

MINUTES

BOARDS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Bi-County Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Commissioners Conference Room, 2nd Floor
7122 W. Okanogan Place, Bldg. A
Kennewick, WA 99336

Benton County

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Jerome Delvin
Commissioner Shon Small
County Administrator David Sparks
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Commissioner James Beaver

Employees Present: Finance Manager Keith Mercer; Jennifer Bowe and Darryl Banks, Juvenile; Superior Court Judge Cameron Mitchell; Ed Thornbrugh, Linda Ivey, and Tracy Diaz, Human Services.

Franklin County

Present: Chairman Bob Koch
Commissioner Rick Miller
County Administrator Fred Bowen

Absent: Commissioner Brad Peck

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Miller moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “m”. Commissioner Koch seconded.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “m”. Commissioner Delvin seconded.

Upon vote, the Boards approved the following:

Human Services

- a. Amended Agreement w/Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

- b. Agreement w/Educational Service District 123 for Substance Abuse Treatment
- c. Agreement w/Franklin Community Action Committee for Emergency Solution Grant Services
- d. Agreement w/Gary & Cathleen Somdahl dba Somerset Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
- e. Agreement w/Domestic Violence Services for Services Through Homeless Grant
- f. Agreement w/Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health for Substance Abuse Treatment
- g. Agreement w/Therapeutic Innovations & Recovery for Services Through Homeless Grant
- h. Agreement w/Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for Substance Abuse Treatment
- i. Agreement w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
- j. Agreement w/First Steps Community Counseling Services for Substance Abuse Treatment

Juvenile

- k. Contract Amendment w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Services for Process & Delivery Services
- l. Amended Interagency Agreement w/Administrative Office of the Courts
- m. Contract w/Coffey Refrigeration for Purchase/Installation of Water Softener

Discussion – Juvenile Phone Upgrade

Darryl Banks said he was notified by Benton County the first week of February there would be some fiscal responsibility for the phone system. He said they were not aware of the upgrade and did not budget for it, so there was the question of how to pay for Franklin County's portion (\$62,480.09).

Commissioner Koch said they were not aware of this and did not like the idea of someone spending their money for them.

Commissioner Delvin said that Benton County administered the personnel and the facilities were in Benton County. He said some employees were joint county employees and some were not. When Benton County decided to upgrade the phone system, Juvenile was included. He indicated the bigger issue was when maintenance things were completed he didn't know if it was shared. He said he was interested in having that building replaced but didn't know how to move forward with upgrading that building if two counties could not come to an understanding how it would be paid for and to equitably split it. He asked if they should wait for the judges to tell them something needed to be done or whether to tell the county administrators to do it. He also suggested options of Benton County taking over the building and leasing it back to Franklin County or contracting the services.

Commissioner Miller said part of the problem was it appeared that Franklin County did not have any say in the matter, especially the phone system. He asked how the construction was done before.

David Sparks said the original remodel was done with general obligation bonds from both counties and then in 1996 the voted 1/10 jail tax and detention remodel was done with that sales tax specific to detention (with no sunset).

Commissioner Delvin asked about coming up with a plan. Judge Cameron Mitchell said it was always the Court's position to create a bi-county capital improvement plan so they could address these issues. Commissioner Small said he believed those discussions were started at some point. Judge Mitchell said that was his recollection as well but that it did not go anywhere.

Darryl Banks said the preliminary estimate to deal with the roof, hvac, carpeting, bathroom remodel and courtroom remodeling was \$700,000.

Commissioner Miller said he agreed the Juvenile building needed some renovation.

Commissioner Delvin said if it continued to be a joint operation, then Benton County would not do anything until something was decided between the two counties; he said the other option was to have one county run it and then rent jail space or contract but agreed something should be in place to address the issues.

Commissioner Koch said that number was preliminary and they should come up with some definite figures and see if the counties needed to bond the issue.

Fred Bowen said that Facilities was under the direction of County Commissioners and suggested the Boards give direction to move forward with an RFQ for an architect and do a complete feasibility study and assessment of the building and come back with a price so they knew what the project would take and what it would cost. Judge Mitchell said he would agree.

Commissioner Koch said the direction suggested by Mr. Bowen would be good to see what was needed and he also agreed the building needed some help.

Commissioner Delvin said the two county administrators should work with Mr. Banks on the RFQ; he said once a plan was place he wanted to go to the state and ask for some help in the state capital budget because he believed it could be argued that money was needed for this area and he was willing to work on that.

Mr. Sparks said the process for an RFQ would be to advertise, wait for architects to respond, interview, and put together a contract. Once an architect was hired, they would put together a focus group to meet with everyone to find out the needs.

Both Franklin County and Benton County agreed to move forward with that process.

Commissioner Miller asked how the phone system project was divided. Mr. Sparks stated the whole project was \$1.5 million. He said if they worked on a six year bi-county capital plan, they could tell them where they wanted to go and how it fit together as far as electronics; he suggested they do that along with the A & E study. He said the prior phone system was under lease and they were going to lose the phones so they had to move forward with a new system.

Commissioner Koch said that Franklin County would have to discuss this phone system as a Board and asked for background on the phone system. Mr. Mercer indicated he would provide that backup information.

Resolutions

BC # 2014-177 & FC # 2014-098:

Amended Agreement w/Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

BC # 2014-178 & FC # 2014-099:

Agreement w/Educational Service District 123 for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-179 & FC # 2014-100:

Agreement w/Franklin Community Action Committee for Emergency Solution Grant Services

BC # 2014-180 & FC # 2014-101:

Agreement w/Gary & Cathleen Somdahl dba Somerset Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-181 & FC # 2014-102:

Agreement w/Domestic Violence Services for Services Through Homeless Grant

BC # 2014-182 & FC # 2014-103:

Agreement w/Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-183 & FC # 2014-104

Agreement w/Therapeutic Innovations & Recovery for Services Through Homeless Grant

BC # 2014-184 & FC # 2014-105

Agreement w/Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-185 & FC # 2014-106

Agreement w/Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-186 & FC # 2014-107

Agreement w/First Steps Community Counseling Services for Substance Abuse Treatment

BC # 2014-187 & FC # 2014-108

Contract Amendment w/Inter-City Legal Processing & Messenger Services for Process & Delivery Services

BC # 2014-188 & FC # 2014-109

Amended Interagency Agreement w/Administrative Office of the Courts

BC # 2014-189 & FC # 2014-110

Contract w/Coffey Refrigeration for Purchase/Installation of Water Softener

There being no further business before the Boards, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman