Commissioners' Proceedings for November 3, 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; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. County Administrator Fred Bowen was absent on personal business. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

#### **PROSECUTOR**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp and Public Works Director Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: <u>Tri-City Herald</u> Reporter Kristi Pihl.

**Executive Session** at 9:02 am for CRP 593 litigation based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) expected to last up to 30 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the room.

**Open Session** at 9:36 am.

### **PUBLIC WORKS** (9:36 am)

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl and Lauri Sherfey.

#### Vouchers

<u>Motion</u> - Mr. Miller: I move for approval of County Road Fund for \$182,080.67; MV & PW Equipment Fund for \$46,065.42; and CR Unemployment Trust for \$4941.03; for a total amount of \$233,087.12. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 1)

### East Foster Wells Road Extension Grant

Mr. Fife explained some Tiger II grant application requirements and review that will occur. The state will begin the negotiation process for an agreement. A conditional and preliminary term sheet was reviewed.

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Miller: I move to grant the chair approval to sign the contract with the Tiger II grant program. Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. Peck said the motion is to give the chair approval to sign on behalf of the Board a Conditional and Preliminary Term Sheet under the National Infrastructure Investments Discretionary Grant Program (Tiger II) so that Public Works can go forward and execute this agreement. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 2)

### WSU EXTENSION (9:49 am)

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

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# **Agronomy Position Update**

The agronomy position has been offered to a candidate. Ms. Sherfey said WSU plans to change the agronomy position due to budget cuts by expanding the coverage area to include Benton, Franklin, Adams and Grant Counties (all of the Columbia Basin irrigation area). The reconfiguration will not cost Franklin County more. Adams County will provide a truck that will remain part of Adams County's fleet, gasoline and maintenance. Franklin County will provide office space. Other details are not yet worked out.

Mr. Koch said some of our concerns are: vehicle, office, and wages. Ms. Sherfey said the wages come out of WSU with a portion from the county. Mr. Peck said the whole question is if we're splitting from two counties to four, how does the cost pencil out? Ms. Sherfey will work with the other county directors so that it will be fair and that we'll know in advance what it means for the counties.

Mr. Peck said the Board has **consensus agreement** that Franklin County is interested in continuing to work through the process and is still interested in supporting this position so long as the final plan is equitable among the counties participating. We intend to continue to participate. We're not going to pull out just because the scope has been broadened.

### **OFFICE BUSINESS** (9:57 am)

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board.

### Consent Agenda

<u>Motion</u> - Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of consent agenda for November 3 as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. Mr. Peck explained why item #2 was prepared. 3:0 vote in favor.

- 1. Approval of Resolution 2010-327 Professional Services Agreement #FCSC1012PY001M between Franklin County and attorney Peyman Younesi to provide indigent defense services to individuals facing the possibility of incarceration as a result of legal financial obligation or child support related contempt proceedings.
- 2. Approval of Resolution 2010-328, establishment of a uniform method of enforcing indigent defense professional services agreements and delegation of authority to the Indigent Defense Coordinator to execute and deliver noncompliance notices.
- 3. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$69,633.72 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$11,405.33 for pay period ending 10/28/2010.

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- 4. Approval and signature of letter to Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) officially requesting renewal of Delegation of Authority for Agricultural Burning. (Exhibit 3)
- 5. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010- 329 in the matter of execution of Amendment #09/11-MHPIHP-NECC-01 to provide crisis stabilization beds between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services and Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center.
- 6. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010- 330 in the matter of execution of Amendment #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-NECC-01 to provide crisis stabilization beds between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services and Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center.
- 7. Approval of Joint Resolution 2010-331 in the matter of execution of Amendment #09/09-DIV-NECC-04 to provide crisis stabilization beds between the Benton and Franklin Counties' Department of Human Services and Nueva Esperanza Counseling Center.

#### Vouchers/Warrants

<u>Motion</u> – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer for the date of November 3, 2010, in fund expenditures as listed in the total amount of \$160,547.94. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 41057 through 41205 for \$23,684.53; Current Expense warrants 41206 through 41237 for \$27,071.38; Auditor O&M warrants 41238 and 41239 for \$331.18; Election Equipment Revolving warrant 41240 for \$175.45; Jail Commissary warrants 41241 through 41245 for \$5887.78; Law Library warrant 41246 for \$25.45; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 41247 for \$56.00; Trial Court Improvement Fund warrant 41248 for \$350.00; Sheriff/Sex Offender Grant warrant 41249 for \$735.34; TRAC Operations Fund warrants 41250 through 41262 for \$13,866.87; Current Expense warrants 41263 through 41285 for \$57,461.68; Current Expense warrants 41286 through 41327 for \$23,611.11; Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 41328 for \$2326.17; and Current Expense warrant 41329 for \$4965.00. (Exhibit 4)

Adjourned at 10:09 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 8, 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 November 8, 2010.	