

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for August 25, 2010

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Bob Koch, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:03 am.

HUMAN SERVICES (HS)

HS Administrator Ed Thornbrugh met with the Board. Present in audience: Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl and Tim Waters.

Department Update

Mr. Thornbrugh gave an update about HS administration matters, developmental disabilities services, mental health services, substance abuse services, prevention services and the housing program.

PUBLIC WORKS (9:12 am)

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Tim Waters and Kristi Pihl.
East Foster Wells Road Extension – Phase 2 Project

An application was submitted for Tiger II Discretionary Grants Program funds. Mr. Koch said at the Good Roads meeting last week, the East Foster Wells-Highway 395 intersection was put at #8 out of 25 projects.

R170

The contractor will start working on the R170 – Landslide area road work on Monday. The contractor will be formally asking to close a portion of Fairway Road to through traffic for two reasons: make their construction quicker by not having to get a large amount of traffic through and safety.

Mr. Koch said there may be a glitch for English Hay Company if they need to go north. They would not be able to turn from Klamath onto Glade North going north with a low boy truck and trailer because of the grade of the intersection. Mr. Fife will check with Scott English.

WSU EXTENSION (9:23 am)

WSU Extension Director Lauri Sherfey and Agent Tim Waters met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Agronomy Position: Ms. Sherfey gave an update on the process to fill the agronomy position.

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Friends of Extension: Ms. Sherfey has been asked to seek nominations for Friends of Extension. She asked Board members to consider whether would be interested.

Women Helping Women Luncheon

A fund-raising luncheon will be held on October 25. Women Helping Women provided grant funding for the Pathways project in 2006. Ms. Sherfey invited Board members to attend.

Commercial Vegetable program update

Mr. Waters gave an update about the vegetable programs.

The International Carrot Conference was held locally in July. Eleven or twelve different countries were represented at the conference.

The EPA has revised rules on application of fumigation for potatoes. Mr. Waters explained some of the changes and how they will affect potato growers. The Washington State Department of Agriculture is working with EPA to interpret the new rules. In the long run, most of the fields will have to be fumigated using shank rigs instead of center pivot irrigation.

In response to Mr. Peck's question, Mr. Waters said EPA made a national decision based primarily on information that came from California. The basic differences between California and Washington are the time of year and the weather conditions when fumigant is applied as well as a difference in fumigants that are used. He said one size fits all doesn't work well for us.

Mr. Koch is concerned about the potential increased charges from applicators if fumigant can only be put on by ground.

Mr. Waters wanted the Board members to be aware of the problem and asked them to talk to legislators.

A WSU Onion Field Day will be held next week in Adams County showcasing a variety test. The location changes from year to year.

Mr. Koch asked are if local carrots are mainly fresh pack or seed. Mr. Waters said we mainly grow carrot seed and processed carrots.

Mr. Koch asked about the peanut research. Mr. Waters said we've kind of backed off on that. The work was being done without any research funding and the farmer who was growing the peanuts decided not to grow them this year.

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OFFICE BUSINESS (9:41 am)

Secretary Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda consisting of seven items for Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of **Joint Resolution 2010-240** in the matter of request for signatures from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the County Program Contract Amendment between the Juvenile Justice Center and the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration Agreement Number 0663-98393-05 to provide for Selective Aggressive Probation (SAP) through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG).
2. Approval of **Joint Resolution 2010-241** in the matter of request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Food Service Contract between the Juvenile Justice Center and ARAMARK Correctional Services.
3. Approval of **Joint Resolution 2010-242** in the matter of the request for signature from the Chairman of the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on Fee For Service Contract between the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center and Prosser School District.
4. Approval of **Resolution 2010-243** rescinding Resolution 2010-207 and setting alternate dates for budget hearings for 2011 Franklin County budgets.
5. Approval of **Joint Resolution 2010-244** in the matter of execution of Amendment #07/10-HGAP-CAC-4 between the Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Benton-Franklin Community Action Committee (BFCAC) to correct two line item errors in the program budget.
6. Approval of **County Road Fund payroll** for \$68,873.15 and **Motor Vehicle Fund payroll** for \$10,089.33 for pay period ending 8/19/2010.
7. Approval of **Resolution 2010-245** accepting a portion of Richardson Road as described in the final short plat 2009-21 and attached construction drawing and declaring it a county road.

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for June 9, August 2 and August 11, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

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Auditor: Letter authorizing release of payroll for August 31, 2010

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.
(Exhibit 1)

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the Franklin County Commissioners vouchers as certified by auditing officer for date of August 25, 2010, with the expenditures as listed in the total amount of \$186,798.21. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 37976 through 38067 for \$108,290.21; Current Expense warrants 38068 through 38073 for \$1,127.48; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 38074 and 38075 for \$148.27; Crime Victims/Witness Assist warrants 38076 and 38077 for \$2,862.21; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 38078 for \$30,000.00; Enhanced 911 warrants 38079 through 38081 for \$22,700.09; Veteran's Assistance warrant 38082 for \$85.00; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 38083 through 38100 for \$5,862.63; and Dept of Commerce Pass Through warrant 38102 for \$15,722.32. (Exhibit 2)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (9:55 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl and Ed Bush.

Sheriff's Office Interview/Interrogation Room

The sheriff has requested approval to create an interview/interrogation room at a cost of approximately \$6000. The area is currently a storage area for Information Services Department and other equipment. There are also evidence storage areas. The Board asked Mr. Bowen to meet with the Sheriff to get more information. Their concerns include no funding source and moving prisoners through public areas.

Facilities request for \$25,000 inter budget transfer

Facilities Director Chris Giles joined the meeting.

Mr. Bowen said the Facilities Director has requested a \$25,000 inter budget transfer due to unforeseen costs for Jail repairs and maintenance. Mr. Giles explained some of the work that has been required. After budget review, the Board asked that the Jail pay for the repairs from its

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budget for the rest of the year instead of doing a budget transfer to the Facilities budget from the Contingency line item. Mr. Bowen will talk with the Jail Captain about the budget funds.

Facilities 2011 Budget Request

Mr. Giles said he has asked for an increase for the Jail maintenance in the 2011 budget. The 1000-gallon hot water tank needs to be replaced. Light ballasts are going to be discontinued in 2011. Mr. Peck asked if there is an incentive program available. Mr. Giles said yes. It would save approximately \$13,000 a year if we change out the lights but there are upfront costs. There were no matching funds available to take advantage of utility incentive programs.

Mr. Bowen said it would cost an estimated \$1 million to keep the mechanicals systems and roof repaired. Mr. Koch asked what bonding ability we have left. Mr. Bowen said we could bond up to \$30 million to \$40 million but the ability to repay bonds is the issue.

Mr. Bowen said a temporary roof is estimated to cost about \$50,000. A permanent roof would cost about \$450,000. The roof leaks. Mr. Giles told about some of the roof problems.

Dispatch: Out-of-State Travel

Dispatch Superintendent Ed Bush met with the Board. He requested approval of out-of-state travel for four people. He answered the Board's questions. The conference is about computer-aided dispatch including mapping, addressing and connectivity.

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of out-of-state travel for Ed Bush, Dan Werr, Dan McCann and Dann Borden. Second by Mr. Miller. Mr. Peck asked if the costs are 100% reimbursable. Mr. Bush said yes. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS (10:27 am)

Water Conservation and Irrigation Water Rights

Mr. Koch has talked with 16th District Representative Walsh's office and Senator Hewitt and gave them the information that had been given to us by Mark Nielson of the Franklin Conservation District and representatives of the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association. They were both aware of the matter.

Mr. Miller said he talked to Representative Nealey earlier about the matter.

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Extraordinary Defense Costs

Mr. Koch said Senator Hewitt's office said they will look into finding money for extraordinary defense costs.

Critical Areas Ordinance

Mr. Miller gave an update on the work he has done regarding a Senate Bill that affects Critical Areas. Four groups are involved: agriculture, Indian tribes, environmental and counties. It is expected that some legislation will be proposed in the next session. We are trying to get the four groups to compromise. An agreement is being prepared. If it is finalized, the county will have to opt in or opt out. Mr. Miller feels it would be best to opt in to guard eastern Washington agriculture. If we opt out, then we would have to re-do our Critical Areas Ordinance and go through tests, watersheds, and some other procedures.

Adjourned at 10:32 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until September 1, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brad Peck, Chairman

Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed September 22, 2010.