

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
March 1, 2010, 9:00 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 Kelty; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Steve Becken and Malcolm Bowie, Public Works; DPA Ryan Brown; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Mike Shuttleworth, Planning Manager; Bryan Perry, Safety/Training Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of February 22, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Assessor

- a. Salary Request Statement

Commissioners

- b. Amending ByLaws and Rules of Procedure; Repealing and Superceding Resolution 09-114
- c. Appointment of L Matzner to the Mid-Columbia Library Board of Trustees
- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000
- e. Support Letter for Kennewick General Hospital
- f. Application Support for the Chairmanship of the National Association of Counties' Transportation Steering Committee

Facilities

- g. Blanket Service Agreement w/Sierra Electric, Inc. for Electrical Services
- h. Contract w/Varsity Contractors Inc for Janitorial Services

Fairgrounds

- i. HVAC System Contract w/Apollo Sheet Metal
- j. Lease Agreement w/Franklin County Farm Bureau

Juvenile

- k. Contract Amendment w/WA State DSHS, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
- l. Personal Services Agreement w/Coffey Refrigeration

Office of Public Defense

- m. Superior Court Indigent Defense Services Contract w/J Bell

Public Works

- n. Authorization to Schedule & Advertise a Bid Date for Refined Petroleum Products
- o. Purchase of Traffic Sign Materials 2010
- p. Interlocal Agreement w/Kennewick Irrigation District
- q. Authorization to Proceed w/Improvements of Wiser Parkway @ BNSF Railroad
- r. Grade Crossing Construction/Maintenance Agreement re Wiser Parkway Railroad Crossing

Sheriff

- s. Authorization to Purchase Suppressors from Larsen Firearms
- t. Authorization to Purchase Ammunition from Larsen Firearms
- u. Authorization to Purchase Rifles from Kesselring's

Other Business

Letter – Columbia Snake River Irrigators

Commissioner Benitz proposed the Board approve a letter to the Governor supporting the proposal for immediate implementation of the Water Conservation and Maintenance Program as proposed by the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association.

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved the Board support the Water Conservation and Maintenance Program as proposed by the Columbia Snake River Irrigators and possibly participate in a conference call. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Yucca Mountain - Hanford Communities

Adam Fyall presented a letter to the governor proposed by Hanford Communities requesting the State remain involved in the Yucca Mountain issue.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the Chairman sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Benitz seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

WSAC Report

Commissioner Bowman provided a summary of bills that were still alive that could affect the County in one way or the other.

Human Services Position

Commissioner Bowman asked about the next step in the recruitment process for the new Human Services Director.

Mr. Sparks stated that Fred Bowen would be talking to his Board on Wednesday, but that Benton County had a process in place for these types of positions. He recommended they advertise the position and put a committee together from people in the community that could interview the applicants along with himself and Fred Bowen. He said they could then provide a list of three names for the Board to choose from.

The Board agreed that Mr. Sparks should follow that process.

Transportation Steering Committee Application

Chairman Beaver said he was in favor of the Board doing everything it could to elevate one of its team members to an “all-star” position and supporting that effort.

Claim for Damages

CC 2010-05: Received on February 22, 2010 from City of Ellensburg

Vouchers

Check Date: 2/26/2010
Warrant #: 945135-945409
Taxes #01160210; 01010210
Total all funds: \$2,610,478.42

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

Resolutions

- 10.123 Amending ByLaws and Rules of Procedure; Repealing and Superceding Resolution 09-114
- 10.124 Appointment of L Matzner to the Mid-Columbia Library Board of Trustees
- 10.125 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000
- 10.126 Application Support for the Chairmanship of the National Association of Counties’ Transportation Steering Committee
- 10.127 Blanket Service Agreement w/Sierra Electric, Inc. for Electrical Services
- 10.128 Contract w/Varsity Contractors Inc for Janitorial Services
- 10.129 HVAC System Contract w/Apollo Sheet Metal
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- 10.135 Purchase of Traffic Sign Materials 2010
- 10.136 Interlocal Agreement w/Kennewick Irrigation District
- 10.137 Authorization to Proceed w/Improvements of Wiser Parkway @ BNSF Railroad
- 10.138 Grade Crossing Construction/Maintenance Agreement re Wiser Parkway Railroad Crossing
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman