

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Special Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 10:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA

**Present:** Chairman James Beaver  
Commissioner Leo Bowman (via telephone conference)  
Commissioner Max E. Benitz, Jr.  
County Administrator David Sparks  
Deputy County Administrator Loretta Smith Kelty  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator and Finance Manager Keith Mercer.

**Statement of Qualifications – Removal of County Seat**

Mr. Sparks stated they had received six statements of qualification for a financial impact statement for removal of the county seat. He said that he and Loretta Smith Kelty, along with Auditor Brenda Chilton and Treasurer Duane Davidson had interviewed Entrix, Berk & Associates, and Economic Consulting Services.

Mr. Sparks said that all firms were excellent, however Entrix had completed studies on sensitive issues. The interview team felt this experience would qualify Entrix for the sensitive subject of removal of the county seat. Additionally, Mr. Sparks said that Entrix had an excellent plan to move forward that included the creation of an advisory board, meetings with staff and the public, a draft plan, and synopsis of a voter's pamphlet.

Mr. Sparks said the interview team was unanimous in its recommendation to move forward with a contract with Entrix.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Benitz moved to authorize the County Administrator negotiate a contract with respect to hiring a consultant to provide a report on removal of the county seat. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman