

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 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; Planning Manager Mike Shuttleworth; Steve Becken, Public Works; Human Services Administrator Ed Thornbrugh; DPA Ryan Brown; Susan Walker, Planning; County Engineer Malcolm Bowie.

Workshop Agenda

Antinori Road Extension

Commissioner Bowman said there was not any need to send a letter to Department of Natural Resources because the issue was being handled.

Ben-Franklin Transit

Commissioner Bowman asked the Board if it was in favor of sending the letter in support of the regional mobility grant to provide transit to Hanford. The Board agreed the letter could be put on the next agenda for approval. Commissioner Benitz said if Hanford was inside the transit district and if the federal government wanted to step up and pay for that, then it would be appropriate.

State Budget

Commissioner Bowman provided a copy of the State of Washington's general budget reduction highlights (as provided by WSAC) for the Board's review. He said it was still not clear what would happen with the Health Departments.

Watershed Planning

Commissioner Benitz asked if the WRIA funding was going to be affected and requested that Adam Fyall review that issue. Adam said it was his understanding they would still be funding planning grants but that he would check into it.

WSAC

Commissioner Bowman said he had provided Mr. Brown with criteria developed by WSAC on when it should join in amicus and Mr. Brown said the County was involved in so few he suggested it be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Benitz stated he had seen a letter by the Department of Ecology about putting a moratorium on exempt wells in Benton County and that he believed that would stop growth for housing and potable water. He suggested the counties should come together and Benton County should have a policy in place to oppose this type of an approach.

Budget Issues

Chairman Beaver discussed the state and federal deficit and how it would be affecting Benton County. He said the departments had talked about plans and strategies and he was ready for implementation. He said the County needed to get ready for “no money” and he wanted a plan in place for when the money started drying up.

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

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 4, 2010 minutes 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. Payment Authorization to Tyler Technologies; Amending Resolution 10-453

Commissioners

- b. Letter to Washington Department of Ecology

Human Services

- c. Authorization for Line Item Title Changes
- d. Salary Statement Request for Resource Manager
- e. Authorization for Janitorial Services Payment to Three Brothers Cleaning Service

Juvenile

- f. Fee for Services Truancy Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District

Office of Public Defense

- g. Inmate Fines Credit Revision

Public Works

- h. Payment Authorization to Western States Equipment Co. for Motor Grader Cutting Edges

Workforce Development Council

- i. Dislocated Worker Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- j. ARRA Dislocated Worker Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- k. Adult Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- l. ARRA Adult Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- m. WIA Youth Contract w/Career Path Services

Budget Workshop

Mr. Sparks said the Board would be reviewing revenue at tomorrow's meeting and then would meet with the elected officials next Tuesday and Wednesday before setting the budget to go to public hearing.

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

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The Board went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. for approximately 10 minutes with DPA Ryan Brown to discuss pending litigation. Also present were David Sparks, Cami McKenzie, Mike Shuttleworth, Susan Walker, Melina Wenner, Loretta Smith Kelty. The Board came out at 9:20 a.m. Mr. Brown stated the Board discussed pending litigation but took no action.

Claim for Damages

CC 2010-13: Received on October 5, 2010 from Lee Roy Hendren
CC 2010-14: Received on October 11, 2010 from David James Ash

Vouchers

Check Date: 10/01/2010
Warrant #: 19568-19785
Total all funds: \$831,364.76

Check Date: 10/05/2010
Warrant #: 231210-231335
Direct Deposit #: 57740-58324
Total all funds: \$2,033,446.18

Check Date: 10/05/2010
Warrant #: 19886-19921
Taxes #: 10110101-10110103
Total all funds: \$1,770,779.26

Check Date: 10/08/2010
Warrant #: 19922-20102
Total all funds: \$1,521,636.23

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

Resolutions

- 10.598 Payment Authorization to Tyler Technologies; Amending Resolution 10-453
- 10.599 Authorization for Line Item Title Changes
- 10.600 Authorization for Janitorial Services Payment to Three Brothers Cleaning Service
- 10.601 Fee for Services Truancy Contract w/Kiona-Benton School District
- 10.602 Inmate Fines Credit Revision
- 10.603 Payment Authorization to Western States Equipment Co. for Motor Grader Cutting Edges
- 10.604 Dislocated Worker Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- 10.605 ARRA Dislocated Worker Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- 10.606 Adult Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- 10.607 ARRA Adult Services Provider Contract w/Career Path Services
- 10.608 WIA Youth Contract w/Career Path Services

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman