

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

**Present:** Chairman Leo Bowman  
Commissioner James Beaver  
Commissioner Shon Small  
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, Sustainable Development Manager; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Central Services Manager Randy Reid; Rosie Sparks, Auditor's Office; Jackie Hill, Clerk's Office; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court; DPA Ryan Brown; DPA Steve Hallstrom; Erhiza Rivera, Treasurer's Office; Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie; Auditor Brenda Chilton.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 8, 2011 were approved.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Central Services

- a. Amending Resolution 11-339 re Purchase From Cross Match Technologies
- b. Authorization for Request for Proposal for Expanding Storage Area Network
- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0502-101, Dept. 000

#### Commissioners

- d. Letter to BF Health District
- e. Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Benton County Emergency Services

#### District Court

- f. Interagency Agreement, #IAA12159, w/St of WA Administrative Office of the Courts

#### Facilities

- g. Contract w/System Solutions for Superior Court Sound Systems Upgrade

### **Human Services**

- h. Reappointment of T Atwood to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board
- i. Agreement, #PSA-2011/12-Shelter Plus Care, w/Lady of Lourdes Hospital
- j. Agreement, #11/12-DD-SA-00, w/Service Alternatives, Inc
- k. Agreement, #11/12-DD-CDC-00, w/Children's Developmental Center

### **Public Works**

- l. Contract w/Riggle Plumbing, Inc. to Re-Route Air Lines @ Maintenance Shop
- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0501-101, Dept. 650
- n. Contract w/HDR Engineering for Feasibility Study

### **Sheriff**

- o. Rescinding Resolution 11-568 & Amending Resolution 11-126 Re Dynamic Laundry Contract
- p. Notice of Completion for Installation of Jail Dishwasher
- q. Contract w/Rell's Fire Protection, Inc. for Dishwasher Hood System Cleaning

### **Workforce Development**

- r. Youth Service Provider Contract w/Career Path Services Employment & Training
- s. Adult Service Provider Contract w/Career Path Services Employment & Training
- t. Dislocated Worker Provider Contract w/Career Path Services Employment & Training

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

### **Lourdes Health Network**

John Serle, Barbara Mead, and Frank Beckem, Lourdes Health Network, discussed the proposed cuts to cost based reimbursement from Medicaid. They said it would affect their ability to provide services to the most vulnerable client and if the network became unstable, it would affect behavioral services and ultimately jails would be inundated with mental health patients. The Board agreed to send a letter in support of the Lourdes Health Network to make sure the State understood the impacts of the cuts.

### **Gang Task**

Sheriff Steve Keane, Sgt. Jon Law, and Sgt. Carlos Travino updated the Board on the Benton County Gang Task Force. Sheriff Keane said that significant arrests had been made; additionally, that Sgt. Law would be appointed to Jail Captain and so Sgt. Travino would be appointed to supervise the gang team.

Sgt. Jon Law updated the Board as follows:

- Operational – all staff now assigned to team; significant activity
- Goals/objectives
  - Intelligence - working close w/Metro and Criminal Apprehension Team on training;
  - Public education – working on flyer to hand out to parents; five presentations to community and educators;

- Suppression – working on most criminally active gang members; 7 search warrants and 7 felony charges during last month (seized 11 lbs marijuana; 4 grams of meth; took a vehicle); end of this week issued 8 additional search warrants; Prosser graffiti arrests (Grandview residents tagging on county line); sent a message they were not welcome here; currently working a criminal conspiracy and profiteering case with stolen property.
- Trends – increased gang activity in East Kennewick and Finley; working on strategic planning in that area; receiving very positive feedback from community

Sgt Travino said he would take over where Sgt. Law left off and the gang unit would continue to work with the community, Prosecuting Attorney’s office, and community resources and would relentlessly investigate these crimes and continue to educate the public.

### **Mosquito District**

Steve Becken said they were contacted by Benton County Mosquito District about constructing a storage building for their vehicles at the Prosser maintenance shop site. He said it appeared the building could be accommodated and if the Board concurred, they would prepare an interlocal agreement, etc. and bring back to the Board for approval.

Angela Beeler, Mosquito District Manager, said the main office was in W. Richland but 8 employees lived in the Prosser area and did most of their work there. She said they currently rented space and were proposing a 4,000 sq. foot indoor storage facility with electricity and would use the main building for restroom and break area facilities.

The Board agreed to move forward with the proposal.

### **Executive Session – Union Negotiations**

The Board went into executive session at 9:42 a.m. with DPA Steve Hallstrom and David Sparks to discuss union negotiations for approximately 15 minutes. Also present were Ryan Brown, Keith Mercer, Loretta Smith Kelty, Melina Wenner, and Cami McKenzie. The Board came out at 9:57 a.m. Mr. Hallstrom said the Board discussed union negotiations and took no action in executive session.

### **Commissioner Assignment Update**

Commissioner Beaver reported on his attendance at the Council of Government executive board meeting and his visit at CBC with college students.

Commissioner Small reported on the following: BCES - Richland and Kennewick would be signing the interlocal agreement that was approved by the Board this date; the State had tentatively said it would fund \$100,000 for the merging of Benton & Franklin County emergency services feasibility study; BCES budget – the Sheriff and Chiefs had met and were looking at ways to cut costs; Planning Commission public hearing was scheduled on the HB 1886 Critical Areas issue; Noxious Weed department was still reviewing options (including furloughs) to deal

with its budget issue. Mr. Sparks said the Board would need to adopt a furlough policy so the employees wouldn't lose their benefits, if that option were pursued.

Chairman Bowman talked about his tour of the shooting range at Rattlesnake Mountain and said it was an amazing facility and reported on his attendance at the Transportation Management meeting. Additionally, he said the Board needed to notify the Elections Department about the canvassing board appointment. Commissioner Small said he would do it.

### **Vouchers**

Check Date: 11/10/2011  
Warrant #: 45025-45334  
Warrant #: 45543-45738  
Total all funds: \$606,538.86

Check Date: 11/15/2011  
Warrant #: 233264-233288  
Direct Deposit #: 69146-69347  
Total all funds: \$115,907.00

Check Date: 11/15/2011  
Taxes #: 10111114  
Total all funds: \$32,075.69

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

### **Resolutions**

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman