

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
July 19, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

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

Absent: Commissioner Leo Bowman – Attending NACO Conference in Reno

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; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services Administrator; Steve Becken, Public Works Manager; Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Manager; Erhiza Rivera, Deputy Treasurer; Bryan Perry, Safety Coordinator.

Workshop Agenda

Horse Heaven Cemetery

Adam Fyall reported on the volunteer work being done at the Horse Heaven Cemetery (actually owned by Benton County). It included cleaning, weeding, removing an old wood/wire fence, grading, gravelling, and erecting a new metal fence.

Chairman Beaver requested the Board send a letter expressing its gratitude for the volunteer work being done. Mr. Fyall said he was getting quotes from Signs Now regarding appropriate signage at Benton County's property.

Additionally, Commissioner Benitz asked Adam to follow up with State Archives regarding ownership of the property because it was currently listed as owned by White Bluffs.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility– Flag Garden

Mr. Fyall provided a few pictures and updated the Board on the flag garden being constructed at Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility.

Sacajawea State Park

Mr. Fyall updated the Board on the Confluence Project at Sacajawea State Park being coordinated by the Tri-Cities Rivershore Enhancement Committee.

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

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of July 12, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “n”. Chairman Beaver seconded.

Discussion

Chairman Beaver said he wanted the record to reflect that Commissioner Bowman had requested item “b” (County Seat Ballot) be postponed, however, the issue was time sensitive and could not be postponed. Upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Central Services

- a. Renewal of Email Archiving System License w/Messaging Architects, Inc.

Commissioners

- b. Certification of Sufficiency on Petition to Place the Question of County Seat on the Ballot
- c. Organization of Benton County Commissioners; Rescinding Resolution 09-861

Fairgrounds

- d. Personal Service Contract w/Oxarc, Inc. for Fire Extinguisher Services

Juvenile

- e. Program Agreement, #1063-94520, w/WA St DSHS, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

Prosecuting Attorney

- f. Collective Bargaining Agreement w/Teamsters Local 839, Representing Road Dept.

Public Works

- g. Public Hearing Authorization for Proposed Vacation Known as Dunham Road
- h. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement, No. G1000433, w/WA St Dept of Ecology

Sheriff

- i. Personal Services Contract w/Columbia Cleaners for Uniform Cleaning
- j. Purchase of Public Safety Communication Equipment From WA State Contract
- k. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 121
- l. Technical Support Agreement w/Efficiency, Inc.
- m. Law Enforcement Agreement w/Energy Northwest
- n. Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Program Agreement

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Benton Conservation District Update

Mark Nielson, Jack Clark, and Heather Wendt gave an update on the activities of Benton Conservation District and briefly discussed the following:

- For every dollar generated locally, they receive an additional \$1.3 from state and federal funds and 70 cents of in-kind services from different organizations
- Perennial Permanent Grasses along Hwy 221
- Firewise – Education Program – making structures less vulnerable to fire
- Irrigation Diversion – water use efficiency
- Xeriscape – lower water use plants
- Riparian Plantings – stream based planting along Yakima
- Fish Screens – installing fish screens that are compliant with Fish & Wildlife
- Education Programs (three – mainly to elementary age children)
- Livestock program
- Water Star grass program

Additionally, Mr. Nielson requested the Board provide a letter of support to nominate Mercer Canyon Farms for “Wildlife Farm of the Year Program”. The Board requested Mr. Nielson provide the information and they would sign a letter.

Mr. Clark said they were in the 2nd year of a staff-sharing plan with Franklin County and had pulled resources to get a bigger bang for their buck.

Commissioner Benitz said he was interested in getting assistance in reviewing the exempt wells and quality of water (ground water issues). Additionally, he asked if the District was aware of the issues with Mason County Conservation district.

Mr. Nielson said the Washington Association of Conservation District was directly involved in that process and that was going to the Supreme Court.

Vouchers

Check Date: 07/15/2010
Warrant #: 230821-230847
Direct Deposit: #: 55875-56076
Total all funds: \$113,539.03

Check Date: 07/15/2010
Taxes: #10110074
Total all funds: \$34,882.54

Check Date: 07/16/2010
Warrant #: 14463-14688
Total all funds: \$3,559,652.58

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

Resolutions

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman