

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
July 6, 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, Mike Shuttleworth; Ehriza Rivera and Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; Pat Powell, Auditor's Office; and DPA Ryan Brown.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 29, 2009 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Human Services

- a. Appointment of County-Designated Mental Health Professionals

Juvenile Justice

- b. Contract w/Pasco School District to Provide Probation Counselor at Chiawana High School
- c. Contract w/Pasco School District for Probation Counselor at Pasco High School

Office of Public Defense

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136
- e. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/B Anderson
- f. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/J Celski
- g. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/D Hickman
- h. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/R Hui
- i. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/D Kathren
- j. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/J Lilly
- k. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/S McKinley

- l. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/S Naccarato
- m. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/M Poland
- n. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/E Riley
- o. District Court Personal Service Agreement w/P Younesi
- p. Personal Service Agreement w/T Orosco & D Kathren

Roads/Engineer

- q. Plat Roads for River Edge Estates
- r. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0101-101, Dept. 500
- s. Rental of Vactor Unit from Owen Equipment Company
- t. Consultant Agreement w/ HDR Engineering, Inc.

Sheriff

- u. Purchase of Vancell from Bob Barker Company, Inc.
- v. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- w. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 120
- x. Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick and City of Richland for JAG Application

Sustainable Development

- y. Amendment to County-Ecology Contract for Nuclear Related Industries

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

Special Funds Presentation

Linda Ivey gave a Powerpoint presentation update on the following special funds:

- Trial Court Improvement Fund
- State Housing Fund
- Rural County Capital Fund
- Noxious Weed Control Fund
- Capital Projects Fund

Animal Control Facility Update

Adam Fyall presented a comparison of two animal control facilities, one operated by the County on County-owned property and one operated by the City on City-owned property.

Commissioner Beaver said the County should be cautious about spending money. He said he believed the County needed an animal control facility, but he wanted to be cautious about how it was paid for and recommended the Board wait six months to make a decision.

Commissioner Bowman said he knew where the County could find the money to pay for construction, but not where it could find the money to fund operating costs. He said he also believed that using caution was very appropriate and recommended the Board send the issue to a vote of the people to see if it wanted to fund the operation of the facility.

Commissioner Beaver said would support a ballot measure so the citizens could vote on the issue.

Chairman Benitz said he would also support a ballot measure for operating and capital costs. Additionally, he suggested a citizens advisory group to assist and oversee the operation of the facility. He also suggested the Board look at the Badger Road property in addition to the Quinault property for building a new county-owned facility.

Commissioner Bowman stated he was still interested in contracting with W. Richland to operate a joint facility because it would reduce the operating costs in half.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to direct staff to put together a ballot measure for unincorporated Benton County with respect to animal control services, construction and operations. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Public Hearing – SPV 09-02

Mike Shuttleworth said he received an email from the applicant requesting an additional 30 days to work on the easement issues with neighbors.

The public hearing was continued to Monday, August 10, 2009 at 9:05 a.m.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:50 a.m.

The Crest Subdivision

Steve Becken informed the Board of an issue with the City of Richland and The Crest Subdivision. He recommended the County inform the City that use of Rachel Road as the sole access from The Crest Subdivision will not be permitted, that the City either allow the developer to use Morency Road at this time or require the third connection and use of Morency Drive now rather than waiting until 50 lots have been developed.

The Board agreed.

Policy – Use of County Facilities

Melina Wenner and DPA Ryan Brown presented a draft resolution limiting the use of county property as a public forum.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the resolution limiting the use of county property to preserve such property for the purpose for which it is owned or leased by Benton County. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 10:20 a.m.

Claim for Damages

CC 09-16: Received on June 29, 2009 from Jason Bliss.

CC 09-17: Received on July 2, 2009 from Judith Eller.

Vouchers

Check Date: 07/02/2009
Warrant #: 928133-928294
Total all funds: \$2,277,035.69

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

Resolutions

- 9.436 Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kennewick and City of Richland for JAG Application
- 9.437 Appointment of County-Designated Mental Health Professionals
- 9.438 Contract w/Pasco School District to Provide Probation Counselor at Chiawana High School
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- 9.461 Amendment to County-Ecology Contract for Nuclear Related Industries
- 9.462 Limiting Use of County Property to Preserve Such Property for the Purpose for Which it is Owned or Leased by Benton County

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman