

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
June 7, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman James Beaver
Commissioner Leo Bowman
Commissioner Max E. Benitz, Jr.
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 Kely; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Mike Shuttelworth; Interim Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Shon Small, Sheriff's Office; Steve Becken, Sue Schuetze, Malcolm Bowie, Public Works; Lisa Small, Commissioners' office; Erhiza Rivera and Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office, Central Services Manager Randy Reid;

Workshop Agenda

National Association of Counties – Western Region Meeting

Commissioner Bowman reported on his NACO meeting, including tours of the Fairgrounds/Metro Park in Billings, Montana.

Out of Stream Water Assessment

Commissioner Bowman asked about the information provided. Commissioner Benitz discussed the out of stream water assessment, who would be best to control the lands, and computing needs on non-federal lands.

Red Mountain Interchange

Commissioner Bowman requested the Board authorize making a formal change to the request to Senator Murray for funding for the Red Mountain Interchange. He said to enhance the probability of success he wanted to change the request to \$2.3 million, which would go a long way to have the project "shovel ready". The Board agreed that Commissioner Bowman could prepare a new letter for the Board to sign.

Human Services Administration – Move to Health District Building

David Sparks said the Bi-County Boards had agreed on moving Human Services Administration into the Health District Building, however, did not agree where the money should come from. He said that Franklin County wanted Benton County to pay for it and Benton County was planning to have Human Services pay for it.

Chairman Beaver said that if Benton County ended up paying for it, then lease payments should be increased to pay for tenant improvements. Commissioner Bowman said he didn't disagree, however, wanted to know what the next step was.

Mr. Sparks suggested the Chairman of each board meet to discuss the issue. Commissioner Benitz said that if Benton County had to come up with the money, the Human Services Department would have to pay it back.

Chairman Beaver said the chairman and county administrator of each board should meet. The Board agreed.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 19, 2010 were approved.

The Bi-County Minutes of May 19, 2010 were approved.

The Minutes of May 26, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Contract w/G2 Commercial Construction, Inc.
- b. Reappointment of D Olsen to the Benton County Water Conservancy Board
- c. Appointment of L Case to the Kiona Irrigation District
- d. Authorization to Purchase Uniforms for Animal Control Employees
- e. Appointments of P Johnstone-Jones & R Burtsfield to the Office of Aging & Long Term Care
- f. Agreement w/CGI Communications Inc. for County Showcase Program

Fairgrounds

- g. Completion of the Irrigation and Domestic Water Installation

Human Services

- h. Personal Services Agreement w/National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- i. IBM Customer Agreement w/Netsmart Technologies
- j. Contract Amendment w/Department of Social and Health Services

Juvenile

- k. Contract Amendment w/Riverview Counseling and Consulting
- l. Interlocal Agreement w/Kennewick School District #17

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- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0134-101, Dept. 000

Personnel

- n. Personal Services Contract w/Pacific MicroRem, Inc for Metal Detection & X Ray Imaging

Planning

- o. Reappointments of J Wetzel and M Sheeran to the Benton County Planning Commission

Public Works

- p. Approval of Sheet One of Hidden Hills
- q. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for Good Neighbor Water Asso.
- r. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for Sundown Estates
- s. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for AgReserves, Inc.
- t. Vacation and Abandonment of Unimproved Road Right of Way of Beers Road
- u. Olympia Street Reconstruction Project Transfer of Surface Transportation Program Funds

Sustainable Development

- v. Horse Heaven Cemetery Liability Waiver

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

Public Hearing – Application for Franchise - WSU Prosser - IAREC

Sue Schuetze said that WSU Prosser IAREC filed a petition to continue a nonexclusive franchise for an irrigation water system and facilities within unincorporated Benton County right of way and her office recommended approval be granted, subject to the six conditions.

Proponent

Mark Sam, Maintenance Supervisor, said the franchise had been used and was a vital part of the structure for irrigating.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the franchise for WSU Prosser, IAREC, with the listed conditions. Commissioner Benitz seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:10 a.m.

Public Hearing – SPV 10-02 – Short Plat Vacation

Mike Shuttleworth said that Benton County had received a request for the vacation and subsequent relocation of the private road easement turnaround in lot 1 of short plat 3001. Based upon the information received, the Planning Department recommended the proposed vacation of the turnaround easement, in conjunction with the recording of the new turnaround, be approved.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the vacation of the 50-foot radius turnaround easement located on lot 1 of short plat 3001 in the northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 30 East, W.M, conditioned on the applicant providing Benton County with a copy of the recorded document creating the L shaped turnaround easement as approved by the Benton County Fire Marshal prior to signing the resolution. The document must be approved and recorded within one year of the date of approval by the Board of Benton County Commissioners or the approval will be null and void. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:20 a.m.

Property Discussion

Lisa Small presented a request from Brandon Meeks to purchase five parcels at Yakitat that did not sell at a public auction, currently valued at \$6,629.00. She said the policy stated the County had 12 months after public auction to privately negotiate, however, there was a caveat in the policy allowing to County to sell after that time if it was not practical to sell the property.

Commissioner Benitz said he wanted to make sure there was a lease with BLM so he could have access to the property and an easement for power.

Brandon Meeks, 38104 N. 140 PR NW, Benton City, said he was only interested if he could get the BLM lease. He also asked if the Board would be interested in a contingent sale agreement. The Board said it was not sure if the PA's office would allow that kind of sale agreement.

The Board agreed it wanted to sell the property and requested Lisa Small to bring forth a formal proposal amount by Mr. Meeks.

Mental Health Provider Network Business Plans

Ed Thornbrugh said that GCBH established a new funding formula and requested business plans from each provider outlining goals, performance measures, and volume of service delivery. He said the plans would be submitted to Greater Columbia Behavioral Health and he requested the Board accept and approve each plan. The Board requested Mr. Thornbrugh prepare a resolution for the next agenda for the Board to approve the plans.

Remote Access Policy Discussion

Randy Reid, Central Services Manager, asked the Board if it wanted to proceed with amending the Remote Access Policy to allow elected officials to have personal BlackBerry devices connected to the County BlackBerry Enterprise Service for access to GroupWise email.

Commissioner Benitz said that Central Services had other priorities and he did not think it was a good time to make the change. Chairman Beaver agreed it was not a top priority but that it needed to be done. Commissioner Bowman agreed to have the policy amended.

David Sparks said the policy needed to include that elected officials would be responsible for their own equipment and they were subject to the open public records act.

Vouchers

Check Date: 05/28/2010
Jury Warrants #: 10851-11029
Warrant #: 11030-11303
Tax Wire Transfer #: 1010510
Total all funds: \$670,980.07

Check Date: 06/04/2010
Warrant #: 11328-11491
Total all funds: \$1,394,307.26

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

Resolutions

- 10.303 Contract w/G2 Commercial Construction, Inc.
- 10.304 Reappointment of D Olsen to the Benton County Water Conservancy Board
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- 10.321 Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for Sundown Estates
- 10.322 Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for AgReserves, Inc.
- 10.323 Vacation and Abandonment of Unimproved Road Right of Way of Beers Road
- 10.324 Olympia Street Reconstruction Project Transfer of Surface Transportation Program Funds
- 10.325 Horse Heaven Cemetery Liability Waiver
- 10.326 Reappointment of Martin Sheeran to the Benton County Planning Commission

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:57 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman