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

Resolutions

11.109 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0153-101, Dept. 000
11.110 Contract w/Schindler Elevator Corporation for Maintenance Services
11.111 Appointment of M Gerber to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board

- 11.112 Surplus of Personal Property
- 11.113 Final Plat of Reata Place, SUB 10-01

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman