

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
November 1, 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 Kelty; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Public Works Manager Steve Becken; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Human Services Manager Ed Thornbrugh; Nick Kooiker, Treasurer's Office; DPA Ryan Brown; Larry Moser and Bryan Thorp, Public Works.

Workshop Agenda

WSAC Legislative Steering Info

Commissioner Bowman said he would be meeting with WSAC on November 8 if the Board had any comments on the information he provided. Commissioner Benitz asked him to keep the Board apprised on where the State and WSAC was heading with the E-911 issue. Chairman Beaver said he would like WSAC to come up with some good questions to the government on how they proposed fixing the current budget problems.

Hanford Tour

Commissioner Bowman commented on the Hanford Tour. Additionally, he said one of the gentlemen with him shared a concern that once the stimulus money was gone, it would be "off the cliff" and between 1,500 to 3,000 employees would be laid off. He said they should do everything they can to soften that blow (as well as prevention with economic development).

Landfill Tour – Roosevelt

Chairman Beaver reported on the Roosevelt Landfill tour he attended with Commissioner Bowman and Adam Fyall and its use of methane gas.

Request for Public Information

Commissioner Bowman discussed a recent request from an inmate in Connell for all settlement agreements for the last 20 years. He said he didn't know how much this would cost and what the legitimacy of this request was. He said they needed some kind of "re-working" of those kinds of rules for the requests that did not have real purpose, as opposed to legitimate requests for information.

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

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 19, October 20, and October 25, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Auditor

- a. Surplus of Personal Property

Board of Equalization

- b. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 103

District Court

- c. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement w/State of WA Administrative Office of the Courts
- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 111

Human Services

- e. Service Agreement, #PSA-BHAC-2010-11, w/Bruce Heating & Air Conditioning
- f. Agreement, #10/11-PREV-BFSAC-00, w/BF Substance Abuse Coalition
- g. Contract, #1063-10778, w/Department of Social and Health Services

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- h. Contract Amendment w/Native Plant Landscaping and Restoration, LLC

Office of Public Defense

- i. Revising Amounts Credited Toward Inmate Fines; Rescinding Resolution 10-602
- j. Professional Services Agreement w/C Alden

Parks

- k. Service Contract w/Conrad Russell Excavation LLC for Higgins Airfield Project
- l. Sublease Agreement w/Tri-Cities Shooting Association

Public Works

- m. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise to Eaton Park Improvement Club

Chairman Beaver requested the Adoption of the 2011 One-Year Road Program be moved to 9:05 a.m. and the Benton City EDC Update be moved to 9:35 a.m. The Board agreed.

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

2011 - One-Year Road Program

Commissioner Bowman said he did not yet have the background information on the request by Commissioner Benitz to fund Travis Road and was uncomfortable with dedicating \$1.5 million to that project. He said it was now on the list for 2014 and he had not been asked to go out and see the project nor had he seen a presentation. He said they could leave it on the Capital Facilities Plan as is, but could do it in 2011 if the county staff was ready to go and if the project met the need. Commissioner Bowman recommended the Board adopt the one-year road program as presented without dedicating \$1.5 million from Capital to the Travis Road project.

Commissioner Benitz said Travis Road was an important farm to market road and did not have a base and had deteriorated beyond repair. He said it had been listed on the capital facilities program and he wanted it to be built to an “all-weather standard” because there was a tremendous amount of agricultural product that used that road.

Chairman Beaver asked if the Board could move the money at any time if it wanted to fund this project. Mr. Sparks said if the Board had any doubt, he would prefer not to move it until it was ready to fund the project. Chairman Beaver said that having a project on list that was unfunded was not uncommon and the County should hang onto its cash as long as it could. He said he wanted to keep Travis Road in the pipeline.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the 2011 One-Year Road Program as presented by staff. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried with Commission Benitz opposing.

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Benton City Economic Development Council Update

Randy Rutledge, Mayor Carnahan, Heather Duncan, and Bea Baker gave an update on Benton City EDC. Mr. Rutledge discussed grants received (\$30,000 grant and \$10,000 grant), accomplishments, new businesses opened in the last two years, new development, and new fiber optic. Additionally, he reviewed the proposed 2011 Work Plan and requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 for 2011.

Commissioner Bowman said it would be helpful to have a list of projects and partnerships funded by the County and the Board asked Mr. Fyall to provide a summary of economic development projects.

The Board said it would be addressing these types of contracts and budgeting funds for potential projects at the budget recap.

Unscheduled Visitors/Other Business

Health District Lease

Ms. Loretta Smith Kelty provided a new lease agreement with the Health District for the Board's approval.

MOTION; Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between Benton County and Benton-Franklin Health District (providing for Human Services to operate in that facility). Commissioner Bowman seconded.

Discussion

Commissioner Bowman asked if the Board needed to list the other lessees and it was stated that would be in a separate lease with the County.

Chairman Beaver said the motion before the Board was to approve the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement between Benton County and Benton-Franklin Health District.

Commissioner Bowman said the unused space was actually designed for Clean Air Authority, and they opted to not lease the space and it had been empty all this time and the subsequent lease provided for nonexclusive use of the common area.

Chairman Beaver said it would give Benton County the option to rent unused space in a building that Benton County owned.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Claim for Damages

CC 2010-15: Received on October 19, 2010 from Brent Cook
CC 2010-16: Received on October 25, 2010 from Fontier

Vouchers

Check Date: 10/29/2010
Warrant #: 21331-21549
Taxes #: 10102
Total all funds: \$6,448,542.51

Check Date: 10/29/2010
Warrant #: 21550-21821
Total all funds: \$14,945.13

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

Resolutions

- 10.647 Surplus of Personal Property
- 10.648 Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 103
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- 10.654 Contract Amendment w/Native Plant Landscaping and Restoration, LLC
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- 10.656 Professional Services Agreement w/C Alden
- 10.657 Service Contract w/Conrad Russell Excavation LLC for Higgins Airfield Project
- 10.658 Sublease Agreement w/Tri-Cities Shooting Association
- 10.659 Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise to Eaton Park Improvement Club
- 10.660 Approval of 2011 Annual Road Program
- 10.661 Amended and Restate Lease Agreement Between Benton County and Benton-Franklin Health District

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman