

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
June 29, 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: Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; DPA Ryan Brown; Eric Hsu, OPD; Steve Becken, Public Works; Deputy Auditor Brenda Chilton.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 22, 2009 were approved.

Review Agenda

Commissioner Bowman said he had questions about item "f", the contract term and whether or not the contract included new beds. He said he did not want to hold up the contract, but wanted to talk to Ms. Huie-Pascua.

Consent Agenda

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

Assessor

- a. Lease/Purchase Agreement w/IKON

Auditor

- b. Interlocal Agreement w/State of WA, Department of Printing

Board of Equalization

- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 103

Commissioners

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000

Human Services

- e. Program Agreement, #COCO5508-6 w/Department of Corrections
- f. Mental Health Agreement, #09/09-DIV-NECC w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center

Juvenile Justice

- g. Personal Service Contract w/Knowledge Counseling
- h. Initiative Grant Application w/Office of Juvenile Justice
- i. Program Agreement w/DSHS for Evidence Based Expansion
- j. Personal Service Contract w/Somerset Counseling Center

Parks

- k. Personal Service Agreement w/Reiss-Landreau Research for Archaeological Consulting

Roads/Engineer

- l. Contribution Agreement w/Columbia Energy & Environmental Services Inc for Piert Road
- m. Piert Road Realignment
- n. Contract w/Wontrack Distributing, Inc. for Fuel Services

Sheriff

- o. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0142-101, Dept. 000

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

Public Hearing – Ordinance – OPD

Eric Hsu presented the ordinance adopting standards for indigent defense services.

As there was no one present to testify, public testimony was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the ordinance relating to indigent defense services, adding a new chapter to Title 5 of the Benton County Code. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:25 a.m.

Yakima River Water Enhancement Project

Chairman Benitz presented a letter to the Washington State Department of Ecology and US Bureau of Reclamation regarding the County's position on the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Alternative Final EIS. He said they wanted to incorporate these items into a piece of legislation that addressed water users and hopefully guide the working group in putting together that legislation.

Commissioner Beaver said it was important to move forward and get a process in place. He said he believed there were enough studies and he wanted to get some results and was in favor of the letter.

Commissioner Bowman said he agreed with Commissioner Beaver and was in support of the legislation. He wanted to know if Doc Hasting would support this and who would write the legislation.

Chairman Benitz said that Doc Hasting was given a briefing, the Washington State Dept. of Ecology would like to look at legislation, and the working group would be putting this legislation together.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the letter to Mr. Sandison and Mr. Kelso regarding the Yakima River Alternative Final EIS. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:36 a.m. with DPA Ryan Brown and Melina Wenner for 30 minutes or less to discuss potential litigation. Also present were David Sparks and Cami McKenzie.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Brown announced the Board discussed potential litigation but that no action taken.

Other Business

Chairman Benitz requested the Board schedule a workshop to discuss creating a policy for using county facilities.

Letter to West Richland Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Beaver requested the Board send a congratulatory letter to the West Richland Chamber of Commerce on a successful “Hogs & Dogs” event. The Board agreed.

Claim for Damages

CC 09-15: Received on June 23, 2009 from Gerald Youngblood

Vouchers

Check Date: 06/26/2009
Warrant #: 927807-928084
Taxes #: 10106095-10106098
Total all funds: \$2,173,012.34

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

Resolutions

9.420 Lease/Purchase Agreement w/IKON
9.421 Interlocal Agreement w/State of WA, Department of Printing
9.422 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 103
9.423 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000

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- 9.430 Personal Service Agreement w/Reiss-Landreau Research for Archaeological Consulting
- 9.431 Contribution Agreement w/Columbia Energy & Environmental Services Inc for Piert Road
- 9.432 Piert Road Realignment
- 9.433 Contract w/Wondrack Distributing, Inc. for Fuel Services
- 9.434 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0142-101, Dept. 000
- 9.435 Approval of Ordinance Relating to Indigent Defense Services

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

Clerk of the Board

Chairman