

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
June 20, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman Leo Bowman
Commissioner James Beaver
Commissioner Shon Small
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 Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Deputy Treasurer Erhiza Rivera; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; DPA Ryan Brown; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Dave Pettey, Van Pettey, and Pat Powell, Auditor's Office; Treasurer Duane Davidson; Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office.

Workshop Agenda

Consent agenda item "b" was pulled.

Commissioner Small discussed some complaints from residents about speed limits on county roads. He said he responded and traveled the roads and believed the Road Department was doing a good job.

Commissioner Small also discussed the idea of having regular board meetings on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or maybe evening meetings. Chairman Bowman said other counties had tried the evening meetings and found that regardless of what time the meeting was, only the people who had an issue on the agenda showed up. Additionally, he said he liked having meetings on Mondays because it freed up the rest of the week.

Commissioner Beaver said he wouldn't mind moving it but wanted to hear from staff if it would make their job easier. He said he personally was personally not inconvenienced, but wanted to know how it affected the county employees.

Chairman Bowman discussed the Legislators tour of the area and expressed appreciation for Commissioner Small showing up at the Shadow Mountain Grill (as provided by Benton City). He also discussed the article in the paper about the shooting range and said he had erroneously

said there might be changes to the zone in September. However, that was incorrect and he informed the shooting range individual of that mistake.

Board Meeting Cancellation

The Board agreed to cancel the July 5, 2011 regular meeting.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:00 a.m. for the regular session.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 13, 2011 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “o”, pulling “b”(Veteran’s Assistance Waiver). Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Auditor

- a. Surplus of Personal Property

Facilities

- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 110

Juvenile

- d. Indigent Defense Contract Amendment w/M Poland
- e. Indigent Defense Contract Amendment w/D Campbell
- f. Personal Service Contract w/J Elmenhurst, DBA Elmenhurst Counseling, LLC
- g. Interlocal Agreement w/Kennewick School District #17
- h. Personal Services Contract w/M Henry, MS, ABS

Prosecuting Attorney

- i. Lease Agreement w/Ted and Amy Wong and Sexual Assault Response Center

Public Works

- j. Establishing Speed Limit on Sagebrush Road
- k. Granting Franchise to Antonio Hermosillo
- l. Contract Extension w/Wondrack Distributing, Inc.

Superior Court

- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 123
- n. Authorization for Purchases From Trial Court Improvement Fund
- o. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0156101, Dept. 000

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

Finance Team Presentation

Keith Mercer, Dave Pettey, Van Pettey, and Nick Kooiker gave a Powerpoint presentation of the Benton County Financial Analysis. The presentation included the following information:

- Current Expense, Comparative Year-to-Date Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balances; Change in Fund Balance
- Estimated Year End Fund Balance
- Indicator Summary
 - Permit Revenue; Home Sales; Taxes; VIT Fund; Inter-Governmental Revenue
- Jail Local Usage; Contract Usage – Total Contract Revenue
- 2011 Bed Day Rate
- Charges for Goods & Services; Fines & Forfeitures; Miscellaneous Revenue
- Operating Transfers-In; Overall Revenue
- 2011-Forecasted Revenue vs. 2011-2012 Budget
- 2011-Forecasted Expenditures v. 2011-2012 Budget

Commissioner Beaver said he wanted to look at the entire debt structure of the county over the next 6 months. Also, said he was looking forward to the new computer system upgrade and how that would work out. He indicated the money Benton County spent was on people, but the future would be looking at spending with less people.

Chairman Bowman talked about unfunded mandates, what the County could do about projected shortfalls, and were there things the Board could do to enhance the economy of Benton County by economic development.

Mr. Sparks said that Benton County was 90% labor and inflation was affecting its outcome. He said the Board would have to consider that factor with union negotiations (COLA and benefits were open for 2012 and every contract would be open for 2013).

Unscheduled Visitors

Veteran's Assistance Waiver

Pat Powell presented a waiver for Robert Burns requesting a \$300 increase for his allowance.

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the waiver request for Robert Burns. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Check Date: 06/15/2011
 Warrant #: 232513-232535
 Direct Deposit #: 64982-65181
 Total all funds: \$113,168.06

Check Date: 06/15/2011
 Taxes #: 10111064
 Payroll Draw Deduction
 Total all funds: \$31,776.39

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

Resolutions

- 11-378 Surplus of Personal Property
- 11-379 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 110
- 11-380 Indigent Defense Contract Amendment w/M Poland
- 11-381 Indigent Defense Contract Amendment w/D Campbell
- 11-382 Personal Service Contract w/J Elmenhurst, DBA Elmenhurst Counseling, LLC
- 11-383 Interlocal Agreement w/Kennewick School District #17
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman