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

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Item #1: Mr. Koch said Resolution 2005-008 brought the car allowance down because the county was in financial problems at the time. We've been out of balance for awhile. We need to change the resolution for not only the prosecuting attorney but all the commissioners car allowances. Mrs. Corkrum said it is 99% of the value of a car. Mr. Koch said he feels the resolution that is prepared is fine except we need to add the three commissioners along with the Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. Shults said we would prefer to do a separate one if that's okay with the Board. Mr. Koch said it wasn't done that way before. Ms. Shults said no, it wasn't, but we would like to do that if that's agreeable with the Board.

Mrs. Corkrum asked that the two resolutions be prepared for approval today. One will be done on the consent agenda. The second one will come on Mr. Bowen's agenda.

Mr. Koch asked Mr. Miller about his thoughts about a car. He said I never have really heard what you are for or against.

Mr. Miller said really I don't know if I'm for a vehicle for the commissioners. The problem is back when you started you said the commissioners had a car (referring to Mrs. Corkrum)?

Mrs. Corkrum said they both had cars.

Mr. Miller said so I can't understand why they couldn't now.

Mrs. Corkrum said they can. You can have the allowance or a car.

Mr. Miller said one or the other.

Mrs. Corkrum said I chose not to have a car when I became a commissioner in 1989 because my husband was going to be driving me to my meetings and if I wanted to

stop at the grocery store on the way home, I would have had to take my car home and then bring my own car back. I didn't want to be bothered. I didn't take a car allowance either at that time. I just took straight mileage, period. When I was on the state boards and got reimbursed for mileage, I turned it in to the treasurer. Then I was told I didn't have to do that by the state boards. Really, it's a wash.

Mr. Miller said it is. I think so.

Mrs. Corkrum said I read the minutes from when I was gone. I personally don't think it's giving Bob an advantage to have a car over us having a car allowance. Now, if you want a car (referring to Mr. Miller), the initial purchase will cost us extra, but once we've established a car for each district, then it's a wash. And we do have the money.

Mr. Miller said one thing I want to be really careful of, though, is we're doing this in mid-season. Mrs. Corkrum said I don't think it matters. Mr. Miller said the problem I have is we tell other departments not to change the budget in mid-season. Mrs. Corkrum said we're going to save this amount of money each month. Mr. Koch said the same revenue is the same revenue.

Mrs. Corkrum said I don't know when Bob can get a car. It might take some time. She said another advantage of it is if he gets an SUV or a van – Mr. Koch said something that's large enough to haul all of us. Mrs. Corkrum said when we have all gone to conferences together, we've either had to borrow one from the Road Department or rent one. This would be a good opportunity for that as a pool car.

Mr. Miller said that's fine because really if you have a car (referring to Mr. Koch), I don't want to use it. I don't want to be taking your car because I want to go to a meeting. Mr. Koch said it's not mine. It's the county pool car.

Mr. Miller said but you're getting it for your travel back and forth really. That's the other thing, I dislike the idea of for work, back and forth. I think with IRS, that's not right.

Mr. Koch said we'll go the other direction then: Everybody turn in their mileage and get reimbursed off their mileage they use to go to a meeting. Eliminate the car allowance and you can just charge for going to your meeting this morning.

Mr. Miller asked when did that start? Why is that changing? It's never been that way before. Mr. Koch said no, I say we can go the other direction. Mr. Koch said if you think I'm making a bonus out of this -- Mr. Miller said I don't think you're making a bonus, no. I just want to do what's best.

Mrs. Corkrum said former commissioners Harold Mathews and Ken Miller each had a car. Ken lived about 10 miles out. Harold lived in Riverview, about where I am. There was never an issue. Call the Association. I was about the only county commissioner that didn't take an allowance or a car. It is absolutely permissible.

Mr. Miller said that's what I said earlier, too. I thought we had the right to take one of the two. Mrs. Corkrum said you do. Mr. Miller said I don't know if that's a county policy or an RCW or what. Mrs. Corkrum said that's why this 99% rental rate is 1% less than a car.

Mr. Miller said okay. Then another thing, if you look at the vehicles that people have such as in Benton County, they're not SUVs or 4-wheel drives. Mr. Koch said I can take a little Prius. It makes no difference. I was trying to do something that would benefit the county. Mrs. Corkrum said for the whole office when we travel together, that would be cheaper than all of us taking our own car.

Mr. Miller said going back to that again, somebody needs to fill me in on what the rule is on commissioners traveling together. Benton County always put up a big comment about us traveling together. You say it's not making decisions but is it perception? Mrs. Corkrum said the RCW says that you can travel to conferences together and be at functions together. It's in our agenda.

Mr. Miller said so Benton County is wrong? Mrs. Corkrum said I'm saying they're splitting hairs. Mr. Koch said I would guess those three aren't interested in traveling together.

Mrs. Corkrum said she is not sure that other commissioners prior to this board drove together but they all had cars issued to them.

Mr. Miller said those are the questions I had and that's why I wanted to bring it out and talk about it. Then also, not that I want a car or Neva wants a car, but I thought it

looked good if it was the same for everyone so it didn't put you in a different spot. I thought it looked better if all three commissioners had that option. Mrs. Corkrum said you do. Mr. Miller said it doesn't say it here. Mrs. Corkrum said that's why we're bringing it up. Mr. Koch said I don't think a resolution can be wishy-washy, either/or, but next month if you want a car, we can do a resolution.

Mr. Miller said okay. That answers the questions I have. He said on the other side, you go back with the sheriff, prosecuting attorney and other departments; they have cars, too.

Mrs. Corkrum said the sheriff is a 24/7 employee and he doesn't pay tax. Neither do the engineering people. We argued that we were 24 hour, seven day a week on call, which we are, but the state examiners wouldn't approve it.

Mr. Miller said I appreciate discussion because now if somebody ever jumps me about why you have cars, I've got some points both ways.

Mrs. Corkrum said I'm not going to have a car. I'm going to have an allowance.

Mr. Miller said I'm going to go the same way. That's one reason why I moved to town. It's made it a lot easier for me timewise and everything.

After discussion, the Board decided to have two resolutions, one for the prosecutor and one for the Commissioners. Mrs. Corkrum said it would just have to read Commissioner 1 and 3 opted for car allowance and Commissioner 2 is asking for a motor pool car. Mr. Koch asked will that work? Mr. Miller said yes, that clears it up for me.

Mr. Koch said we just never had a chance to really discuss what the thoughts were. Mr. Koch said the matter was initially brought up when he was out of town. It was intended that way because I was out of town and I asked Fred Bowen to bring it up so that you two could discuss it without my influence.

Mr. Miller said it's good to have your influence here at the time. Mrs. Corkrum said that day, we did give consensus. Mr. Miller said yes, we did. As I thought about it more, I had questions.

Mr. Bowen asked for clarification about the type of vehicle, whether something like a Prius or an SUV? Mr. Miller said because of your reasons, I think it should be

something reliable for the three of us. Mr. Koch said there's about a \$2500 difference and a Prius won't haul all of us to go someplace.

Mr. Miller said fuel mileage might be different budget-wise. Mr. Koch asked how much problem am I going to get having an import car? There are union people out there. Mr. Miller said I don't know. I don't even care. I'm only thinking of saving money right now.

Mr. Bowen said so it's an SUV. Mr. Koch said a Trail Blazer or something similar.

Mr. Koch said the resolution can be changed next month if something changes.

<u>Motion</u> – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of the consent agenda for June 4, 2008, as listed:

- 1. Approval of **Resolution 2008-227** rescinding Resolution Number 2005-008 and approving reimbursement for the use of a personal vehicle for official travel for the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney.
- 2. Approval of **Resolution 2008-228** authorizing disposal of a walkie-talkie assigned to Facilities.

Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Director Carrie Huie-Pascua met with the Board for a department update

(Exhibit 1).

Developmental Disabilities (DD)

DD Advisory Board and Funding: The DD Advisory Board positions are nearly all filled. DD's biggest challenge continues to be regarding the spending plan which had to be amended. Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about the work being done during meetings. She said we're introducing the concept of hold harmless to our providers. We don't want them to be hurt by the change in our spending plan but we can't continue with the same methodology that has been going on.

Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about the funding process. She said the hold harmless idea is incentive-based funding. The providers like that because of the accountability.

<u>Jobs by 21 Grant</u>: HS did not receive the Jobs by 21 grant. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with the school district and plan to submit again.

<u>Contract Monitoring</u>: The contract monitoring work has been completed for the year. R. H. MacDougall has terminated their contract. They were not serving clients so there has been no disruption in services.

Housing Services

Housing Institute: Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board briefly about the Housing Institute's meeting in May.

<u>Affordable Housing Fund</u>: There is still not an agreement in place with Benton County for the Affordable Housing funds. The issue that has not been resolved yet relates to geographic equity.

<u>Human Services as a provider of a site for meetings</u>: Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board HS has been a site for several workshops.

Mental Health Services

<u>Mental Health Advisory Board</u>: Mr. Koch said the advisory board is not a governing board and he feels they should advise Human Services Department staff, not the Commissioners. Ms. Huie-Pascua agreed. She said the members of the advisory board have been told of other places they can serve as well as the advisory board.

<u>Crisis Response Unit (CRU)</u>: Statistics are being reviewed. A lot more on-site work is being done at the CRU. Consideration is being given to restructuring. We will probably hire a manager. Currently Ed Thornbrugh is serving as the manager in addition to his other duties. Mr. Thornbrugh feels a manager is needed for the Crisis Response Unit and the Assessment Center.

Some responsibilities that CRU has been doing belong more appropriately with outpatient providers so they will be realigned.

Ms. Huie-Pascua explained the process to have someone evaluated.

<u>Transitional Living Trailers</u>: The agreement with the Pasco Housing Authority is being reviewed by legal staff. Ms. Huie-Pascua said we hope to have it in place by July 1.

<u>Consolidated Crisis Response Center (CCRC)</u>: Ed Thornbrugh has been assigned as the lead person from HS regarding a potential CCRC.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Services

Substance Abuse Assessment Center Services: We are a bit understaffed.

<u>Benton County Drug Court</u>: Protocols and collaboration with the courts are being discussed as the Assessment Center is understaffed at this time.

<u>Annual Contract Monitoring</u> is going very well. The reports are being furnished in a timely manner this year.

An <u>Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting</u> was held at the Community Center in Pasco on May 19.

Sub-Acute Detoxification Center: The portable building has been installed at 1020 South 7th Avenue in Pasco. Staff is planning an open house in mid July 2008. The landscaping and fencing is being put in. It is much more secure. Staff is so pleased. We're very pleased also that it's being very well utilized by diversion beds and detoxification beds.

LaClinica

In response to Mr. Koch's question about the county's liability or risk regarding recent newspaper articles about LaClinica, Ms. Huie-Pascua told the Board about the HS contract with LaClinica. She has had a staff member contact LaClinica and find out if we need to be concerned about the contract and services to the community and whether there is disruption in services. LaClinica assured us no and explained what has happened. Ms. Huie-Pascua explained further to the Board. The funding is all state and federal dollars so it is under the same kind of review and scrutiny as was done by the RSN last year. Ms. Huie-Pascua said the dollars are monitored at several levels. We feel there is no danger to the services being delivered to the community at this time.

Mrs. Corkrum asked if employees at La Clinica were under the direction of Ms. Huie-Pascua when she worked there. Ms. Huie-Pascua said one person mentioned in the article was hired after she left. The other person left after Ms. Huie-Pascua left LaClinica.

Ms. Huie-Pascua checked with Bill Wilson at the RSN about funding. Mr. Wilson's response was the clinic is licensed through the state and all the services are reviewed by a licensed clinician so there is no liability there in that sense. Mr. Wilson had no concern about having to pay funds back.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: <u>Tri-City Herald</u> Reporter Joe Chapman.

Formal Request for Concurrence and Authorization to offer "Just Compensation" regarding Road 100/Dent Road Extension

Mr. Fife asked for approval of just compensation values so an appraisal process can start on Road 100/Dent Road Extension. He said there will be more appraisals after we receive the cost to cure from some irrigation companies. The parcels being considered today do not involve irrigation work.

Mr. Fife explained the process of acquiring right of way. He said this value is a starting point.

<u>Motion</u> - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of the formal request of concurrence and authorization to offer "Just Compensation" for Road 100/Dent Road Extension. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

Mrs. Corkrum asked is the figure pretty much within our budget? Mr. Fife said construction cost increases, particularly for asphalt, are affecting the budget a lot. There was a discussion about anticipated future cost increases for work done by Public Works. Mr. Fife anticipates at some point the Commissioners will have to decide about cutting back on some Public Works services.

Sheriff's Vehicles

Mr. Koch asked about progress in repairing damaged Sheriff's vehicles. Mr. Fife said the vehicle that rolled is not quite done yet but will probably be back in service in the next few weeks. CBC is repairing it.

The tires came off one Sheriff's vehicle. It is being repaired.

One vehicle has been fixed using parts from another vehicle.

CBC plans to have a fall class repair the Ford Escape, expected to be ready by the first of next year.

Recessed at 10:03 am.

Reconvened at 10:09 am.

COMMUUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC)

Executive Director Judith Gidley and Continuum of Care Manager Cricket Cordova met with the Board.

First Quarter Report: Homeless Housing and Assistance Act Fund

Ms. Gidley reviewed the first quarter report 2008 with the Board (Exhibit 3). We are at a 48.68% reduction of the 50% reduction required by the 10-year plan. We also feel the trend will probably change. Instead of going down next year, we expect it will probably go back up. She said her feeling is not many people are losing their jobs but they are losing housing.

Ms. Gidley and Ms. Cordova reviewed the report with the Board in detail.

<u>Tri-City Herald</u> Reporter Joe Chapman joined the audience during the meeting. <u>Point in Time Count</u>

Ms. Cordova said we continue to decrease homelessness. We need to be very realistic. She thinks we will see an increase next year. It tells us we're moving in the right direction and are making serious progress. We were able to get into the Franklin County Jail this year for the Point in Time count which helps us with programs like HGAP.

The biggest difference in what we are seeing happening this year as opposed to last year is that we're seeing more people that move into transitional housing. She feels there is a direct correlation to increased funding that the agency has brought in for

transitional housing. We surveyed more individuals but a much larger portion of them are in transitional housing. Last year 10% were in transitional housing compared to 42% this year. We try to keep those two numbers separate because if that funding went away, those people could be homeless. Our hope is to keep moving them through the system including classes and get them into self-sufficiency. We'll continue to write grants and look at where it's effective to get people into housing and what the next step is and monitor that process so we can keep people moving.

Mrs. Corkrum asked do you send these reports in to the state? Ms. Cordova said yes. Mrs. Corkrum said they must be elated. Ms. Gidley and Ms. Cordova said they are. We're a leader in the reduction of homelessness in the state and nation.

Ms. Cordova said it says something about the whole organization of Home Base and collaboration. We work together to analyze the situation, look for the gaps, and address them without stepping on each other's toes. We figure out who's going to do what and get it done.

Ms. Cordova said one fact she wants to bring up is that not a lot of unaccompanied youth come at a Point in Time count but they are out there. There is a very active group working on youth shelter.

She told the Board to email her with any questions or correlations of data you'd like us to run. We can run specific groups or subsets if you'd like them.

Ms. Gidley said one of the reasons transitional housing is so important is you cannot concentrate on finding a job and going to work without housing. You have to have stable housing over your head before you can move to the next level.

Ms. Cordova said we're very pleased with what's going on but we know that we've still got a big job ahead of us and we want to make sure we can increase our funding and keep that flow constant and continue to look at what we need to do to keep people moving on that continuum.

2060 Monies Information

Ms. Cordova gave the Board some information about the 2060 monies. The first sheet is an overview telling how the funds were awarded which the Board saw last year also (Exhibit 4). The 2007 Annual Progress Report was also reviewed (Exhibit 5).

The 2060 dollars have been used very effectively. Through the first of the year which were the first seven months of the grant period, 104 households were assisted in finding or keeping affordable housing at an approximate cost of \$2000 per household and 251 individuals were served. I'd like to point out some things that I think are powerful. One is the amount of leveraged funds. We expended \$213,000 of the grant money in 2007 and \$290,000 was a match so that was a really good investment. So far we've spent about 50% at the end of the year so we were right on track for the first seven months.

Basically the proposal's goals were to serve 400 individuals and over 160 households so we're right on track with that by the time the grants are fully expended. Also, as you'll see in the Point in Time count, in January 2007 there were 247 homeless individuals in Franklin County. That number had decreased to 218 in 2008. That includes the people we counted in the jail. So it's working.

Ms. Gidley said the Task Force will be meeting again to discuss the accumulated funding that is available now and whether they want to do another request for proposal or wait another year.

Ms. Cordova said the second page shows details of specific outcomes showing specifically how the money was used. Some uses were rehabilitating homes, helping people that were leaving Franklin County jail, building a Habitat home, and also for individuals that were being served through domestic violence services and housing vouchers through our agency.

The partners have been good stewards and have brought a lot of match and are doing what we asked them to do.

The Point in Time count date is federally established every other year. On the off year, the state requires the Point in Time count for funding purposes but there is some leeway for the actual date by a few weeks.

The Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work that has been done. Mrs. Corkrum said it could not have been accomplished by this Board. Mrs. Corkrum said she gives former Commissioner Frank Brock a lot of credit for working so diligently and working with you. Ms. Gidley said he was an asset.

AUDITOR

Auditor Zona Lenhart met with the Board. Present in audience: <u>Tri-City Herald</u> Reporter Joe Chapman.

2008 Election Guidelines

Ms. Lenhart showed the Board a copy of the 2008 Election Guidelines booklet that is given to all candidates.

Remodel

The remodeling is about ready to start. She asked if the Board has any questions or concerns. Mr. Koch said we haven't seen a contract or revenues or final drawings.

Ms. Lenhart said we're working on it. The grant money from HAVA funds are paying \$113,000 for it. She was asked if that will take care of everything. Ms. Lenhart said no. She was asked where the rest of the money is coming from. Ms. Lenhart said we're going to do without furniture for awhile. Then next year we'll come back to the Board for furniture in the budget process. We can charge different agencies for that over a period of about five years. We'll deal with folding tables and anything else we've got right now. The grant will pay for the construction for the actual remodel, wiring and heating.

Mr. Koch said one question came up: On wiring, are you separating that portion from the rest of the building while you're doing the wiring? Ms. Lenhart said we're trying. The estimates came in at \$5000 and the bids came in at \$20,000, but yes, I'm trying to cut myself off from the rest of the facility so I have a separate meter.

Mr. Koch said that and gas both should be a separate bill so they can be separated out. Ms. Lenhart said I agree. She would also like garbage to be separate. Mr. Koch said garbage can be split three ways. Water would be hard to split also. The other utilities should be split.

Ms. Lenhart said the Prosecutor's Office is working on the contract now. We've done things like completely clean it out and we will start pulling all the wire out of the wall that's coming out. We've submitted the plans to City of Pasco for review but have not heard back yet. Mr. Koch said we need a permit first. Ms. Lenhart said you can do demolition, you just can't construct. She said we haven't done any demolition. Nothing has been done down there.

Ms. Lenhart said I do have an issue with parking because we'll need a staging area. She would like the area by the garage to be reserved for parking for the auditor's office and during the remodel have all delivery of materials be able to be unloaded there. She asked if the Board sees a problem with that. Mrs. Corkrum said no, because there is some parking available across the street.

Mr. Koch asked who is using the parking now. Ms. Lenhart said WSU Extension uses it now. Ms. Lenhart will talk to Extension Director Kay Hendrickson.

Ms. Lenhart said the remodeling project will take about three weeks.

Ms. Lenhart will show the Board some layouts next week. She said we have them available.

Elections

Ms. Lenhart said we received about \$100,000 for reimbursements for election costs, \$60,000 from state and about \$44,000 from the school district, which goes into the Current Expense budget, not Elections budget.

Remodeling

Ms. Lenhart said we're trying to reuse as much as we can of the wiring. We applied for the grant in 2006 and during the delay, all the costs of materials have gone up.

We didn't anticipate the bill from the county for Information Services computer work being \$8000. The majority of that is material. The longer we wait, the worse it gets for us.

Recessed at 10:41 am.

Reconvened at 10:43 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Auditor's Annex Remodel

A letter dated June 27, 2007, from Mr. Bowen to Ms. Lenhart was reviewed. The letter stated Ms. Lenhart was authorized to move forward with the project and be the manager but the Board would like to see the budget outlined for all funds used. He said Ms. Lenhart told the Board she will show them the plans. He said it sounds like the budget is prepared.

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board has any problem with Information Services beginning the work at a cost of \$7000 or \$8000.

He said as long as the Board if fine with office furnishings next year, that's your choice.

Mr. Bowen asked if the Board is willing to allow IS to proceed with the work to update the computer systems and wiring and other work. Mr. Koch said he's fine with it. He feels it has to be done. He said we asked Ms. Lenhart if there is revenue to do it. Mr. Miller said yes. Mrs. Corkrum said yes.

Commissioners Vehicles

The Board reviewed a proposed resolution.

<u>Motion</u> – Mrs. Corkrum: I move for approval of Resolution 2008-229 for reimbursement for personal vehicles and a possible vehicle for Commissioner District 2. District 1 and 3 will continue to have car allowance, 99% of the rental value of the car, which is in place now for the commissioners.

Mr. Miller said I think since we had a good discussion about it before the consent agenda this morning, I can second that.

3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Law and Justice Council

Mrs. Corkrum told the Board about a recent conversation she had with the chairman of the Grant County Law and Justice Council. Mrs. Corkrum said she wants to reactivate the Franklin County Law and Justice Council because we think there is a need

regarding some issues, for instance the jail. She said Franklin County prepared the required plan and has now fulfilled almost everything in that plan. The lady from Grant County would like to observe our Law and Justice Council meeting when we convene.

Mrs. Corkrum said in the past, about \$1000 a year was budgeted for the Law and Justice Council expenses for supplies. She feels the meetings should include speakers and presentations as well as basic meetings.

Mr. Bowen said committee members will be asked when they want to meet. <u>Final Approval Short Plat SP 2008-05</u>

<u>Motion</u> – Mrs. Corkrum: I move approval of Resolution 2008-230 for the final approval for Short Plat 2008-05 for Joyce A. Paine. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. **MINUTES**

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Miller: I make a motion that we accept the Commissioners Proceedings minutes for May 22 and June 2, 2008. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. **Adjourned** at 10:53 am.

There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until June 9, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed June 16, 2008.