

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
July 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
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; Steve Becken, Public Works; Juvenile Administrator Sharon Paradis; Superior Court Judge Carrie Runge; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; DPA Sarah Perry.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of July 13, 2009 were approved.

Other Business

Budget Award

Linda Ivey presented the Distinguished Budget Award given to Benton County for the fourth consecutive year.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Professional Service Agreement w/N Rodriguez for Legal Representation

Fairgrounds

- b. Temporary Pedestrian Bridge Agreement w/BF Fair Association

Human Services

- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 560
- d. Grant Renewal, #WA0072C0T010801, w/Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- e. Professional Services Agreement, #PSA-CI-2009/11, w/Columbia Industries

Juvenile

- f. Program Agreement, #0963-67944, w/DSHS, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
- g. Program Agreement, #0963-67978, w/DSHS, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

Parks

- h. Procurement of Disc Golf Targets from Disc Golf Association

Sheriff

- i. Authorization to Purchase Polygraph System from Lafayette Instrument Co. Inc.
- j. Authorization to Purchase Breath Alcohol Testing Instruments from Intoximeters Inc.
- k. Interlocal Signature Authorization w/Richland & Kennewick for JAG Recovery Grant

Well Spoken Interpreting Contract

Sharon Paradis requested the Board terminate the Personal Services contract with Well Spoken Interpreting.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the Termination of Personal Services Agreement Between Juvenile Justice Center and Well Spoken Interpreting. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Other Business

Rattlesnake Mountain

Commissioner Bowman said the issue of public access on Rattlesnake Mountain came up at the recent Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce meeting. Chairman Benitz stated the Department of Energy was working with Energy Northwest and PNNL to continue access to the top of the mountain for emergency services and PNNL had contracted to do maintenance on the road. However, he recommended Commissioner Bowman call Congressman Hastings regarding the public access issue.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:15 a.m.

Juvenile Drug Court – Funding

Sharon Paradis said that Franklin County was willing to supplement the drug court program, based upon receipt of a grant from HAPO Credit Union. She asked if Benton County was still in favor of the supplement and whether it would consider maintaining capacity at 12 youth through the end of the year with the proviso that any new participants would acknowledge the program could end as of January 1.

Commissioner Bowman said he would concur with the supplement, but was hesitant about allowing more participants if they could not complete the program.

Commissioner Beaver said he also agreed to the supplement and funding through the end of the year to keep as many people in the program as long as possible.

Chairman Benitz said he agreed with completing the current participants and said the money could be used from cash carry forward, not in the form of a supplement.

Ms. Paradis discussed the importance of keeping the cash carry forward to be eligible for matching grant funds.

Commissioner Bowman said he would also agree to funding through the end of the year at full capacity.

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:30 a.m. with DPA Sarah Perry for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Mike Shuttleworth, Melina Wenner, and Loretta Smith Kelty. The Board came out at 9:45 a.m. Ms. Perry requested an additional 10 minutes. The Board came out at 9:52 a.m. and Ms. Perry stated the Board took no action.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

The Board went into executive session with Sarah Perry at 9:53 a.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Melina Wenner, and Loretta Smith Kelty. The Board came out at 10:06 a.m. and Ms. Perry announced that no decisions were made.

Vouchers

Check Date: 07/15/2009
Warrant #: 224373-224615
Total all funds: \$113,773.45

Check Date: 07/15/2009
Taxes #: 10109074-10109075
Total all funds: \$36,782.83

Check Date: 07/17/2009
Warrant #: 928863-9290957
Taxes #: 10107093
Total all funds: \$708,844.75

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

Resolutions

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9.478 Professional Service Agreement w/N Rodriguez for Legal Representation
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:07 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman