

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting
May 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA

Present: Chairman Leo Bowman
Commissioner Shon Small
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; DPA Ryan Brown; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Sustainable Development Manager Adam Fyall; Public Works Department: Sue Schuetze; Malcolm Bowie; Steve Becken; Norm Childress; Bryan Thorp; Lee Rawlings; Larry Moser; Don McClure; Bill Murphy; Donna Holmes.

Public Works Department – Workshop

The Public Works Department reviewed the following departments and discussed some of the duties, responsibilities, and issues as follows:

- Solid Waste Department
 - Funding, duties, collection sites, education, recycling, chipping/composting, Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Road Maintenance (East/West Districts)
 - Road maintenance, drainage, structures, snow and ice, vegetation, litter control; two new dump trucks to experiment with salt instead of sand; jetrodder maintenance program
- ER&R Department
 - Vehicle/equipment maintenance program
 - Need for new Kennewick shop; options were discussed
- Design Team/Right of Way
 - Funding, acquisition, right of way, corridor projects
- Engineering Services/Sign Shop
 - Pavement markings, traffic counts, bridge inspection, surveying, plat/short plat/subdivisions review, franchises applications, road design, utilities and encroachment, traffic collisions on county roads, citizen complaints and questions

- County Engineer
 - Everything done to maintain or improve road network; new philosophy is to get projects “shovel ready” for the six-year program; “farm to market” is mission for Benton County roads; preservation is key to the future of the roads.

There was further discussion about the need for a new Kennewick shop and a spatial analysis on response miles. The Board agreed the Public Works Department could continue to review options and bring forward some recommendations and options.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman