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The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Frank H. Brock, Chairman; Neva J. Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem; Bob Koch, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Koch: I so move the approval of the Consent Agenda for June 8, 2005, as presented:

- 1. Approval of **Resolution 2005-235** amending Franklin County Resolution 2004-373 for the issuance of liquor permits in Chiawana and Wade Park during special events. (Exhibit 1)
- 2. Approval of **Resolution 2005-236** amending Franklin County Resolution 2005-171, adjusting the total expenditure to \$10,591.74 for the Maintenance Agreement between Identix Incorporated and Franklin County, for the Corrections finger printer and associated equipment service contract. (Exhibit 2)

Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of payment of Current Expense warrant 45567 for \$26,550.00. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Board of Equalization appointment

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Koch: I nominate Linda Mays. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2005-237. (Exhibit 4)

TRAC

TRAC Manager Troy Woody met with the Board.

Event Update

Recent events at TRAC were: Old Furniture Warehouse, TCAHA, Fork Lift Rodeo, Sue Miller 50th Anniversary Party, and Tejano Dance.

Upcoming events were listed for June through July.

Bottom Line Budget

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Mr. Woody and Mr. Bowen asked for approval to change the TRAC budget from a line item budget to a bottom line budget except for salary line items and capital outlay line items. The current line item budget is cumbersome. This year, there are no capital outlay funds in the budget. Capital outlay purchases would be approved by resolution. A public hearing is not necessary because the bottom line of the budget will not be changed.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would so move that we would change it from a line item to a bottom line budget with the exception of the salary line items and capital expense line items. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

Year-End Forecast

Mr. Woody gave the Board a year-end forecast. He will be preparing this every month. It will be a monthly revision of what we are now forecasting for the balance of the year in revenues plus historical actual figures. We'll also have a complete expense forecast that will tie to it. These reports will give us a look at profit expectations.

Auditor Zona Lenhart joined the audience.

This is the first forecast the staff has attempted. It is a conservative forecast. Mr. Woody said it is fairly realistic. He identified three kinds of bookings: definites (meaning we have a signed contract); tentatives (people that we're negotiating with that we think will happen); and blue sky (meaning we're hoping there will be a booking).

TRAC has not historically tracked short-term business. Now, TRAC is starting to track short-term business.

Mr. Bowen asked if the county and city subsidy is plugged into the figures for the revenue forecast. Mr. Woody said no. Mr. Bowen said just for information, the subsidies were included in the revenue projection for the 2005 budget. Mr. Woody asked if the subsidies are considered revenue but they're really expense reimbursements. The Board said yes. Mr. Bowen is not asking Mr. Woody to add the subsidy but is explaining it. Mr. Brock said the subsidy is not a hard number but we hope it's a shrinking thing. Mrs. Corkrum said the county has to show the subsidy in its budget. If it isn't used, that's all the better.

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Mr. Brock said we had planned and still plan to pick up whatever subsidy we have to pay with revenues from the RV Park. Mrs. Corkrum said we hope the RV Park will be self-sufficient enough so that can be the source of the subsidy.

Mr. Woody will add the subsidy to the bottom of the form but keep it separate from the revenue forecast.

Mrs. Corkrum thanked Mr. Woody for telling her that it costs \$2500 per day just to open the doors of TRAC.

Rate Negotiations

Mr. Woody explained how some places similar to TRAC can use tourism promotion funds using an agency called the TPA. The Board reviewed some information he gave them. He gave an example: If you're going to give someone \$10, you have to show they have given you at least that much value back. He said at a previous job, we set up a set of guidelines through our legal counsel that allowed us to have a set of rules which we do for how we give out that money, as well as a list of variances. He explained some of the variances and how it is still a benefit to use public moneys for some users of a facility. Mr. Woody said the Convention Center in Kennewick can be more flexible than TRAC because it is run by Compass Facility Management rather than the county or city. Mr. Woody will work with Mr. Bowen and the Prosecutor's Office to prepare a draft proposal for the Board to review.

Capital Expenditure - Computer

Mr. Woody asked for approval to purchase a new computer for his use that will have the capability to run the Event Management System software. The exact dollar amount is not yet known but is expected to be about \$1300. Mr. Woody said the software is a good system. Some additional training may be required for TRAC staff.

The Board gave **consensus approval** to purchase the computer. Mr. Woody said the funds will come from the same line item as the previous computer approved recently. A resolution will be prepared for the consent agenda when the figure is known.

Management Question

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Mr. Woody said TRAC has rented a street sweeper for \$2500 three times this year that he knows of. He was told by TRAC staff that the Board wanted to rent the sweeper rather than doing it another way. Mr. Brock said we did direct it because on a horse show there is so much manure that it wasn't getting cleaned up. Mrs. Corkrum said she is thinking of guests in AmeriSuites, too.

Mr. Woody asked if I can solve the problem and can make it happen in another way, is that okay? The Board said that's fine. Mrs. Corkrum said we're not going to circumvent your management.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks the draping could be more extensive sometimes to be more attractive.

Storage at TRAC

Mr. Bowen said in the past, TRAC staff has told the Board that the area underneath the bleachers could not be used for storage. City of Pasco Building Inspector Mitch Nickolds told Mr. Woody that it can be used for storage.

Mr. Woody said cleanliness is a huge issue. One of the biggest challenges at TRAC is storage.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Auditor Zona Lenhart.

Notice to Contractors: CRP 583/Garfield

Mr. Fife said the Public Works Department is ready to go to bid for paving almost two miles of Garfield Road, ending just past Hooper Road.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that we receive sealed bids in the Franklin County Commissioners Office on Wednesday, June 29, until 9:45 a.m. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 5)

This is a contract to do just the grading and rock work. The county will do the BST or surfacing. The engineer's estimate for this portion of the project is \$287,000.

Resolution: Amendment to IAC Project Agreement

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Mr. Fife asked for approval of an amendment to the IAC Project Agreement. This will finalize the Erwen Trust Park acquisition project.

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval. This is Resolution 2005-238. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 6)

Mr. Fife said this provides the legal descriptions for the two parcels we bought there, one of which had a house located on it which has been moved. It was a park project rather than the boat launch project. That will close the project out.

East Franklin County Spray Program

Mr. Fife said there is more spray damage in east Franklin County, similar to last year's damage. This year the spray damage is showing up before we sprayed the road. Mr. Fife thinks someone else must be spraying because the county has not sprayed in these locations. Photographs were reviewed.

AUDITOR

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board.

Auditor's O&M Fund

Ms. Lenhart gave the Board the Auditor's O&M Budget – 2005 document. The first page is the budget. The second page is a signature page signed by all of the committee members except the Treasurer, who was absent. There is also a section explaining each project, how much money it will cost, the purpose of the project, and whether or not it is ongoing. Ms. Lenhart said we want to submit this as approval for the projects that the committee has met on.

Ms. Lenhart said she does not object to providing this information. It makes it a public record as to how we're proceeding. It will give us a record from year to year as to what is being accomplished.

In response to Mrs. Corkrum's question, Ms. Lenhart said the auditors in the state tried to get a \$3 increase in fees. One legislator wanted to set aside \$1 of the \$3 for preservation of county commissioner documents. The legislation passed so the commissioners are going to get \$1 of the total \$3 fee, which is not included in the \$17,000 listed on the Auditor's O&M Budget document. The enactive date is sometime

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in July. The commissioners will be receiving about \$8500 to use for historical document preservation. Mrs. Corkrum asked if that could be used to scan our minutes.

Ms. Lenhart said yes. It could be used for anything regarding preservation. We could purchase a computer for use in scanning of the documents. She said we need to talk together and establish our goals for what we want to do for commissioner records. If e-commerce and e-recording are used, those items would involve a web site that people can access, which might be ideal. At least there's a source of funds that we can dedicate to the commissioners' records.

Ms. Lenhart said we had a separate revenue source from fees collected related to low income housing that we were using for departments that are not permanent. She thinks that has been taken away from auditors and given to commissioners as well.

Ms. Lenhart said there is no rush to approve the Auditor's O&M Budget -2005 because she will not be spending money until July.

Ms. Lenhart asked for approval to pay \$2300 now for desk scanners in the Clerk's office listed as a project on the budget. They have been purchased. The Clerk's Office has had the scanners for two to three months.

Motion - Mr. Koch: So moved. Second by Mr. Brock. 3:0 vote in favor.

In response to Mr. Koch's question, Ms. Lenhart said the Contingency figure of \$27,500 is undesignated funds.

Mr. Koch expressed appreciation for this information.

Ms. Lenhart said a public hearing for the budget is not necessary. She will talk more formally about this if you have any questions. When you finally adopt this budget, we're going to change it to look like this so on the budget when things are expended, you'll see it coming out of these line items.

Recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

PROSECUTOR

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp, Prosecutor's Office Legal Secretary Deborah Ford and Attorney Chris Mertens met with the Board.

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Mr. Verhulp requested an executive session to discussion potential litigation, one matter with Mr. Mertens present, followed by three matters with the Board.

Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. for potential litigation expected to last 30 minutes.

Mr. Mertens left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Open Session at 10:51 a.m.

Denial of Claim

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move that we deny the claim for Dane Ratsch for damages for \$250,000. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Open Space Application Fee

Mr. Verhulp gave the Board a written legal opinion about the procedure to change the application fee for an open space application. He summarized the opinion verbally, saying he thinks it should be done by ordinance. The law does not say whether to do it by ordinance or resolution but he recommends doing it by ordinance because ordinances are more of a permanent action and this is a permanent setting of a fee at this particular point.

In terms of whether a public hearing is required, the statutes don't say a public hearing must be held for this type of action by the board. Mr. Verhulp said he thinks the only consideration is whether you think this is a controversial topic or whether you think this is a topic where citizen comment is necessary. I don't think you're obligated to have a public hearing. It would be at your discretion.

Mrs. Corkrum said she thinks an ordinance is proper. She doesn't think it is going to be controversial because we're not raising the fee very high, plus there won't be many applications. New applicants would know what the fee is prior anyway. She doesn't think we need to have a public hearing. What we would get is people panicking that it would apply to them who are already in the program. Mr. Koch agreed.

The Board asked that an ordinance be prepared for the consent agenda.

Armored Car Contract with Franklin County District Court

Mr. Verhulp submitted a formal request to the armored car company asking them to consider releasing the county from their contract. He has not had a response back.

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Technically the effect is we're stuck and will have to continue to pay. He said the Board members or Mr. Bowen can negotiate with the company without Mr. Verhulp being involved.

Voucher

<u>Motion</u> – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we approve the voucher for Ryan Verhulp to attend the Labor Relations Institute for mileage for one day to Yakima and lunch. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 8)

Employee

Mr. Verhulp expressed appreciation to Debbie Ford for her excellent work for the county.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson; Assistant Director Greg Wendt; and Shannon McDaniel of South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (SCBID).

Grand Old 4th

Mr. Bowen will be spending most of his time from June 27 through July 4 at TRAC to prepare and take care of the Grand Old 4th event.

Contract Signature Authorization

Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a resolution authorizing him to sign Grand Old 4th contracts. The Board had given consensus approval earlier.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Resolution 2005-239. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 9)

Invitations

Mr. Bowen showed the Board Grand Old 4th invitations that will be sent by Dan Blasdel as part of his work on the Grand Old 4th Committee. If the invitation is shown at the door, the person will come in for free as a guest.

Season Tickets

Mr. Bowen said his intent is since the county and city are financing this event, that county commissioners and city councilmen will be issued season tickets for you and

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a guest because I would expect that you would be willing to come out and make sure that the event is to your standards.

Mrs. Corkrum asked what a season ticket costs. It is \$12. Mrs. Corkrum is hesitant to accept the season ticket because we might be sponsoring it but we're sponsoring it with public funds. Mr. Bowen said you're also the manager of it.

The Board asked to use their TRAC passes rather than the season tickets.

City of Pasco request for impact fees

The City of Pasco is requesting that the county charge park and traffic impact fees for new homes that are being constructed in the urban growth boundary area of the county, then give the money to the City of Pasco. Mr. Bowen has spoken with the planners. He has a difference of opinion from the planners.

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson and Greg Wendt joined the meeting. Present in audience: Shannon McDaniel, Carol Miller and John Stormon.

Currently for any subdivisions prior to 2002, there are no impact fees during the time of construction on open lots that were approved prior to 2002. The city is requesting the impact fees be charged when an individual moves into the community and builds a new home rather than having a grandfather clause.

Mr. Brock asked how many lots were platted prior to 2002? Mr. MacPherson said there is a problem with the term "platted." Most of west Pasco is unplatted but in segregations or tracts.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if the city is saying whether it was platted or unplatted prior to that date, if they build a new house now, then the city wants to collect the fee?

Mr. Bowen said yes. The city's position is it impacts the system. Mrs. Corkrum asked if it has any bearing on the size of the lot. Mr. MacPherson said no, it does not. It applies to any single family home.

Mr. Bowen's position is he thinks that is a reasonable request by the city. There are impacts to the parks and traffic system regardless of when the date is. A new family in the area utilizes the parks and traffic system and should share in the costs. I think they

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should share equally in the expense. He thinks the county should change so when a building permit is issued, the owner pays the impact fee.

Mr. MacPherson said we don't disagree. Planners are always in favor of impact fees because it pays for infrastructure. He personally thinks the impact fee is needed. However, he doesn't think the county residents should pay the same impact fee as city residents when they don't have the opportunity to have the same amenities. We're supposed to plan for this urban area and everyone is supposed to be given the same opportunity, but really they are not, and you're asking them to pay the same fee. Mr. Wendt said if they had access to sewer and were complying with GMA, it might be a different situation.

Mrs. Corkrum asked what the impact fees are. Mr. MacPherson said the city and county have different impact fees. The city is asking us to impose the same fee as the city. The county currently does not have a traffic impact fee. We have a park impact fee of \$300 per lot per expected dwelling unit. The City of Pasco just increased their traffic impact fee to \$300. They want the county to collect it and pay it to the city for properties inside the urban growth boundaries.

Mr. MacPherson said he thinks Mr. Bowen, Mr. Wendt and he all agree the impact fee should be in place. We just disagree on what is a fair fee.

Mrs. Corkrum asked what the impact fee is for. Mr. MacPherson said the city collects \$300 per building permit for traffic impacts. He doesn't know what they collect for parks. The county collects \$300 for parks.

Mr. Brock asked that a draft proposal be prepared with ideas for fees.

Mrs. Corkrum asked is it permissible for the county to collect impact fees from county residents even though they're in the urban growth boundary and transfer that to the city? Mr. Wendt said we've been doing that with parks to an extent. Mrs. Corkrum said we do that on road funds also once it's annexed. Mr. MacPherson said maybe the funds can sit in a pool. Mr. Bowen said that's a legal question.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if we get any credit for the roads we've built out there that the city gets after they annex. She thinks there should be some negotiation.

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Mr. Bowen said if we have purchased bonds to build a road, if the city annexes that road, they would make sure those taxes remain in the county to pay for those bonds. They are not annexing areas and leaving us to pay for the debt. The funds or the debt would go with it after annexing.

Mr. Bowen said we will look into this further and then bring it back.

Mrs. Corkrum thinks \$300 for park and \$300 for traffic is prohibitive.

Mr. MacPherson said in other areas of the state the cost could be up to \$1500 per building permit. Mrs. Corkrum said in our urban growth area most of the roads are built. She asked what traffic impacts they are talking about. Mr. MacPherson said it would include traffic signals, widening, etc. Mr. MacPherson said developers such as WalMart pay a pretty good chunk of the costs.

Recessed at 11:16 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:23 a.m.

GWMA

East Columbia Basin Irrigation District letter

<u>Motion</u> – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we approve the chairman to sign a letter to East Columbia Basin Irrigation District regarding GWMA. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 10)

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move we approve the Commissioners Minutes for May 25, 2005, and June 1, 2005. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

DSHS

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move that we send a letter to our governor regarding the DSHS stance on nutritional supplements for Medicaid seniors. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 11)

GWMA

Public Hearing: Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) Petition

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Public Hearing convened at 11:30 a.m. Present: Commissioners Brock, Corkrum and Koch; John Stormon, Hydrogeologist with Water Quality Program for Department of Ecology; GWMA representatives Carol Miller, Paul Stoker, and Lynn Hall; Dennis Bly, Lincoln County Commissioner, Shannon McDaniel, Manager of South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (SCBID), Mark Nielson, Manager of Franklin Conservation District (FCD), Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson, and Assistant Director Greg Wendt. Mr. Bowen was not present.

Mr. Brock said we're here for the purpose of taking public comment on the GWMA Petition.

Mr. Stoker said the hearing is about a petition that has been provided to the Department of Ecology and for the county commissioners. It was petitioned by the county commissioners of four counties. This is the fifth of six hearings held. One portion is including of Lincoln County into the official geography of the GWMA area, joining the other three counties. The second portion of the petition is to increase the scope of work for the mandate for the GWMA from nitrates-only issues to other water issues as described in the petition. The GWMA staff is here to answers questions after the hearing if any are brought up. He introduced John Stormon.

John Stormon spoke. He works for the Water Quality Program for the Department of Ecology (DOE). He is coordinating DOE's response to the petition. DOE did receive a request from the Boards of County Commissioners of Adams, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln Counties to expand the GWMA. We've looked into the process for doing that. Part of that process is determining what's in the public interest. That's part of the reason we're here for these six hearings. This is the fifth. Mostly I'd like to hear what people think about it.

Mr. Brock asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment.

Mr. Stoker said we are taking public testimony but also written testimony. These findings and facts will be written and the public testimony will be accumulated by Carol Miller and provided back to the commissioners by the end of the month for their review and any decision they need to make about the importance of those findings and to DOE.

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Dennis Bly, Lincoln County Commissioner, spoke in support of the petition. It's widely known knowledge that in Lincoln County the aquifers are also some of the same aquifers that are used for groundwater for the present GWMA area. It only makes sense that Lincoln County should join the GWMA in finding out more about our aquifer levels. I'm also here to speak in favor of expanding the mission of the GWMA. Right now Lincoln County's main industry is agriculture. A large part of that agriculture in the southern part of our county is from deep well irrigation. We know our water tables are declining at all times so we have had the occasion to be a guest and sit on the GWMA board and I have seen some of the studies and some of the work through hydrostratigraphy and I think any of that knowledge would help us to find out how we can prevent this water table issue from being a serious hardship for our county. Again, we have most of the same water issues as the other three counties. Hopefully if we can join the GWMA it will be a bigger unit and we can only just help make that unit stronger, a nonregulatory type organization, but to help and aid in getting better studies as far as the water issues for these four counties, if accepted.

Mark Nielson, district manager of Franklin Conservation District (FCD), said the FCD supports the designation and the petition as submitted by GWMA. He gave the Board a letter of support for the record (Exhibit 12).

Mr. Nielson also submitted a letter of support from the Franklin County Water Conservancy Board (Exhibit 13).

Jerrod MacPherson, Franklin County Planning and Building Department, spoke in support of the application because it helps provide us a valuable resource in our comprehensive planning process and the GIS system.

Shannon McDaniel, manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (SCBID), spoke. Mr. McDaniel said I came down to listen today. As an irrigation district manager, we like to be involved in the fact that our project water and making sure that our interests are maintained. We have issues with DOE on groundwater. My concern is that we not get conflicting missions. We have a 508-14 program that we have been working with DOE and the Bureau of Reclamation (BR) for years and have come to

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no resolution on that. We want to ensure that we're not getting crossways with anybody in that process. So I'm just voicing that concern and listening to what other people have to say. I can appreciate the people in Lincoln County and the people in the Odessa subaquifer that are drawing down and their plight. I have not presented information to our board yet. We will be discussing that tomorrow a little bit. I just wanted to make sure that our concerns about 508-14 water and that issue are known to all and that we don't get ourselves in a cross purpose on that.

Mr. McDaniel said 508-14 is a groundwater area that has been recharged or charged by irrigation project waters. It's raised in elevation considerably. I forget who did the study. They did a groundwater study and have determined that there's a sizable sum of groundwater that is a direct result of the irrigation of agriculture within Adams, Franklin and Grant Counties. Our contention is that the people that use that water need to be sharing the cost of getting it there. In our district alone in the last 10 years we've spent over \$100 million in getting that water there and there should be some compensation back to offset the cost of operation of the district by people utilizing that water.

Lynn Hall with Franklin Conservation District, working as the administrator for GWMA, spoke. I've seen over the years, as we've developed this database with this groundwater information, a demand for the uses of that particular information. I administer the grants for the GWMA and have fielded inquiries from time to time from the grant administrators as to why we're doing work that's not directly related to the scope of GWMA in groundwater quality issues. We've been able to cover that because we do have a task in our grant applications that says that we can use demonstrations of the data for these uses. But as we continue to get these requests to use this information, we will soon be going outside the scope of GWMA's original intent in handling groundwater quality issues only. Therefore I'm in support of being able to expand our horizon a little bit to be able to allow us to do more of this type of work.

Mr. Brock asked two more times if anyone else would like to testify. There was no response.

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Mr. Brock said no decision will be made today.

Mrs. Corkrum commented at the time the three counties Grant, Adams and Franklin formed the GWMA, we felt that Lincoln County should have been part of that from the beginning. I'm glad to see that you've applied for inclusion and hopefully all of the public hearings will be in favor of including Lincoln County.

Hearing was closing at 11:41 a.m.

Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 13, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Ten

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed June 27, 2005.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO.

2005 235

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RE: AMEND FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2004-373 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR PERMITS IN CHIAWANA AND WADE PARK DURING SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, Franklin County Resolution 2004-373 approved placing a moratorium on the issuance of liquor permits in Chiawana and Wade Park; and

WHEREAS, consideration is required for special events such as the Water Follies; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the City of Pasco desire to modify said resolution to accommodate the issuance of liquor permits for special events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco will be responsible for the issuance of liquor permits for the Water Follies effective in 2005; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.32.120(7) the legislative authority of Franklin County may make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions and ordinances, police and sanitary regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority for Franklin County and desires to accommodate the issuance of liquor permits for special events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Franklin County Resolution 2004-373 for the issuance of liquor permits in Chiawana and Wade Park during special events.

APPROVED this _____ day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

leva I Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Approved as to Form:

Ryan E. Verhulp

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Originals:

Auditor Minutes cc:

City of Pasco Public Works

Prosecutor

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FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2005 236

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RE: AMEND FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2005-171, ADJUSTING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO \$10,591.74 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IDENTIX INCORPORATED AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, FOR THE CORRECTIONS FINGER PRINTER AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT SERVICE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2005-171 for the Maintenance Agreement between Identix Incorporated and Franklin County, renewing the service contract for the Corrections finger printer and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, sales tax was inadvertently omitted in the Resolution and increases the total expenditure to \$10,591.74; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and desires to approved payment of said sales tax as being in the best interest of Franklin County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Franklin County Resolution 2005-171, adjusting the total expenditure to \$10,591.74 for the Maintenance Agreement between Identix Incorporated and Franklin County, for the Corrections finger printer and associated equipment service contract.

APPROVED this 8th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

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Auditor

Minutes

Tang Withers

Information Services

Neva J. Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem

cc: Accounting

Corrections

Robert E. Koch, Member

Patricia Shults

From:

Toni Fulton

Sht:

Tuesday, June 07, 2005 12:23 PM

To:

Patricia Shults

Subject: #2005 171 Identix Agreement.pdf

Pat,

You're gonna shoot me :0(

The attached resolution indicates that the total price of the Identix agreement, including tax, will not exceed \$9780.00 - but..... that was the price prior to tax, and I didn't catch it.

The invoice has been received, and, tax included, the total comes to \$10,591.74.

Does the resolution have to be replaced?

I'm so sorry, Toni

EXHIBIT 3 Franklin County Auditor

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June8,2005

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, June 8,2005,

Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:

FUNDWARRANTAMOUNTExpendituresRangeIssued

Current Expense 45567 \$26,550.00

In the amount of \$26,550.00. The motion was seconded by And passed by a vote of \$20.00.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2005-237

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RE: APPOINTING LINDA MAYS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2007

WHEREAS, Ms. Lynelle Reed resigned her position on the Board of Equalization effective January 6, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy was publicized, requesting interested parties to apply; and

WHEREAS, Linda Mays applied, expressing a desire and willingness to serve as a member of the Franklin County Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County feels it is in the best interests of the County to appoint Ms. Mays to the Board of Equalization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Linda Mays to serve on the Franklin County Board of Equalization to fill the remainder of Ms. Reed's three-year term, expiring April 30, 2007.

APPROVED this 8th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Meva J. Corkrum, Chair Pro Tem

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Robert E. Koch, Member

Originals:

Auditor Minutes Linda Mays cc:

BOE Appointment File BOE Secretary

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Public Works Department
Pasco, Washington

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Franklin, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners in the Courthouse at Pasco, Washington, until 9:45 am, Wednesday June 29, 2005, and will then and there be opened and publicly read for the construction of the improvements herein described.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the County of Franklin.

Informational copies of the specifications and plans are on file for inspection in the Office of the County Engineer of Franklin County in Pasco, Washington, the Tri-City Construction Council in Kennewick, Washington, the Association of General Contractors of Spokane, Washington, and Spokane Regional Plan Center, Washington.

Specifications and plans may be obtained at the Franklin County Public Works Department, 3416 Stearman Ave., Pasco, Washington, 99301, for a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 each.

The improvements for which bids will be received follows:

CRP 583 / Garfield Road

This is project consist of grading, drainage and crushed surfacing for approximately 1.7 miles of Garfield Road.

Bidders shall submit bids in a sealed envelope addressed to: Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse Annex, 412 W. Clark, Pasco, Washington, 99301, and marked "CRP 583 Garfield Road, 9:45 am, Wednesday, June 29, 2005."

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form attached to the specifications. The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed this 8th day of June, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Franklin County, Washington

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Neva J. Corkrup, Chair Pro Tem

Robert E Koch, Member

ATTEST:

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2005238

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Washington.

RE: AMENDMENT TO IAC PROJECT AGREEMENT, ERWEN TRUST PARK ACQUISITION PROJECT NUMBER 01-1144A

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.01.010 and RCW 36.32.120 the legislative authority of each county is authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the County and have the care of County property and management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and desires to enter into the attached amended agreement as being in the best interest of Franklin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Amendment to IAC Project Agreement between the State of Washington Office of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and Franklin County is hereby approved by the Board.

APPROVED this 8 day of June, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Neva J. Corkrupt, Chair Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk of the Board



Amendment to IAC Project Agreement

Project Sponsor:

Franklin County Public Works

Project Title: Erwen Trust Park Aquisition

Project Number: 01-1144A

Amendment Number: 4

Amendment Type:

Legal Description Change

Amendment Description:

To accurately reflect the properties acquired as part of this project the legal description is amended to describe the purchase of two parcels totaling 4.48 acres.

Agreement Terms

In all other respects the Agreement, to which this is an Amendment, and attachments thereto, shall remain in full force and effect. In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Amendment.

State Of Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

BY: Maguste fort

TITLE: Manager, Recreation Project Services

DATE: 4/1/15

Pre-approved as to form:

BY: /S/
Assistant Attorney General

Project Sponsor

AGENCY:

BY

TITLE

DATE



EXHIBIT 6 Amendment Legal Description

June 8, 2005

Project Sponsor:

Franklin County Public Works

Project Title:

Erwen Trust Park Aquisition

Project Number: 01-1144 A

Amendment Number: 4

Legal Description

PARCEL A #119-690-032

The East 160 feet of Government Lot 3, as measured along the North line thereof, Section 27, Township 9 North, Range 29 East, W.M., Franklin County, Washington; TOGETHER WITH second class shorelands as conveyed by the State of Washington by deed recorded October 21, 1933 under Auditor's File No. 72832, situated in front of, adjacent to, or abutting thereon;

EXCEPT that portion thereof conveyed to the United States of America by deed recorded October 18, 1951 under Auditor's File No. 140547; and EXCEPT county road.

PARCEL B #119-690-041

Government Lot 4, Section 27, Township 9 North, Range 29 East, W.M., Franklin County, Washington;

EXCEPT the East 1049.9 feet thereof;

EXCEPT that portion thereof acquired by the United States of America under Order For Possession entered in U.S.D.C.

Civil Action No. 606, recorded November 2, 1951 under Auditor's File No. 140903;

TOGETHER WITH that portion of condemned parcel revested by Order entered April 19, 1954 in Civil Action No. 606, recorded August 2, 1952 under Auditor's File No. 160283.

Auditor's O & M Budget - 2005

Revenue:

State Reimbursement	.56,000.00
County Fee	17,000.00
Cash carry over	
New \$2.00 monies approved 200 Leg. Sessions	

Total Revenue \$114,505.00

Expenditures:

Auditor Projects:	
1) Historical preservation	10,000.00
2) Office Supplies	5605.00
3) Recording maintenance agreement	9,000.00
4) Maintenance of 2 reader & printers	4,300.00
5) E-Recording & E-Commerce project	25,000.00
6) Purchase computers & peripherals	10,000.00
7) Travel	1000.00
8) Furniture	0-
9) Repairs and Maintenance	0-
Contingency	27,500.00
Total	92405.00

Clerk Projects:

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Tape back up for imaging server	\$ 2400.00
Desk scanners for imaging system	2300.00
Maintenance, updates, pm's for Integra Scan. Sys.	7800.00
Filming ledgers	2000.00
File folders	2400.00
Printer for Minolta 6000 scanner	1200.00
Total	.\$18,100.00

Treasurer Projects:

Microfilming......\$4000.0

Total Exp. \$114,505.00

We hereby approve of the expenditures listed above.

John Senlart

Wan Black

Steve Marks

Jenny Tacker- absent

2005 O & M Projects for

Auditor:

Historical Preservation \$10,000.00

disrepair. For this year we will focus on plats. It usually costs approximately as well as other documents that do not necessarily involve real estate. but are limited to documents such as DD214, Reports of Seperation We evaluate and prioritize documents based upon their level of include any Deed, Mtg Misc records. Misc records include This includes Permanent documents that are the sole not be limited to Plats, SP & Survey's. It would also responsibility of the Auditor. This would include but \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 per document.

This is an ongoing project from year

to year.

from year to year in recording This is an ongoing expense

Office Supplies \$5,606.00

and paper supplies. Anything that has to do with the day to day operation of recording. These are supplies that are charged out of this fund instead of out of current expense It includes but is not limited to ribbons for receipting machines and labelers

This is on going responsibility of the Auditors Office year after year.

Recording Mainten \$9.000.00

for a software company to charge an annual maintenance fee which deals with Eagle Recording System allows us to record all documents brought in legislative changes or administrative changes that would be required. for recording on a daily basis. These documents are all permanent. The software that used in recording is the Eagle Recording System upgrade and run for a period of 3-5 years. This particular contract Typically the contracts are signed at the time of installation of an by Tyler out of Driggs Idaho. It is standard operating procedure daily support as well as any changes that are necessary due to is a five year contract and is signed off on by Commissioners.

E-Recording & E-Commerce \$25,000.00

This project will allow us to record & accept fees electonically. This has a potiential of preventing additional people being hired, faster service to banking

Consider this a start up fee that will eventually have an annual Ongoing

tions and ultimately the public. The goal is to prevent a duplication	id. The Auditor's Office a the point of beginning for all transfer of	
institutions and ultimately th	of effort. The Auditor's Offic	property in Franklin County

soon at this point to estimate the fee associated with it. It is to annual fee.

those machines are no longer being supported. As always IS will review and recommend There are 7 computers in the recording department. We are simply replacing the oldest ones which is with the recommendation of the IS department. The microsoft product on two weeks for this review. IS is great about getting right back to us. If we ordered this equipment that the recording software company says is compatible with their software We make no purchases without IS signing off on. We always try and give IS at least equipment today, it would be 10 weeks before it could be installed.

Purchase computers

and peripherals

\$10,000.00

This will be an ongoing as we expect to replac recording equipment o plan.

> This is a legitmate expense for the operation of the recording department. \$0.00 \$1,000.00 Furniture Travel

budget. For every dollar charged to this line item is one less dollar that is There are usually at least one conference that gets charged out of this not being taken from current expense.

Not funded for this year. It maybe necessary for us to acquire additional furniture when we return to the courthouse

> Repairs and Maintenance \$0.00

Not funded for this year

For any unforseen issues that arise

Contingency \$27,500.00

Tape back up \$2,400.00

Clerk:

inorder to assure that nothing is lost from a recording standpoint. Backups are This is necessary component dealing with day to day recording of documents usually done on a dailey basis. If there would be a problem the most that

Ongoing

Not ongoing

Ongoing

This is to film the Treasurers 1% tax documents that are considered

permanent according to the archieve retention schedule

Microfilming \$4,000.00

Treasurer:

	Not ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Not ongoing
would be lost are the current days documents. Will be replaced @ recommendation of IS or upon failure.	Scanners allow documents to imaged into the clerks recording software. Will need to replaced @ recommendation of IS or failure	It is standard operating practice for a company to charge an annual maintenance fee for support of their software.	Large books similar in nature to Auditor indexes. It includes includes but is not limited to older records that is currently archieves. Archieves must schedule this work to me filmed.	These are folders that actually hold the permanent documents.	Printer is connected to the microfilm reader. Anyone making copies from the microfilm reader uses this printer.
	Desk scanners	Clerk Annual Maintenance Agree. \$7,800.00	Filming ledgers \$2,000.00	File folders \$2,400.00	Printer for Minolta 6000 scanner - \$1200.00

CURRENT EXPENSE REIBMURSEMENT VOUCHER

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having herewith presented my itemized account for					
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Certification					
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this is a					
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This 8 th day of June, 2005.					
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FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____ 205 239

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RE: APPROVAL FOR FRED H. BOWEN TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRAND OLD 4TH ON BEHALF OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved County Administrator Fred H. Bowen to sign contracts and agreements in conjunction with the Grand Old 4th on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners during the May 25, 2005 Commissioner's Proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a resolution is required to accommodate tracking/retrieval of information, thus, necessitating this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and deems this to be in the best interest of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Fred H. Bowen, County Administrator, to sign contracts and agreements in conjunction with the Grand Old 4th on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED this 8th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

Neva J. Corkrupt Chair Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

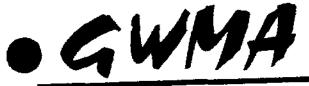
Attest:

Clerk to the Board

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Auditor Minutes

Grand Old 4th



Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area

449 E. Cedar Blvd., Othello, WA 99344

509-488-2802 ext 108

E-mail: <u>cbgwma@televar.com</u> Website: <u>www.gwma.org</u>

June 8, 2005

Board of Directors
East Columbia Basin Irrigation District
P. O. Box E
Othello, WA 99344

RE:

Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area Petition

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 24, 2005 regarding the GWMA Petition to amend the current designation of the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area to include Lincoln County as a member of the GWMA Lead Agency and to expand the designation to allow the GWMA to be able to address other water quality and water quantity issues as a resource for technical and planning support, and wish to respond to your concerns regarding language in the Petition.

We offer the following explanation of the events relative to the GWMA Petition in an effort to resolve any concerns you may have regarding the Petition and to foster an understanding of support for the GWMA Lead Agency's rationale in submitting the Petition to the DOE.

The first part of the Petition addresses Lincoln County's request to join the GWMA. In March 2004, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution petitioning the GWMA Lead Agency (Boards of County Commissioners of Adams, Franklin and Grant Counties) to become a participating member of the Lead Agency and submitted a formal letter of their interest and request to join the GWMA (see attached letter). Upon receipt of Lincoln County's request, the Lead Agency concurred with the request and proceeded with the petitioning process to include Lincoln County in the GWMA. Following a two-phased process outlined by the Department of Ecology in April, 2004, the GWMA extended its services to Lincoln County through provisions of its by-laws until the second phase of petitioning the DOE could be accomplished.

The second part of the Petition is a request for DOE to consider amending the current GWMA designation to allow the organization to address water quality and water quantity issues beyond the scope of nitrate issues. As your letter of May 9, 2003 noted, and as the GWMA Lead Agency recognizes, the GWMA's planning and research activities along with local data collection, and geologic and groundwater modeling have provided much needed information and understanding of groundwater in the Columbia Basin. Over the past five years, GWMA has provided a good deal of assistance and support for a wide range of groundwater issues and problems beyond its current designation that have greatly helped communities, organizations, agencies and citizens in the Columbia Basin make groundwater quality and quantity decisions.

Attached is a list identifying some of the projects and groups that have approached the GWMA for assistance and received technical and planning support. We would encourage the ECBID Board to contact the listed entities and agencies for their perspective on the GWMA's approach and role, as well as their use of the technical support and information, and how it affected their decision-making process and outcome.

RE: Columbia Basin GWMA Petition Page 2.

We strongly feel that local citizens have a vested interest in groundwater resources and decision making. The GWMA provides an important regional vehicle for local involvement and consensus building, and as the ECBID Board acknowledges, it has demonstrated significant value as a technical resource on groundwater issues.

We appreciate your support and wish to assure you that the GWMA Petition is meant strictly as a means to clarify the GWMA's current and future role as a voluntary, non-regulatory resource for planning and technical support relating to groundwater issues within the Columbia Basin.

We look forward to discussing the issues mentioned in your letter and clarifying the role of the GWMA on water issues. During our discussion, additional examples of past projects and proposed future roles will help to clarify the scope of the GWMA petition. We look forward to holding this discussion as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us to discuss this matter.

Respectfully,

Sevens, Chair

Adams County Commissioners

Frank Brock, Chair

Franklin County Commissioners

LeRoy Allison, Chair

Grant County Commissioners

Ted Hopkins, Chair

Lincoln County Commissioners

Enclosures:

Attachment K of the GWMA Petition, Examples of GWMA Involvement in Local Groundwater Issues

Rickard Erickson, ECBID cc:

> Joe Stohr, Ecology Keith Stoffel, Ecology Dave Peeler, Ecology

John Stormon, Ecology

Mike Schwisow

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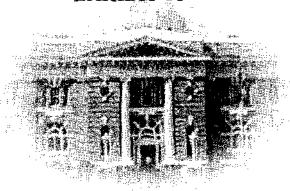
GWMA

EXHIBIT 11

Neva J. Corkrum District 1

Robert E. Koch District 2

Frank H. Brock District 3



Fred H. Bowen County Administrator

Tiffany Coffland Human Resources Director

> Patricia Shults Executive Secretary

Board of County Commissioners FRANKLIN COUNTY

June 8, 2005

The Honorable Christine Gregoire Office of the Governor P.O. Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

We are concerned that the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is scheduled to implement new criteria for liquid nutritional supplements for Medicaid seniors and the seriously ill on July 1, 2005. We respectfully request your review of DSHS's decision and hopefully restore this vital nutritional aide to our seniors.

We look forward to your reply and thank you for your time and consideration on behalf of seniors in Franklin County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Frank H. Brock, Chair

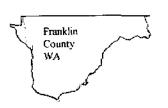
Veva J. Corkryn, Chair Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

cc: Brooke DuBois, Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance

Dr. Jecha, Benton Franklin Health District

WSAC File/LB





June 8, 2005

Board of Supervisors

Steve DeRuyter - Chair Chris Herron - Vice George Poulson - Treas. Scott Kawauchi

Franklin Conservation District

1620 Rd. 44 N. Pasco,WA 99301

Ph. (509) 545-8546 Ext. 3 FAX (509) 547-2007

June 7, 2005

Board of County Commissioners Franklin County, Washington 1016 N. Fourth Ave. Pasco, WA 99301

RE: Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area Petition to Amend Designation

Dear County Commissioners,

The Franklin Conservation District is proud of the efforts and progress made by the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) in regards to nitrate concentrations in ground water. It is time to use this grass roots, voluntary, and non-regulatory approach to address other critical ground water resource issues. By uniting citizens, counties, cities, and other governmental agencies, GWMA's approach to water management has been inclusive and transparent.

GWMA has proven they are capable of developing high quality technical data that is needed in order to effectively manage our ground water system. The data they now possess is being requested more frequently than ever. A detailed assessment and understanding of our aquifers is long overdue. GWMA's long term vision is to pursue this detail and understanding.

The Franklin Conservation District supports the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area's (GWMA) request to amend its current designation as described in the petition recently submitted to the Washington Department of Ecology.

Sincerely,

Mark Nielson

District Manager

Mart Wielson



Franklin County Water Conservancy Board

R. Henry Johnson – Chair John Griffin Larry Rogers

1620 Road 44 North, Pasco, WA 99301 Ph. (509) 545-8546 Ext. 3 Fax (509) 547-2007

June 7, 2005

Board of County Commissioners Franklin County, Washington 1016 N. Fourth Ave. Pasco, WA 99301

RE: Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area Petition to Amend Designation

Dear County Commissioners,

The Franklin County Water Conservancy Board (FCWCB) supports the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area's (GWMA) request to amend its current designation to include Lincoln County and to expand its current designation to be able to address other regional groundwater issues as they may relate to water quality and water quantity.

Conservancy Boards need sound technical data to make informed decisions regarding water right changes and transfers. GWMA has developed and provided this type of information in the past. We hope they will continue to refine the understanding of the groundwater system such that decisions which may impact our aquifers will be based on reliable data and not speculation.

Sincerely,

R. Henry Johnson

Chair