

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 48
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for July 16, 2007

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Neva J. Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem; Rick Miller, Member; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Bob Koch, Chairman, and Fred Bowen, County Administrator, were absent attending the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference in Richmond, Virginia.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Miller: I move that we accept the consent agenda as listed for July 16, 2007:

1. Approval of **Resolution 2007-349** for agreement number 07/09-DD-PHG between the Provident Horizon Group and Benton-Franklin Counties (Department of Human Services) to provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities for the 2007-2009 biennium, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **Resolution 2007-350** for agreement number 07/09-DD-RHM between R.H. McDougall and Associates and Benton-Franklin Counties (Department of Human Services) to provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities for the 2007-2009 biennium, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2007-351** for agreement number 07/09-DD-PTC between Peopleworks Tri-Cities and Benton-Franklin Counties (Department of Human Services) to provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities for the 2007-2009 biennium, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 3: Information sheet.)
4. Approval of **Resolution 2007-352** for Professional Services Agreement Number WISE05/2007 between Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) and Benton-Franklin Counties (Department of Human Services) to provide developmental disabilities training, effective June 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 4: Information sheet.)

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5. Approval of **Resolution 2007-353** for agreement number 07/09-SA-FSCCS between First Steps Community Counseling Services and Benton-Franklin Counties (Department of Human Services) to provide substance abuse treatment services for the 2007-2009 biennium, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and authorizing the Chairman Pro Tem to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 5: Information sheet.)
6. Approval of **Resolution 2007-354** for destruction of a chair as identified on the *Franklin County Storage – Salvage* form received from the Facilities Department, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
7. Approval of **Resolution 2007-355** for the Software Maintenance Contract between Intergraph and Franklin County (GIS), Contract Number IN-0004823, Policy Number SG&I020207, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, in the amount of \$18,759, plus tax, to be paid from the Information Services Budget, Number 001-000-350, line item 518.80.48.0005 (R&M – Maintenance Agreements).
8. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of 70,596.40 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$10,822.61 for pay period ending July 12, 2007.

Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of warrants as listed: Current Expense warrants 57948 through 58029 for \$6,287.96; Current Expense warrants 58030 through 58095 for \$24,997.57; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 17 for \$78.00; Grand Old 4th warrants 152 through 153 for \$327.02; and Courthouse Renovation warrant 538 for \$295.00; for a total of \$31,985.55. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor.
(Exhibit 6)

INFORMATION SERVICES and FACILITIES

Information Services Director Kevin Scott and Facilities Director Chris Giles met with the Board.

Courthouse Security Project

Mr. Giles asked for approval of the contract for the courthouse security project.

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Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval on the agreement between owner, Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Washington, and contractor, Zeigler Construction, for the Franklin County Security Project in the amount of \$1,392,000. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-356.

Facilities Department Update

Mr. Giles said the security project work is starting today with temporary fences being put in place. The contractor will be working on the north side steps of the Public Safety Building starting tomorrow. The Facilities Department will put up signs to notify public and employees of available entrances. Some additional temporary handicapped parking spots are being created. The concrete steps need to be removed because the rebar is showing through.

Mr. Giles answered Mrs. Corkrum's questions about other Facilities projects.

The former Health District building will be remodeled. Preliminary plans include housing the Information Services Department, Print Shop and WSU Extension Office in the building. A conference room will be included in the design that can be used by WSU Extension for classes but also by other departments such as the Planning and Building Department. It will include audiovisual equipment and have an outside entrance.

INFORMATION SERVICES (IS)

Information Services Director Kevin Scott met with the Board.

Verizon

Mr. Scott said he expects to use Verizon to provide cellular service for internet access to some employees when they are away from the county. Dispatch will pay for one card to be used by employee Dan Werr. It may or may not be reimbursable by the state. Verizon is asking that the Board sign a document that creates a county account. Mrs. Corkrum asked Mr. Scott to have it put on Wednesday's consent agenda along with a resolution.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie-Pascua met with the Board. June 2007 report was given to the Board (Exhibit 7).

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Department Update

Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) Funding: Ms. Huie-Pascua has attended many GCBH meetings to learn about the funding process.

County Web Pages: Human Services Department is going to try to get information on the Franklin and Benton County web pages regarding what we really do and how to contact us.

Developmental Disabilities Services: The legislature appropriated funding for high school transition graduates. The funds serve young adults who have identified developmental disabilities. There is a big emphasis on employment and supported employment and any kind of vocational activities that will assist that person to develop and maintain skills. The state calls it the Working Age Adult Policy. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) interfaces with developmental disabilities, mental health, and substance abuse. DVR would also support someone who became disabled and help that person be retrained but the person would be very low on the priority list. They re-categorized using a system called "order of preference" several years ago.

The legislature appropriated a small vendor rate increase for Developmental Disabilities providers. They will receive a 1.6% rate increase effective July 1, 2007, and another 1% increase effective July 1, 2008.

Mental Health Services: Clegg and Associates has completed their work. Ms. Huie-Pascua will finish review of their final report this week. Various workgroups have already been working on implementing some of the suggestions.

Cross System Collaboration Task Force: A Jail Mapping project was started before Ms. Huie-Pascua began working as Human Services Director. She has been meeting with the group. She hopes to change to a quarterly meeting rather than a monthly meeting with a small group that meets more frequently and gets information to the entire group.

Mrs. Corkrum has been wanting to have the mental health services in the jail for many years. She feels it would help relieve some pressure on the jail. Ms. Huie-Pascua

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hopes to work more closely in the future with jail staff and prosecutor's staff from Franklin County.

In the meantime, Ms. Huie-Pascua is working to define all of the recommendations that came from the Clegg and Associates report and from Policy Research Associates. There was a whole list of what the priorities were for Franklin County and who should be doing it. It will not happen immediately. However, all of the pieces are coming together. There is cross-collaboration between the Human Services Department and the law enforcement offices.

Mrs. Corkrum asked what is your responsibility to train officers on the street to semi-evaluate people for mental health issues? How are they going to be trained? Ms. Huie-Pascua said there is specific training which is referred to as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). It is very intense and requires a huge amount of time, which is why a lot of police captains do not use it because it pulls officers off the street to do the training. We are looking instead at a smaller training that might be one day or half a day so we can do it in stages. We are looking at a curriculum that meets the requirements for officers so it does not duplicate what they already have but will let them work with people with mental illness. In addition to the training, we have to have the capacity or facility to put someone with mental illness in a place other than jail. Mrs. Corkrum said that is the ultimate goal but she doesn't know when there will be a place to allow that to happen. Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about some of the potential plans that Benton County is considering. Two houses in Richland are being used and have been changed so one house allows capacity for beds on a 24 hour a day/7 days a week basis. There are eight beds in the crisis house. We're trying to carve out three additional beds in Franklin County for a total of 11. The house has food, beds and trained clinicians. It is an interim measure while we look at a more consolidated system.

Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) met on June 7. They considered a funding formula for an 11-county region. The funding formula that was recommended happened to be the least favorable for the bi-county area but the total amount that we are getting from that funding formula still is more than what we received from the previous

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year, a slight increase. Ms. Huie-Pascua said the Lourdes Counseling Center's director feels the funding formula shows we are losing \$1.1 million, but we are not losing that; it just happens that the formula that got chosen meant that Benton and Franklin Counties are serving on average 30.34% of Medicaid people but the amount of Federal funding that we receive only comes up to 25.5%. If you calculate the difference it's about \$90,000 a month, which comes out to just under \$1.1 million.

She told about some of the things that offset the formula being the least favorable. In total combined state and Federal funding, we actually are realizing an increase over last year's funding, plus we are able to earn back some dollars. It is a complicated system. They set aside an estimated cost for our inpatient bed utilization. They calculate it based on our past utilization of the hospital. It was pretty high, which people have been complaining about. They took that off the top and set it aside. So we have an opportunity to earn that back. The funding formula is complex. It is based on the state's calculation. Every year the state makes changes, too, so that causes all the regions to make changes. We're actually coming out ahead from last year. It's not a huge amount.

Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about a conversation with a television reporter who asked her will services be affected? She said no, absolutely not. In fact, we will be able to provide more service. We have the opportunity to do even better with hospitalizations.

In response to Mr. Miller's question, Ms. Huie-Pascua said it's like our own budget. For example: We anticipate we're going to expect so much in hospital costs this year, so I'm going to estimate how much that will cost. Then I set aside the amount, but just to be safe I'm going to set aside an additional 15% to 20%. That's what GCBH has done. If we don't use all of that and do a great job, those dollars that have been set aside are going to be called an increase in savings that will come back to us in this community to develop our system. She said the improvements have included: increase in crisis beds, better case management services, and a better job being done by Crisis Response to address the issues at the time they occur.

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Substance Abuse and Prevention Services: The Board read the update on Exhibit 7.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Troy Woody and Sharon Paradis.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of vouchers for County Road Fund for \$182,375.73; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$56,037.92; Solid Waste Fund for \$7224.05; and Solid Waste Fund – Litter for \$163.55. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 8) Mr. Fife said the County Road Fund vouchers include payments of STP funds to Kahlotus, Mesa, Connell and the Port of Pasco.

Award of Bid: One New Water Tanker

Mr. Fife asked for approval to award the bid at the actual total cost of \$37,188.47 which includes the sales tax.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that we award the bid for one new water tanker in the amount of \$37,108.47 including sales tax and that is the low bid of Puget Sound Truck. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 9)

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (JJC)

JJC Director Sharon Paradis met with the Board. Present in audience: Troy Woody.

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Grant Application (JDAI)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation provided money in the state of Washington several years ago but the JJC did not participate at that time. King, Pierce, Whatcom, Spokane and Yakima Counties have had good success with the program in general. They all have very unique programs, very locally configured, where they have reduced detention populations and have an impact on community safety but still hold them accountable. The funding supports the infrastructure to analyze the circumstances and develop the data so we really understand what we've got. It looks at not only detention but efficiencies of the system, cost savings and ways to improve, particularly with low-

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risk kids and low-risk offenders, to try to develop better alternatives that increase our impact with the kids but also impact our community safety.

Our plan is to send various groups to some trainings to other sites that are successful to develop our data and to increase some staffing. She plans to increase a receptionist to full-time and make a half-time Detention security position full-time so clerical work can be handled by others to allow Terry Tanneberg to attend the trainings. That is a \$45,000 increase.

Mrs. Corkrum asked what will happen once the data is gathered. Ms. Paradis said there are several different things we'll do so we'll understand who the kids are in detention and whether we can better utilize our work crew program. Mark Hammer is an exceptional leader. He has the ability to develop and work programs like very few people I know. What we want to do with our work crew program is to do a restorative justice concept, which is to help kids understand when they've committed a crime that they have not just harmed a single individual or business but that they've harmed the community and address that so we can improve how they feel about the community and their sense of responsibility to the community through a community service kind of concept. We're actually involving the kids with volunteers and volunteer programs more than just a work group program. We would make some significant changes in the kinds of work these people do.

We also want to look at potentially using the unused portion of the detention facility to use as a day school reporting facility. It could be coupled with other kinds of skill building programs.

State funding: We will see an increase of about \$50,000 next year for Becca allocation. There will be an increase in consolidated juvenile services (CJS) but the amount is unknown. We will see an increase in funding to increase the number of kids that we serve in evidence-based programs such as functional family therapy. The guardian ad litem program will increase. It is funds to specifically provide staff to support volunteers, expected to be one to one and a half staff people. Ms. Paradis

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anticipates a budget supplement but would like to do it all at once after the figures are known.

Within the next two weeks, a Memorandum of Understanding with AmeriCorps will be prepared. It will cost about \$8000 for Department 173, Fee for Service. We think that's a pretty good bang for our buck. AmeriCorps is a national volunteer organization that is designed to take some public money to fund volunteers. Volunteers are paid a stipend to gain experience in certain kinds of programs but also provide a service to the community. They do all sorts of work. They do a lot of repair and building kinds of things. We'd like to try it because if it works out it could be very valuable, particularly for the truancy program.

Ms. Paradis answered Mrs. Corkrum's questions about how the kitchen is functioning.

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move that the chairman of the Board of Benton County Commissioners and the Chairman of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners be hereby authorized to sign the grant application with the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Juvenile Justice, to provide Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. This is Resolution 2007-357. 2:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 10: Information sheet.)

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

City Signage Request

Mr. Woody plans to send a letter to the City of Pasco asking for approval to place signs on Road 68 to advertise events at TRAC. Mr. Woody has prepared a policy as a request for exemption to allow off-premise signs for the TRAC Center.

Budget / Re-Forecast for 2007 budget

Mr. Woody plans to have the TRAC Advisory Committee review the re-forecast of the 2007 budget at their meeting tomorrow night.

Arena Signage

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Mr. Woody said we need to start marketing the arena signage. He showed the Board a picture of a typical sign that would be used. Banners would also be used. The large backlit signs would cost \$2500 apiece. The small ones would cost \$1000 apiece. If all the signs and banners are sold, there would be about \$26,000 worth of advertising. Other options for selling signs include doorways and front doors, as well as naming the arena. Two vinyl banners will be prepared for beneath the announcer booth windows for Ranch and Home and Basin Disposal, Inc. (BDI), who have faithfully sponsored many events.

TRAC salaries

TRAC is going to do a complete survey for job salaries with wage sets that are similar to TRAC's. It will be a comparison with other like comparables for other event centers rather than with other county employees. The TRAC jobs are not comparable with other county positions. Mr. Woody feels the HayGroup study does not compare apples to apples for TRAC employees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Final Approval Short Plat SP 2007-12, Tom Maulden

Motion – Mr. Miller: I move for the final approval for Short Plat 2007-12 for Tom Maulden. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 2:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2007-358.

Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until July 18, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman

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Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed July 23, 2007.