

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
January 5, 2009, 9:00 am.
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; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Manager; Public Works Director Ross Dunfee; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Treasurer Duane Davidson; Central Services Randy Reid; DPA Ryan Brown; and Personnel Manager Melina Wenner.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of December 15, 2008 were approved as corrected.

Review Agenda

Consent agenda item "cc" was pulled.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "dd", pulling "cc". Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Auditor

- a. Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants

Central Services

- b. Computer Equipment & Software Purchasing Through Technology Brokering Services

Clerk

- c. Personal Services Agreement w/M Dolven for Family Law Facilitator Services

Commissioners

- d. Approving Architectural Services for Canine Animal Control Facility
- e. Reappointment of J Hug to Mid Columbia Library Board of Trustees

f. Appointment of R Bricker to the Kiona Irrigation District

District Court

g. Interagency Agreement w/St of WA, Administrative Office of the Courts

Human Services

h. Building Lease Extension w/McCausland/Sonju J/V

i. Reappointments to BF Counties' Substance Abuse Administrative Board

j. Appointments to BF Mental Health Advisory Board

k. Reappointments to BF Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

l. Janitorial Services Agreement w/Three Brothers Cleaning Service

m. Developmental Disabilities Services Agreement w/Ambitions of Washington, Inc.

n. Travel Expense Reimbursement

Juvenile

o. Criminal Defense Professional Services Agreement w/Laurie Magan

p. Criminal Defense Professional Services Agreement w/D Stovern

Office of Public Defense

q. Misdemeanor Personal Service Agreement w/A Salinas

Planning

r. Travel Expense Reimbursements

Prosecuting Attorney

s. Process Service Contract w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service

t. Bi County Process Srvc Contract w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service

Road/Engineer

u. Travel Expense Reimbursements

v. Authorization for Public Hearing for Roza Heights Water Association Franchise Application

w. Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Bituminous Surface Treatment

x. Interlocal Agreement w/City of Richland for the Overlay Queensgate Drive

Sheriff

y. Authorization to Purchase Jackets for Patrol Deputies

z. 2008 Line Item Transfer, Dept. 120 to Dept. 125

aa. 2008 Line Item Transfer, Dept. 120 to Dept. 121

bb. Salary Requests – 2 Lateral Deputies

Treasurer

dd. Authorization to Purchase Equipment

Chairman Benitz welcomed Commissioner James Beaver to the Board. Commissioner Beaver said he was excited to be on the Board and looked forward to good things. Commissioner Bowman also welcomed Commissioner Beaver to Benton County.

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

Other Business

District Court Judge Appointment/Other Workshop Items

The Board agreed to have Mr. Sparks bring back a recommendation for the District Court Judge appointment process and a list of priorities for workshop discussions.

Commissioner Committee Assignments

The Board reviewed the resolution authorizing the appointment of committee assignments and the following Board assignments:

Emergency Services Board

Chairman Benitz said he was still interested in creating a “stand-alone” agency and wanted to workshop the issue. Commissioner Bowman agreed it should be a stand-alone agency but wanted to see a pathway developed to ensure it was the right thing to do. Commissioner Beaver also agreed that a workshop was a good idea and requested staff provide some other models to look at if they were available.

RSN Board

Chairman Benitz discussed his concern about a possible state reduction of \$70,000 a month and his concern about who made decisions on the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Board. He said he would like to see an elected official sit on the Board to provide input for funding and necessary services and wanted to work with Franklin County and Human Services in putting together a workshop. The Board agreed.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the resolution authorizing the organization of the Benton County Commissioners for 2009. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

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

Hanford Communities Annual Report

Pam Larsen, Hanford Communities gave her annual report on 2008 activities for Hanford Communities. She stated that Hanford was shorted approximately \$400 million dollars and so she was having a hard time predicting what would happen due to the budget shortfall. However, she said they remained hopeful that the stimulus package would provide funding. Ms. Larsen specifically discussed the following issues:

- Ecology Contract
- Hanford Communities Tour in June
- Annual Meeting w/Congressman Hastings
- Meetings w/Site Managers

- Briefings on Current Hanford Topics: Status of TPA Negotiations; Waste Treatment Plant; Plutonium shipments; Groundwater Cleanup; Briefings on K-Basin cleanup
- SST tank retrievals; PUREX tunnels; workshops w/Hanford Advisory Board
- Advocacy for issues of local concerns: preservation of Rattlesnake communication towers; Heritage tourism and B Reactor preservation
- Coordination w/State
- Meeting w/Yakama Nation to learn about lawsuit
- Update of Hanford Land Use Plan
- Advocacy w/Congress and DOE
- Other Responsibilities: emergency response, preservation of use permit, outreach to high schools, and partnered with TRIDEC and GNEP
- Priorities for 2009

Hanford Advisory Board Status Briefing

Ken Gasper and Maynard Plahuta briefed the Board on Hanford Advisory Board activities and discussed the following Board priorities:

- EIS on tank waste management and closure
- Sitewide permit under which all contractors operate
- Assist with public communication and getting that communication to the Board

Additionally, it was stated the tank waste system plan was received, however, it appeared to be outdated and the Hanford Advisory Board had requested it be updated annually and be provided to the public.

Commissioner Bowman requested they restart the quarterly breakfasts for updates with the managers and other contractors.

Private Road Name Change

Mike Shuttleworth presented a name change request submitted by Ron Emick to change a private access easement to Quail Run, Horizon Court, or Adamo View Way. He said that all requirements had been met and the Planning Department was in agreement with the name change.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the resolution authorizing the name change from S. 1762 PR SW to Quail Run PR SW, with the listed conditions. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Vouchers

Check Date: 12/15/2008
 Warrant #: 221384-221627
 Total all funds: \$108,143.49

Check Date: 12/15/2008
Taxes # 10108124-10108125
Total all funds: \$35,514.79

Check Date: 12/19/2008
Warrant #: 913747-914024
Total all funds: \$922,037.66

Check Date: 12/31/2008
Warrant #: 914238-914333
Total all funds: \$2,053.64

Check Date: 12/31/2008
Warrant #: 914341-914667
Total all funds: \$1,792,954.02

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

Resolutions

- 09-001 Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants
- 09-002 Computer Equipment & Software Purchasing Through Technology Brokering Services
- 09-003 Personal Services Agreement w/M Dolven for Family Law Facilitator Services
- 09-004 Approving Architectural Services for Canine Animal Control Facility
- 09-005 Reappointment of J Hug to Mid Columbia Library Board of Trustees
- 09-006 Appointment of R Bricker to the Kiona Irrigation District
- 09-007 Interagency Agreement w/St of WA, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 09-008 Building Lease Extension w/McCausland/Sonju J/V
- 09-009 Reappointments to BF Counties' Substance Abuse Administrative Board
- 09-010 Appointments to BF Mental Health Advisory Board
- 09-011 Reappointments to BF Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
- 09-012 Janitorial Services Agreement w/Three Brothers Cleaning Service
- 09-013 Developmental Disabilities Services Agreement w/Ambitions of Washington, Inc.
- 09-014 Criminal Defense Professional Services Agreement w/Laurie Magan
- 09-015 Criminal Defense Professional Services Agreement w/D Stovern
- 09-016 Misdemeanor Personal Service Agreement w/A Salinas
- 09-017 Process Service Contract w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service
- 09-018 Bi-County Process Srvc Contract w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Service
- 09-019 Authorization for Public Hearing for Roza Heights Water Association Franchise Application
- 09-020 Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick for Bituminous Surface Treatment
- 09-021 Interlocal Agreement w/City of Richland for the Overlay Queensgate Drive
- 09-022 Authorization to Purchase Jackets for Patrol Deputies
- 09-023 2008 Line Item Transfer, Dept. 120 to Dept. 125
- 09-024 2008 Line Item Transfer, Dept. 120 to Dept. 121

- 09-025 Authorization to Purchase Equipment
- 09-026 Organization of Benton County Commissioners for 2009
- 09-027 Naming of Private Roads, File No. PR 08-01A

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:17 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman