

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for January 13, 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 9:15 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Department of Commerce, General Purpose Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Eltopia Water Association**

Christy Batayola of Harms Engineers and Ivan Halversen of Eltopia Water Association met with the Board. Also present: Flo Sayre and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristy Pihl.

Ms. Batayola gave an overview of the proposed project. She provided handouts of the proposed CDBG grant program in English and Spanish (Exhibit 1).

Mr. Peck opened the public hearing for comments at 9:18 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Christy Batayola, Ivan Halversen, and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Bridgette Scott, Flo Sayre and Kristy Pihl.

Ivan Halversen spoke in favor, saying that the work is needed. It serves 25 households. He said the well records date from 1902. The well location is not good.

Flo Sayre, 1131 North Cherry Drive, Pasco, spoke in favor.

Mr. Peck asked twice more if anyone wished to speak for or against the project. There was no comment.

Mr. Koch asked Ms. Batayola how much of the project can be done with the grant. Ms. Batayola said the \$600,000 grant covers about three-quarters of the project cost. She said the association is also applying for a drinking water loan. We are trying to do this to affect their pocketbooks as little as possible. We're requesting the maximum \$25,000 grant per household and hoping for a loan to cover the rest of the project.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of the Department of Commerce General Purpose Community Development Block Grant for Eltopia Water Association. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-014.

Title VI Certification (9:29 am)

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the Community Development Block Grant Title VI Certification for the Eltopia Water Association Project with the Chairman's signature. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-015.

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Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the Subrecipient agreement between Franklin County and the Eltopia Water Association for the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development - CDBG planning only and general purpose grants. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-016.

**OFFICE BUSINESS** (9:34 am)

Secretary Bridgette Scott met with the Board. Present in audience: Flo Sayre and Kristy Pihl.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda for Wednesday, January 13, 2010, with the exception of #1 and #3 at this time. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

(Clerk's Note: Items 1 and 3 were pulled from the consent agenda.)

1. Approval of **Resolution 2010-\_\_\_\_\_**, Janitorial Services Contract Amendment between Franklin County and American Building Maintenance Company effective January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, amending Resolution 2007-683.
2. Approval of County Road Fund payroll for pay period ending 1/7/2010 in the total amount of \$69,955.26 and Motor Vehicle Fund payroll for pay period ending 1/7/2010 in the total amount of \$11,642.52.
3. Rescind Resolution 2008-593 and Resolution 2009-434 and amend the Franklin County Travel Policy, Section IV – Meal Reimbursement and Section VII – Mileage Reimbursement.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept vouchers as audited by the Auditing Officer in the amount of \$533,428.35 for Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll for \$11,683.74, and Irrigation payroll for \$10,417.88. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 50078-50164 for \$161,810.90; warrants 50165 through 50169 for \$64,643.69; and Direct Deposit for \$306,973.76; for a total amount of \$533,428.35;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 27281 through 27287 for \$3122.13; warrants 27288 through 27291 for \$1356.99; and Direct Deposit for \$7204.62; for a total amount of \$11,683.74; and

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Irrigation payroll warrants 27344 through 27360 for \$9013.44; warrants 27361 through 27364 for \$1404.44; for a total amount of \$10,417.88. (Exhibit 2)

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval for mixed 2009 and 2010 vouchers, miscellaneous fund expenditures, in the bottom line of \$862,631.08. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor:

Current Expense warrants 27068 through 27137 for \$40,775.09; Law Library warrants 27275 and 27276 for \$589.06; Election Equipment Revolving warrants 27277 and 27278 for \$212.07; Cumulative Reserve (2010 year) warrant 27279 for \$377,000.00; Capital Projects Fund (2010 year) warrant 27280 for \$247,000.00; Current Expense warrants 27292 through 27343 for \$2027.69; TRAC warrants 27365 through 27398 for \$81,759.00; Current Expense warrants 27399 for \$45,562.28 to Auditor O&M warrants 27445 for \$943.43; Current Expense warrants 27446 through 27485 for \$49,220.71; Dispatch/Enhanced 911 warrants 27486 through 27489 for \$6082.60; Dispatch/Enhanced 911 warrant 27490 for \$40.13; and RV Park warrants 27491 through 27495 for \$11,419.02; for a total amount of \$862,631.08. (Exhibit 3)

Minutes

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for January 6, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Flo Sayre and Kristy Pihl.

Inter Fund Transfers

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move that we approve the inter budget transfers under Resolution 2010-017. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Executive Session** at 9:47 am regarding contract negotiation based on RCW 42.30.140(4) expected to last 10 minutes. Ms. Sayre and Ms. Pihl left the room.

**Open Session** at 9:59 am.

**PROSECUTOR**

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

**Executive Session** at 10:00 am regarding current litigation of the Franklin County v. James McLeod case based on RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) expected to last up to 15 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the meeting.

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**Open Session** at 10:15 am.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Engineer Tim Fife met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

CRP 500 - East Foster Wells Road Phase II

Mr. Fife briefly reviewed the property purchase and easement processes that have occurred with the Bureau of Reclamation and other property owners.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move approval of CRP 500 - East Foster Wells Road Phase II general warranty deed with Franklin County and the United States of America. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-018.

CRP 596 – R170 Road Project: Sandoval “Just Compensation” for road right-of-way acquisition

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of CRP 596, R-170 road project, Sandoval “Just Compensation” for right-of-way acquisition. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 4)

East Foster Wells Road Project

A public hearing has been set to consider amending the six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to allow an East Foster Wells Road project as a future project if United States stimulus funding becomes available.

Road Restrictions

Using a map, Mr. Fife showed the Board where road restrictions have been applied.

**Recessed** at 10:40 am.

**Reconvened** at 10:46 am.

**COUNTY COOKBOOK**

Coroner Dan Blasdel and Printer Libbie Wright met with the Board to give a report on the county employee cookbook which was prepared with donated employee time. Present in audience: Kristy Pihl.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tri-City Herald Newspaper Article

Mr. Miller gave information to clarify inaccuracies in a recent newspaper article.

**VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND POLICY**

Chief Accountant Tom Westerman and Robin Stanco met with the Board. Present in audience: Auditor Zona Lenhart, Jim Reed and Jim Dimond from the American Legion, Assessor Steve Marks and Kristy Pihl.

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The Veterans Assistance Policy was last updated in 2004.

Mr. Peck thanked Auditor Zona Lenhart for taking the initiative to update the policy.

The proposed changes to the policy were reviewed using a summary sheet prepared by Mr. Westerman. The Veterans Advisory Board has also participated in the update.

Mr. Westerman asked for Board input regarding dollar maximums and any other parts of the policy. Mr. Peck said the Board members will combine their comments and forward them to the Auditor's Office. Ms. Lenhart hopes to have the policy approved by the end of the month.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Present in audience: Zona Lenhart and Kristy Pihl.

Legislative issues

The Board discussed two legislative issues: levy equalization for schools and a 7.6% increase in Workers Compensation premium. Mr. Koch will bring the issues up at a Legislative Steering Committee meeting.

Precincts

Auditor Zona Lenhart described the precinct boundary work her office is doing and asked for Board input.

Internal county radio system

Ms. Lenhart asked the Board to authorize county offices to be able to hear the Commissioner meetings from their own desks.

**Adjourned** at 11:29 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until January 20, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Brad Peck, Chairman

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Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

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Bob Koch, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed January 20, 2010.