

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for October 6, 2010

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Bob Koch, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl, Toni Fulton and Dana Crutchfield.

Vouchers

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of vouchers for County Road Fund for \$402,193.59, Motor Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Fund for \$119,475.05, and Solid Waste for \$23,022.97, in the bottom line of \$544,691.61. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

County Roads Safety Program

The state is administering safety program funds. Franklin County may apply for \$500,000 for safety projects related to run-off-roadway projects and \$275,000 for intersection safety projects. The funds can be switched between the projects if good reasons are shown and approved.

Mr. Fife reviewed the qualifying types of safety projects. Mr. Peck asked whether reflectors at Argent Road and Road 84 would qualify. Mr. Fife said yes, they may qualify. Mr. Fife answered Mr. Peck's question about sight distance in Franklin County compared to areas of Washington state with more trees. Mr. Peck asked if the projects could include re-striping areas for no passing zones. Mr. Fife said yes, the projects could supplement what would normally be there, such as painting an 8" instead of a 4" fog line. The projects are supposed to be low cost and maintain consistency on a corridor. He said we hope to use the funds on the routes that have the most risk. Mr. Peck asked if the determination of most risk is based on an assessment or accident history or both. Mr. Fife said both.

On maps, Mr. Fife pointed out areas where accidents have occurred. The accident history for Franklin County is .99 per million miles driven. The state average is over 2.0 per million miles driven.

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Mr. Peck asked if the funding could be used for the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway (PK Highway). Mr. Fife said the PK Highway project is set to go to bid this fall using other funds.

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Fife to keep in mind highlighting entry/exit points in some way at the new migrant housing near Ringold on R-170. He also said data should distinguish between various causes of accidents.

Mr. Fife said he is asking for Board guidance today and will then distinguish projects in more detail. The last safety program did not have enough money to complete all the projects. The list that was used then needs to be prioritized and reviewed.

Mr. Fife mentioned that a lot of run-off-roadway instances occurred in the wintertime when the conditions were slick.

A map showing intersections was also reviewed.

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Fife to look at the whole picture and come back with a list of recommendations. Mr. Fife suggested using a weighted average that includes areas with the most traffic. He would like to work down the existing list and come back to the Board with a list of projects. Mr. Koch agreed.

Mr. Fife explained how roads were chosen. The amount of traffic is one factor.

Mr. Peck said he does not think you should let traffic volume override severity. It's a judgment call. He would rather spend the money on significant dangers on less-frequently-traveled roads where someone might actually lose a life as opposed to making less significant enhancements. He realizes the potential for an incident may be greater on higher traveled roads. Mr. Fife thinks we've already taken care of most of those areas. Mr. Peck said it's the word "most" that concerns me. Mr. Fife said deer and weather can be factors.

Mr. Fife asked for approval to follow the subject and make sure there no major obvious problems on lesser-traveled roads that are missed. Mr. Koch said I can agree with that. Mr. Peck said I don't think I said "major." I said ones that had potential for serious injury.

Mr. Miller said do the best you can by looking at the numbers you have and do upgrades.

Mr. Peck said I would rather prevent one fatality than three minor injuries. Mr. Fife said the intent of the program is to reduce fatalities. Mr. Peck said excellent.

R170 Update: Mr. Fife gave an update on the R170 road project.

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OFFICE BUSINESS (9:26 am)

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl and Dana Crutchfield.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda for October 6, 2010, with the 12 items included. Second by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Peck asked if the other commissioners are prepared to approve item #12. Mr. Koch believes the content is what we had asked for. Mr. Miller had reviewed it and felt the review by other staff members was sufficient for his approval. Mr. Peck said "legally sufficient" and "in the best interests of the county" can be different things. After further extensive discussion, the following amendment was made:

Amendment to Motion – Mr. Koch: I would amend the motion and we're pulling item #12 with an answer expected back by next week. Second by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Bowen will get the contract to Benton County for their expected signature on Monday, October 11. He will ask that the wording be changed and initialed prior to Franklin County taking action. 3:0 vote in favor, approving items 1 through 11 of the consent agenda, pulling item 12.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-288 increasing amount paid to Board of Equalization members from \$50 to \$75 per day effective September 1, 2010.
2. Approval of Resolution 2010-289 in the matter of approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Personal Services Contract with Leh Appraisal for CRP 593-Road 100/Dent Road Extension.
3. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-290 in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Information Technology Primary Purchase Agreement (ITPPA) Number IAA05851 Purchase Reimbursement Agreement (PRA) Number PRA11001 between the Juvenile Justice Center and the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts.
4. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-291 authorizing purchases of public safety communication equipment off of the State Contract No. 02702 for the Benton-Franklin Counties' Juvenile Justice Center and authorizing the Administrator for the Benton-

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Franklin Counties' Juvenile Justice Center to sign Purchase Agreements for public safety communication equipment off of the Washington State Contract No. 02702.

5. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-292 in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Radio Services Agreement between the Juvenile Justice Center and Benton County Emergency Services (BCES).
6. Approval of Resolution 2010-293 authorizing disposal of a Rigid Store and Go Shop Vacuum and two (2) Windsor vacuum cleaners, identified on the *Franklin County Storage-Salvage* forms received from the Facilities Department, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
7. Approval of Resolution 2010-294 authorizing disposal of a Cub Cadet riding mower and a Toro walk-behind mower, identified on the *Franklin County Storage-Salvage* forms received from the Facilities Department, in conjunction with RCW 36.32.210 (inventory).
8. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-295 appointing Cameron Fordmeir as a County-Designated Mental Health Professional (CDMHP) and limiting appointments of CDMHPs to the period during which they are employed by the Crisis Response Unit of Benton and Franklin Counties.
9. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-296 in the matter of Agreement #10/11-PREV-SHCN-00 between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services and Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery.
10. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$69,366.06 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$11,405.33 for pay period ending 9/30/2010.
11. Approval of Resolution 2010-297 authorizing payment of Franklin County's portion of an invoice accrued by The Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting LLC for professional consulting services.

(Clerk's Note: Item 12 was removed from the consent agenda.)
12. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-____ in the matter of execution of an Architectural Design Agreement between Ron Wright & Associates/Architects, P.S. and Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services.

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Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we accept vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer for the amount of Salary Clearing payroll \$702,949.73, Emergency Management payroll \$14,415.72, and for Irrigation payroll \$14,915.54. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing Payroll warrants 51809 through 51904 for \$175,399.67; warrants 51805 through 51916 for \$220,076.27; and Direct Deposit for \$307,473.79; for a total amount of \$702,949.73;

Emergency Management Payroll warrants 38794 through 38803 for \$3247.32; warrants 38828 through 38837 for \$4245.47; and Direct Deposit for \$6922.93; for a total amount of \$14,415.72; and

Irrigation Payroll warrants 39061 through 39078 for \$9932.53; and warrants 39079 through 39086 for \$4983.01; for a total amount of \$14,915.54. (Exhibit 2)

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to approve vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer for fund expenditures in the total amount of \$214,490.94. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 39595 through 39619 for \$76,456.61; Current Expense warrants 39620 through 39681 for \$103,896.68; Current Expense warrants 39682 through 39684 for \$6,984.54; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 39685 through 39689 for \$1,249.80; Boating Safety Fund warrant 39690 for \$2,977.11; Sheriff's Narcotic Trust warrant 39691 for \$125.00; DUI Recovery Fund warrant 39692 for \$64.65; Jail Commissary warrants 39693 through 39697 for \$5,275.12; Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 39698 for \$2,837.76; Veteran's Assistance warrant 39699 for \$923.41; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 39700 through 39716 for \$9,990.09; Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 39717 for \$2,222.40; Auditor O & M warrants 39718 and 39719 for \$176.34; and Current Expense warrants 39720 through 39722 for \$1,311.43. (Exhibit 3)

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OTHER BUSINESS (9:51 am)

Dog Control

Dana Crutchfield described some incidents regarding dog attacks and expressed concern about it as an issue of public safety. She asked that the county adopt something that would parallel what the City of Pasco has in place for dog control in the Riverview area of the county. She believes the county could contract for the work. Mr. Peck said for us the challenge is how to do dog control in a cost-effective way, providing protection for public safety as well as balancing that with the costs involved. Mr. Peck and Mr. Koch thanked Mrs. Crutchfield for coming in.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (10:04 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen and Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Travel Request: WACCC Conference

Mr. Bowen requested approval for out-of-county travel for Ms. Fulton to attend the WACCC Conference. Mr. Koch said he agrees with the request, that it will be beneficial to our office.

The Board discussed in detail the source of the travel funds required. Mr. Peck said in good conscience he cannot send three commissioners to the same conference so he is not going to attend. Funds from his travel line item could be used for Ms. Fulton's costs.

Mr. Koch said he would rather not see the money transferred from one line item to another so that we will know what adjustments should be made in future years.

After extensive discussion, the Board decided to approve the request for travel and approve a transfer.

Text Change: Sign Code Ordinance Workshop

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board would be willing to have a sign code ordinance workshop next Wednesday. The Board **gave approval** to put it on the agenda.

Other Business

Rosie H. Rumsey joined the meeting.

Executive Session at 10:20 am based on RCW 42.30.140(4) for union negotiations expected to last 30 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the meeting.

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Executive Session continued at 10:52 am expected to last an additional 15 minutes. No one was waiting outside the meeting room.

Open Session at 11:08 am.

Adjourned at 11:08 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 13, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brad Peck, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed October 20, 2010.