

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting  
July 27, 2011, 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA

**Present:** Chairman Leo Bowman  
Commissioner James Beaver  
Commissioner Shon Small  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Finance Manager Keith Mercer; DPA Ryan Brown; Sustainable Development Manager Adam Fyall.

#### E-Gov – Presentation of Report Findings

Cindy Johnson, Richland City Manager introduced the team from E-Gov Consulting and they gave a Powerpoint and discussed the following:

##### Benton County Emergency Services

- Project Background & Goals
  - How is it managed and operated/improvements to be made
  - Improve service delivery – systems interoperations
    - Reduce ongoing upgrade and maintenance costs
    - Provide backup of both systems
    - Reduce support complexity
- Executive Summary Findings & Impact
  - Current System – Integraph
    - Highly complex – no central management
    - Computer and radio systems issues
  - Goal – funding impacts to be the same or less
    - Functional needs, systems support, governance
    - Each piece is governed separately (with one entity there would be approximately \$150,000 total savings annually) for combined entities.

Ms. Johnson said the City of Richland and City of Kennewick were in agreement and they were asking the County to acknowledge what they were trying to accomplish. She said the point was to decrease the cost and/or stay the same but to add more efficiency.

Anticipated recommendations for a new governance model and associated costs would be coming in about a month. The current BCES building was also discussed and stated it was big enough to handle consolidation, including BI-PIN and records consolidation.

The Board agreed it was interested and also asked about Franklin County's interest. Ms. Johnson said they would be presenting to Franklin County and in fact Franklin County had paid for the consultant with a grant it received.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman