

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 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 Kely; Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator; Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Facilities Manager Roy Rogers; Mike Shuttleworth, Planning; Ed Thornbrugh, Human Services; Steve Becken, Public Works; Treasurer Duane Davidson; Auditor Brenda Chilton; DPA Ryan Brown; Randy Reid, Central Services Manager.

Workshop Agenda

Health District – Finance Committee

Commissioner Bowman said the Bi-County Health Board meeting was cancelled, but the Health District finance committee met and they were well within their budget for this year, however, still didn't have a proposed budget for next year. He said he did provide them with a copy of proposed state budget cuts.

Mr. Sparks said that canceling the Health Board meeting potentially put the lease agreement with the Health Board out another month. Chairman Beaver said he would try to contact the Franklin County Chairman to have a meeting. Mr. Sparks said they would be signing the architectural agreement and some costs would be incurred so they should have a lease agreement in place.

Commissioner Benitz said he agreed they should have a health board meeting and also needed to look at the organization of the administration and management of the Health District.

Letter from KID

Commissioner Bowman said he reviewed the letter from KID and was hopeful that Commissioner Benitz could explain what it meant.

Commissioner Benitz said that Adam was the alternate on the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Committee and they had been participating to develop a proposed plan of action. He asked the Board to review two different scenarios so they could be better prepared for the November meeting, at which time the proposed projects would be identified. He said they had met w/KID and KID has identified some projects. The Board agreed to send a letter to KID outlining some of the Board's thoughts and declaring its support of the Kiona project point of diversion and mouth of the Yakima River.

Fairgrounds

Chairman Beaver said he had been meeting with the Fairgrounds user groups and requested more team members to attend so that questions regarding lease agreements, insurance, and disparity could be answered. He asked that Ryan Brown, Melina Wenner, and Loretta Smith Kelty join in the discussion so the County could move forward with a new process. Commissioner Benitz said there were current policies in place and Mr. Sparks could also identify those for Commissioner Beaver.

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

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of October 11, 2010 were approved as corrected.

The Minutes of October 12, 2010 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "p", pulling, "c" (Ben Franklin Transit Letter) and "j" & "k" (Juvenile Payments). Commissioner Bowman seconded and said he also wanted to discuss item "f".

Commissioner Bowman asked if item "f" (Line Item Transfer for District Court) would be going back to current expense and Mr. Sparks said it would.

Upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Central Services

- a. Contract for Consulting Services for Developing Information Technology Strategic Plan

Commissioners

- b. Contract w/Bernardo Wills Architects for Tenant Improvement Project @ Health District
- d. Appointment of Citizen Representative to Hanford Advisory Board
- e. Cancer Awareness Proclamation

District Court

- f. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 111

Facilities

- g. Contract w/Fire Systems West, Inc.

Human Services

- h. Agreement, #10/11-PREV-SHCN-00 w/Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery
- i. Appointment of County-Designated Mental Health Professional w/Appointment Limitations

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- l. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 134-101, Dept. 000

Parks

- m. Service Agreement w/Environmental Compliance Associates for Badger Mountain Properties

Public Works

- n. Service Contract w/Leslie & Campbell, Inc. for Roof Repair/Replacement
- o. Order and Agreement for Nonexclusive Franchise for Sundance Water Association
- p. Quit Claim Deed for Cottonwood Business Park

Item “c” Ben Franklin Transit Grant Fund Support Letter

Commissioner Benitz said he thought the Board would be asking those inside the district (i.e. Dept. of Energy) to help pay for services. Commissioner Bowman said he didn't know about that and it would not be part of the letter. He said as far as he knew, the grant would provide 100% financing, without DOE. He asked if Commissioner Benitz was asking for a full cost recovery by those contractors and Commissioner Benitz said he wanted a fair and equitable cost recovery for all, including citizens and entities.

Chairman Beaver said it appeared Commissioner Benitz wanted to make sure Benton County was not subsidizing the program and the federal government was not taking advantage of the local tax payers by having a government program paid for by local taxpayers.

Commissioner Bowman said that Benton County was either in support or not in support of the regional mobility grant that would provide transportation, a safer commute, and less congestion. He added that the people that work out there typically lived within the transit district. Chairman Beaver said he thought the Board should send the letter in support to get a grant for an additional bus and as a separate issue have the Transit representative talk to the Board about the transit program.

MOTION: Commissioner Bowman moved to approve the letter in support of the regional mobility grant for Ben Franklin Transit. Chairman Beaver seconded.

Discussion

Commissioner Benitz said as long as we clearly understand if you are inside the transit district, you will pay your proportionate share of the transit services and as long as that is understood, he would support it. Commissioner Bowman said he didn't know what that really meant. Employers, i.e. J.C. Penneys do not pay Ben Franklin Transit nor do the school districts pay Ben Franklin Transit that the kids ride on. It is paid for 13% by fares typically and other sales tax from around the county for operations. Commissioner Benitz said he concurred, but to be consistent, if you are inside the district, you are going to pay because that is what the voters

accepted and by providing services out to the Hanford site they also pay their proportionate share. Commissioner Bowman said that every retail sales taxed in Benton County or in the district paid that percentage, whether it was JC Penneys or a restaurant.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:10 a.m.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mr. Lusk, representing the Prosser School District, provided shirts ordered by the Commissioners' office in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Human Services Update

Ed Thornbrugh updated the Board on the following issues:

Administrative Office

- Architectural contract with Ron Wright & Associates – ready for approval
- Proposed budget; staff change
- Administrative office lease – under review by PA offices

MOTION: Commissioner Benitz moved to approve the architectural services agreement with Ron Wright & Associates for the architectural design of the CCRC. Commissioner Bowman seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Development Disabilities Services

- Advisory Board application received and being reviewed
- Budget reductions – stopped enrollment of transition students
- Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee Report
- Employment services – contract amendment reduced funding

Commissioner Benitz expressed his concern about the Developmental Disabilities housing issue and asked that it be addressed.

Mental Health Services

- Reduction of state-only funding for mental health
- Funding/Fiscal operations subcommittee – GCBH
- Special Projects

Substance Abuse

- Budget reductions do not appear to target outpatient services
- Reduction in youth detox beds statewide

Housing

- New grant opportunity
- 2060 funds – interlocal signed last month

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:47 a.m.

Capital Improvement Plan - Workshop

David Sparks requested the Board postpone the workshop for two weeks until the November 1, 2010 meeting. The Board agreed.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:50 a.m.

Vouchers

Check Date: 10/15/2010
 Warrant #: 231337-231360
 Direct Deposit #: 58329-58535
 Total all funds: \$114,109.87

Check Date: 10/15/2010
 Warrant #: 20273-20471
 Total all funds: \$739,123.32

Check Date: 10/15/2010
 Taxes #: 10110104
 Payroll Draw Deductions
 Total all funds: \$34,584.46

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

Resolutions

- 10-609 Contract for Consulting Services for Developing Information Technology Strategic Plan
- 10-610 Contract w/Bernardo Wills Architects for Tenant Improvement Project @ Health District
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- 10.623 Quit Claim Deed for Cottonwood Business Park
- 10.624 Human Services Agreement with Ron Wright & Associates for Architectural Design Agreement

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman