

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for October 27, 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.

**AUDITOR**

Elections Supervisor Diana Killian and Auditor's Administrative Assistant Sue Boothe met with the Board. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Ed Thornbrugh and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

PUBLIC HEARING: To take testimony for and against increasing the revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2010 Miscellaneous Elections Equipment Revolving Fund, Number 104-000-001, by \$37,069 as provided for by RCW 36.40.100, for grant funds received from the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division

Public Hearing convened at 9:00 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Elections Supervisor Diana Killian; Auditor's Administrative Assistant Sue Boothe; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Ed Thornbrugh and Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Peck asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment for or against the proposal. There was no response.

Mr. Koch asked what the funds are earmarked for. Ms. Killian said for security at the Annex, security for the front doors to have a public entry and also a secure staff entry, secure cabinets, computer cabinet cards to enable locking CPUs, and some furniture. Mr. Miller said that was his question also.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move we increase the revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2010 Election Equipment Revolving Fund #104-000-001 by \$37,069. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-324.

**HUMAN SERVICES (HS) (9:06 am)**

HS Director Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Earl Nettnin and Kristi Pihl.

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Department Update

Mr. Thornbrugh gave a department update regarding the Human Services administrative office, developmental disabilities services, mental health services, substance abuse, and housing. Bridges to Hope is a new program for senior citizens.

Mr. Thornbrugh told the Board about a request for information that is being handled by the Regional Support Network (RSN). The State of Washington is responding to the Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) request for a procedure to screen out excluded providers. Mr. Koch, Mr. Peck and Mr. Miller each commented on the request for their personal information.

Mr. Peck asked Mr. Thornbrugh to provide in writing what the OIG is requiring of the RSN so we can know whether our disagreement is with the RSN or with the OIG. He said if it's in law and a legal requirement to do it, we will do it rather than let the county suffer.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT (9:27 am)**

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board.

Public Meeting: Zone Change ZC 2010-04 – an application to rezone approximately 8 acres from Agricultural Production 20 (AP-20) to Rural Community 1 (RC-1). The land is located within the Columbia River West Rural Shoreline Development Area near the intersection of Fanning Road and McDonald Drive in Franklin County. The property is south of Fanning Road along the east side of McDonald Drive.

Public Meeting convened at 9:30 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Earl Nettin, Kristi Pihl and Mike Braun.

Mr. MacPherson showed maps and drawings and an aerial photograph on the screen.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move to grant approval of Zone Change application ZC 2010-04 subject to the five findings of fact. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Ordinance 8-2010. (Exhibit 1)

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD (9:35 am)**

Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator Mike Braun met with the Board. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Earl Nettin and Kristi Pihl.

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2011 Noxious Weed Control Budget

Mr. Braun reviewed the 2011 Noxious Weed Control Board budget with the Board and answered questions.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (9:42 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Earl Nettnin and Kristi Pihl.

Request from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for use of indigent funds

DAV has requested approval to use Veterans funds from the county to purchase a van to transport veterans. Mr. Peck said his review shows the funds are not allowed to be used for this purpose. Mr. Koch agreed. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Bowen to notify the people making the request of the Board decision.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the consent agenda with two items on the list. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-325, payment of Progressive Halcyon Insurance Company subrogation Claim for Damages.
2. Approval of Resolution 2010-326 payment of Franklin County's portion of an invoice accrued by the Landfill Group to Aspect Consulting LLC for professional consultation services.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll warrants 52048 through 52144 for \$175,447.96; warrants 52145 through 52156 for \$219,071.22; and Direct Deposit for \$305,684.37; for a total amount of \$700,203.55; Emergency Management payroll warrants 40861 through 40870 for \$3248.49; warrants 41018 through 41027 for \$4247.42; and Direct Deposit for \$6921.76; for a total amount of \$14,417.67; and Irrigation payroll warrants 41028 through 41041 for \$8920.86; and warrants 41042 through 41049 for \$4850.52; for a total amount of \$13,771.38. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

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**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve vouchers that are audited and certified by the auditing officer as of 10/27/2010 in the funds listed. The total amount is \$331,574.78. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 40703 through 40720 for \$69,516.94; Current Expense warrants 40721 through 40781 for \$65,215.51; Auditor O & M warrants 40782 and 40783 for \$618.32; Crime Victims/Witness Assist warrants 40784 and 40785 for \$2,829.62; Enhanced 911 warrant 40786 through 40788 for \$121,373.50; Solid Waste warrant 40789 for \$340.98; Current Expense warrant 40861 through 40994 for \$7,602.03; Enhanced 911 warrant 40995 for \$349.44; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 40996 through 41016 for \$13,728.44; and RV Park warrant 41017 for \$50,000.00. (Exhibit 3)

**PUBLIC WORKS** (9:53 am)

County Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Doug Conner, Richard Burk, Earl Nettnin and Kristi Pihl.

**Juniper Dunes**

A preliminary Scope of Work was reviewed regarding a road that would lead to Juniper Dunes. Mr. Fife answered the Board's questions. The Board members each feel the priority is to get access all the way to Juniper Dunes Wilderness. A secondary consideration is whether the road is paved or graveled. Once completed, the final Scope of Work will be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management.

Mr. Koch asked Mr. Fife to send a courtesy copy with thanks for their support to Congressman Doc Hastings' office.

Mr. Peck asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment. Doug Conner said we have been really encouraging you through all these years. Rick Burk also commented. Mr. Burk said there is another funding source that may be able to support some of the road building, although there is currently no money available in the NOVA fund for another two years.

Mr. Koch asked about the parking area. Mr. Fife said the current proposal would be for two miles of road onto the BLM ground. The parking area is actually located on BLM ground four miles in from the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway.

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The Board had **consensus approval** to allow people to submit comments until Monday and then submit the paperwork.

Voucher

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of vouchers for County Road Fund in the amount of \$7,963.79. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

Purchase of Pasco Winter Sand and Connell Winter Sand

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the purchase of 2010 Connell winter sand and purchase at Connell Sand and Gravel at a cost of \$7 a ton for 1000 tons and the total cost is \$7000. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the purchase of 2010 Pasco winter sand with American Rock Products for 1000 tons at \$9.60 a ton for a total of \$9600. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board. Present in audience: Richard Burk, Doug Conner, Earl Nettnin and Kristi Pihl.

Emergency Capital Project Needs

Mr. Woody requested approval of capital project purchases for fire panel, banquet tables and ice machine totaling \$45,500. He answered the Board's questions. Mr. Bowen said the money would come from the .09 distressed county fund. Tax cost would be added. Mr. Woody said the old tables would be discarded. They have no market value. An RFP will be used for purchasing the tables.

Mr. Koch feels the purchases are necessary. Mr. Miller thinks it might be a wise time to purchase the items, that there are necessary reasons. The tables aren't going to last a lot longer. He is also in agreement to get a new ice machine.

Mr. Peck asked will you try to buy all things locally? Mr. Woody said yes. Mr. Peck asked what if the best price is in Seattle? Mr. Woody said then we will buy from Seattle.

Mr. Peck said you've got your approval. Mr. Peck said he doesn't disagree. He would like to see the condition of the tables for himself.

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Mr. Bowen recommended adding tax to the total amount approved, just under \$50,000.

Mr. Peck summarized that the **Board approval** is to spend .09 distressed county funds up to, not to exceed, \$50,000 total for the items listed including a new ice machine.

East Foster Wells Road Extension

Mr. Koch showed the Board a paper regarding East Foster Wells Road that he received from Rick Door with J-U-B Engineers at a meeting this week. (Exhibit 7)

WSU Extension

Mr. Miller has been on the committee to hire a WSU agronomist. The person will be stationed in the Tri-Cities but the position will be shared by Grant, Adams, Benton and Franklin Counties. Mr. Peck asked how it affects the county's contribution. The county will be paying the same amount but the person will be covering a much larger area. Mr. Peck asked if WSU would be willing to give us a revised summary of the positional duties and the cost so we can get a better sense of what we are using Franklin County taxpayer dollars to support. Mr. Miller is sure it won't cost the county more. Mr. Peck wants to have a clear picture. He doesn't doubt WSU will be fair. Mr. Koch agreed we needed a recap.

**Adjourned** at 10:40 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 3, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Brad Peck, Chairman

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Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

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Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed November 8, 2010.