

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman James Beaver
Commissioner Leo Bowman
Commissioner Max E. Benitz, Jr.
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; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Steve Becken, Public Works; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Susan Walker and Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Department; DPA Ryan Brown; Erhiza Rivera and Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 4, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "o". Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Commissioners

- a. Canvassing Board Appointment

District Court

- b. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 111

Facilities

- c. Agreement Amendment w/Schindler Elevators, Inc.

Fairgrounds

- d. Contract w/Atomic City Rollergirls
- e. Contract w/Cut Above Incorporated
- f. Surplus of Personal Property - Water Truck

Human Services

- g. Agreement Amendment, #0963-68016, w/Health & Recovery Services Administration
- h. Agreement, #09/11-MH-PIHP-LCC-00, w/Lourdes Counseling Center
- i. Agreement, #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-LCC-00, w/Lourdes Counseling Center
- j. Agreement, #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center

- k. Agreement, #09/11-MH-PIHP-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center
- l. Agreement, #F09-34022-001, w/Dept of Community, Trade and Economic Development
- m. Agreement, #09/11-SA-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center
- n. Authorization to Purchase Two Vehicles from State Contract

Sheriff

- o. Notice of Completion w/Sierra Electric, Inc.

Other Business

Meeting Cancellation

The Board cancelled the meeting of January 19, 2010.

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

Bond Rating Update

Loretta Smith Kelty advised the Board that Standard & Poor's had raised its credit rating for Benton County from 'A+' to 'AA' (a jump of two grades). She added that if the County wanted to issue bonds, it would be at a lower cost to the taxpayers.

The Board discussed sending letters to junior taxing districts and elected officials regarding the credit rating and also issuing a press release so the public could be notified of the bond rating update. The Board agreed to have Ms. Smith Kelty prepare the letter and press release for signature by the Chairman.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:20 a.m.

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session with DPA Ryan at 9:20 a.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation. Also present were Mike Shuttleworth, Susan Walker, David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Melina Wenner, and Loretta Smith Kelty. The Board came out at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Brown stated the Board discussed pending litigation, direction was given, but no action was taken.

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

Vouchers

Check Date: 01/05/2010
Warrant #: 226675-226810
Direct Deposit # 49205-49784
Total all funds: \$2,064,063.53

Check Date: 01/05/2010
Taxes #: 10110011-10110014

Warrant #: 941503-941539
Total all funds: \$1,838,740.30

Check Date: 01/08/2010
Warrant #: 941643-941867
Total all funds: \$1,341,761.75

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

Resolutions

- 10-018: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 111
- 10-019: Agreement Amendment w/Schindler Elevators, Inc.
- 10-020: Contract w/Atomic City Rollergirls
- 10-021: Contract w/Cut Above Incorporated
- 10-022: Surplus of Personal Property - Water Truck
- 10-023: Agreement Amendment, #0963-68016, w/Health & Recovery Services Administration
- 10-024: Agreement, #09/11-MH-PIHP-LCC-00, w/Lourdes Counseling Center
- 10-025: Agreement, #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-LCC-00, w/Lourdes Counseling Center
- 10-026: Agreement, #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center
- 10-027: Agreement, #09/11-MH-PIHP-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center
- 10-028: Agreement, #F09-34022-001, w/Dept of Community, Trade and Economic Development
- 10-029: Agreement, #09/11-SA-NECC-00, w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center
- 10-030: Authorization to Purchase Two Vehicles from State Contract
- 10-031: Notice of Completion w/Sierra Electric, Inc.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman