

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 50
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 19, 2009

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chairman; Bob Koch, Chair Pro Tem; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:01 am.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Secretary Patricia Shults met with the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion - Mr. Peck: I move approval of the consent agenda for October 19, 2009, with discussion on item #5:

1. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-418** in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Professional Service Agreement for legal representation of indigent individuals in Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Juvenile Division, between the Juvenile Justice Center and Susan Darden Henwood, effective June 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009.
(Clerk's Note: Office of Public Defense added Chemical Dependency Disposition Alternatives (CDDA) to Ms. Henwood's contract in 2008 via Resolution 2008-415. The entire contract was rewritten in 2009 and inadvertently omitted the CDDA language. This contract **rescinds** the contract approved by Franklin County Resolution 2009-269.)
(Exhibit 1: Information sheet.)
2. Approval of **joint Resolution 2009-419** in the matter of the request for signature from the Boards of Benton and Franklin County Commissioners on the Interagency Agreement IAA10222 between the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and the State of Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, effective July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. (Exhibit 2: Information sheet.)
3. Approval of **Resolution 2009-420** authorizing the Planning/Building Department to procure a 2006 Ford Escape, Vehicle Identification Number 1FMYU92Z26KC74865, ET 7512, from the Franklin County Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,964, to be utilized for Growth Management activities.
4. Approval for **Out-of-State Travel Request** for Steve Lowe to attend the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) fall Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado, October 15-18, 2009, for an estimated total cost of \$1352.59. (Exhibit 3)

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(Clerk's Note: Item 5 was pulled from the consent agenda.)

5. Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign the Franklin County Veterans' Assistance Fund Waiver Request form for Alfred Thompson.
6. Approval of **Resolution 2009-421** authorizing creation of revenue line item 333.93.61.7000 (HAVA Grant Funds) in the 2009 Miscellaneous Franklin County Elections Equipment Revolving Fund, Number 104-000-001, in the amount of \$54,774; authorizing creation of expenditure line item 511.70.41.0001 (Professional Services) in the 2009 Miscellaneous Franklin County Elections Equipment Revolving Fund, Number 104-000-001, in the amount of \$54,774; and approval of the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Agreement between the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS), Elections Division, and Franklin County, OSOS Number G-4278, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 4: Information sheet.)
7. Approval of **Resolution 2009-422** for the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Grant Agreement between the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS), Elections Division, and Franklin County, OSOS Number G-4272, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit 5: Information sheet.)
8. Approval of **Resolution 2009-423** for the Personal Services Contract between Franklin County and Everyone Counts, Inc., providing services for a pilot project for online ballots for disabled voters.
9. Approval of County Road Fund payroll in the amount of \$70,283.00 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll in the amount of \$11,642.52 for pay period ending October 15, 2009.

Second by Mr. Koch. The Board pulled item #5 pending meeting with Jim Reed of the American Legion later this morning. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of fund expenditures, 2009 vouchers for October 19, 2009, in the total amount of \$121,142.35: Landfill Closure Trust Fund warrant 23566 for \$1,711.07; Current Expense warrants 23665 through 23747 for \$53,350.01; Franklin County Enhanced 911 warrants 23748 through 23754 for \$64,032.56; and Auditor O&M warrants 23755 through 23756 for \$2,048.71. Second by Mr. Miller. 2:1 vote in favor. Yeas: Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller. Nay: Mr. Peck.

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Mr. Peck voted nay because he had not had a chance to review the vouchers yet.

(Exhibit 6)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of 2009 vouchers for October 19, warrant #23757 in the amount of \$5000.00 for Current Expense. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 7)

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move approval of vouchers for October 19, County Road Fund in the amount of \$279,979.65; Motor Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Fund in the amount of \$42,164.07; and Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$525.52 and a second Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$1,788.08. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Exhibit 8)

Motion – Mr. Koch: I move for approval of Salary Clearing payroll in the amount of \$549,629.34: Warrants 49380 through 49489 for \$170,910.69; warrants 49490 through 49495 for \$68,010.82; and Direct Deposit for \$310,707.83. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

Also on the cover sheet are Emergency Management payroll and irrigation payroll:

Emergency Management payroll warrants 23534 through 23540 for \$3447.89; warrants 23541 through 23544 for \$1580.72; and Direct Deposit for \$8514.86; for a total amount of \$13,543.47; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 23545 through 23561 for \$9241.84; and warrants 23562 through 23565 for \$1450.29; for a total amount of \$10,692.13. (Exhibit 9)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

Agenda Summary Report form

The Board reviewed a form that may be used by departments when they submit items for Board consideration.

Mr. Koch said he thinks anything that comes before the Board that has a monetary item on it should have a cover sheet of some sort. It will provide some background so we

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can get questions answered. Mr. Peck and Mr. Miller agreed. The Board approved use of the form.

Amend Franklin County Resolution 2009-239 approving Economic Development Projects

The City of Pasco returned \$8416 of unused .09 distressed counties money to the County. The money was allocated in June for several projects. Mr. Bowen asked for approval of a resolution to allow TRAC to use the \$8416 for capital improvements. Mr. Peck asked if specific projects have been identified. Mr. Bowen said we did identify specific uses in a broad sense, allowing TRAC to use it for any capital improvement purpose. This particular amount of money will be used on the sign. Changes to the sign resulted in an increased cost.

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of Resolution 2009-424 amending Franklin County Resolution 2009-239 approving Economic Development Projects. Second by Mr. Peck. Mr. Peck asked does this leave a balance in the fund? Mr. Bowen said yes, it is not exhausted. 3:0 vote in favor.

AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion representatives Jim Reed, Service Officer for Post 34, and John Johnson, Assistant Finance Officer, met with the Board.

2010 Budget: Indigent Veterans

Mr. Reed answered the Board's questions about how funds are administered to indigent veterans. He has tried for quite awhile to implement a spreadsheet from all the counties so that veterans cannot receive funds from more than one county at a time. Mr. Bowen said we have asked for state legislation to put a system in place.

Robin Stanco, Shanna Calderon and Jed Crowther joined the audience.

Mr. Bowen said we are testing a computer program called D-Med to screen indigent defendants. If it works, it can maybe be applied to the indigent veterans program as well.

Accountant Robin Stanco gave the Board materials regarding the veterans assistance budget.

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Mr. Peck said I'm looking for clarity on who has the authority to waive the qualifying dollar amounts, whether the county, RCW or Federal. Mr. Koch believes it is the county's authority. After extensive discussion, Mr. Peck asked that the matter be reviewed further to clarify who has the authority to grant a waiver. Mr. Peck said he is not opposed to making exceptions on income for \$10 or \$15 but doesn't want to find out we told someone earlier no when we didn't have that authority.

Treasurer Tiffany Coffland joined the audience.

Request to reimburse for expenses

Ms. Stanco asked the Board if the American Legion volunteers could be reimbursed for their expenses in relation to the services they provide. Mr. Koch asked if it is for administration type of costs. Ms. Stanco said yes. She said the RCW allows for it. She asked for approval to reimburse travel costs for the three people that work on the project and contracted services for two people. They currently do not receive reimbursement but do the work strictly on a voluntary basis. Ms. Stanco requested approval in the 2010 budget of \$1300 for travel and \$3840 for contracted services. There is money available in the 2009 current budget for them to be reimbursed at this time as well.

Mr. Peck said I hear what you're saying and don't disagree but there are more veterans and the economy is creating greater need every day. He feels a lot of veterans don't know the program is available. He would like to take a broad look at it and look at our policy and see if we want to adjust that rate, which might include upping that fund just a little bit.

Mr. Koch said we have a \$1200 limit. He asked why is one veteran getting the whole amount at one shot? Mr. Reed said when I was a service officer, I never let them do that. His understanding is someone who is needing to make a house payment has received it.

Request to change food vouchers use

Mr. Reed requested that the food vouchers expire in 14 to 15 days as they used to do instead of seven days. The county sets the time limit. A lot of the people using the

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vouchers don't have cars and have to use the bus instead so they do not use the full amount in seven days' time.

Recessed at 10:07 am.

Reconvened at 10:15 am.

CITY OF CONNELL

Jed Crowther, Connell Planning/Building Coordinator, met with the Board.

Present in audience: Carl Adrian.

City of Connell Community Center Property

Mr. Crowther presented information on the screen to show properties in Connell owned by Connell, Franklin County, and a private landowner. The paved parking lot being used by the Connell Community Center is owned by Franklin County. He said it's in the mutual best interest for the city to have ownership of the parking lot, beneficial to the county because of liability, and beneficial in consolidating those uses surrounding the Community Center. At the same time the county needs to come away with something of value rather than just donating the parking lot to the city. Connell is proposing that the city exchange a portion of an unopened street for the parking lot area that the county owns as well as some other vacant area. To do so, it is going to take several steps. He explained the steps that would need to occur. There would be three parties involved, the city, county, and a private property owner. The private property owner has agreed to deed his portion to the county. A 20' alley would be retained by the city. Avista and CenturyTel utilities have existing facilities in the properties. Connell has made arrangements with Avista to relocate an existing utility line outside of the future lot boundaries.

The unopened street in one of the properties was designated before the city extended to this area. In reality, the existing Elm Street is located to the north. Mr. Koch said the county owned some of the property as far back as the 1920s.

There was discussion about property values.

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Mr. Peck asked why wouldn't the city find a like-sized piece of property on the periphery of town adjacent to existing county land that would be less complex and leave that land available for some city purpose? He does not think the county really needs plots of land in downtown Connell. Mr. Crowther said there were efforts made to resolve ownership issues on other lots. Mr. Koch said he tried to do that earlier. He explained some of the history of different properties in Connell. When the City of Connell bought the DNR land south of Highway 260, they owned the property that the county's Public Works Department sits on. At that time, we as a Board suggested they try to take on another piece of ground south of it adjacent to the county. Mr. Koch said he tried trading it foot for foot at that time but the city said no. They wouldn't even discuss trading it foot for foot.

Mr. Peck would like to wait for more discussion before action. Mr. Miller agreed.

Mr. Koch said the Board earlier had decided that that property was more useful for the City of Connell than for Franklin County. Ending up with the northeast corner piece would be an offset. Even though the footages are not the same, the value may be in reason.

Mr. Peck said just based on the square footage numbers and the fact that that's an existing public facility zoned paved parking lot, I've got to believe that the value well exceeds a half acre of undeveloped land next to our Public Works building.

TRIDEC

TRIDEC President and CEO Carl Adrian met with the Board. Present in audience: Jed Crowther.

Update

Mr. Adrian gave an update about TRIDEC's recent activities including a manufacturers' show, business recruitment efforts and marketing trips, and some new businesses in the area.

Dues

Mr. Adrian said Franklin County has appointed TRIDEC as its Associate Development Organization (ADO). New legislation was adopted creating an ADO

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formula. We have to match with other dollars in order to receive it. He explained some of the details of the forms that have to be filled out now. We appreciate being named the ADO. We sent Franklin County an invoice for \$3300 for this year. TRIDEC receives grant funding as the ADO and has to match the per capita portion of the grant.

CITY OF CONNELL (continued)

Jed Crowther continued his meeting with the Board.

Assessed values of various properties were reviewed. The Board had **consensus agreement** to negotiate with the City of Connell to trade one parcel for another, the parcel with the pavement for a parcel nearer the county's shop. Mr. Peck said the parking lot piece is valued more than the piece we are willing to trade for but Connell put improvements on it. He thinks given that Connell needs this piece of property and the county could benefit long-term from the area near the shop and given the value, he thinks it's close enough that everybody wins.

Motion – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion that we communicate to the City of Connell through Mr. Jed Crowther that the county would be amenable to an even exchange of the properties adjacent to the south side of west Elm Street as briefed today in exchange for the two-acre parcel due south of the property currently owned by the county known as our Public Works shop at the intersection of Highway 260 and Columbia in Connell and that we would consent to his taking that back to the City of Connell for their review and consideration prior to executing any formal committed agreements. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

BUDGET

The Board scheduled a budget workshop for Wednesday, October 21.

Adjourned at 11:36 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 21, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed November 2, 2009.