

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for May 12, 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 9:00 am.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson met with the Board.

Closed Record Appeal: CUP 2010-04, a Conditional Use Permit request by Linden Knapp to amend CUP 2001-03 (Express Storage Facility – mini storage) to allow outside storage for items such as boats, recreational vehicles and autos. The land is located north of Court Street, on the east side of Road 64 at the northeast corner of Court Street and Road 64 (Parcel Number 118-612-097).

Closed Record Appeal hearing started at 9:00 am. Present: Commissioners Peck, Miller and Koch; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Planning Director Jerrod MacPherson. Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Linden Knapp and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

An Action Summary was given to each Board member (Exhibit 1). Mr. MacPherson explained what led to and what happens during a Closed Record Appeal. Mr. Peck asked Mr. MacPherson to summarize the concerns the Board expressed at the Open Record hearing. Mr. MacPherson showed an aerial photograph of the site and the site plan drawing. He said there was a concern that there might not be enough separation for emergency responders, there was discussion about increasing the separation distance on perimeter fencing on the south and west side to have a 20' clear area, and there was also concern over language regarding landscaping.

Mr. Koch explained his concern about having an area for a fire truck to come in and out without facing a dead-end. He doesn't think a 20' space is required on the south side.

The Board discussed the wording they want to be included on the resolution.

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move to grant approval to Conditional Use Application CUP 2010-04 subject to the six findings of fact and 15 conditions of approval including the amendments to conditions of approval #5 and #10. Second by Mr. Miller.

In response to Mr. Peck's question for clarification purposes, Mr. Koch said his motion is to include the amendments we have discussed, the new verbiage. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-138.

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**CORONER** (9:17 am)

Coroner Dan Blasdel met with the Board. Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Sally McKenzie and Kristi Pihl.

Out-of-State Travel

Mr. Blasdel explained the reasons he would like to attend two conferences. The Department of Justice will pay for part of the trip to Arizona. The Coroner budget has \$500 allocated for travel, which is used to cover mileage for investigations.

Mr. Koch said you knew the International conference was coming up. It should have been in the budget. Mr. Blasdel said it was but he could not put it in the budget and still meet the requirements that the Board set forth at the time of budget workshops and adoption.

Mr. Peck said I'm going to ask Mr. Bowen to take a look at my own Commissioner travel budget. I was scheduled to go to a NACo Conference, National Association of Counties, in Washington, D.C., and for a variety of reasons ended up not going so I want to find out how much I was able to save by not going and we'll take a look at whether or not we can just move those funds out of my travel budget into yours to cover these because I agree that these are legitimate, worthwhile travel and also want to make good on our commitment to do whatever we could to support you when we got to this point which we thought we would. Unless there's other discussion from other commissioners, I think I'll leave it there, and Mr. Bowen, would you get back with myself and Mr. Blasdel and see if we can make that happen.

**PUBLIC WORKS** (9:27 am)

Engineer Tim Fife and Solid Waste Coordinator Sally McKenzie met with the Board. Also present: Crew Supervisor Jesse Ceja, Assistant Engineer Guy Walters, District Court Clerk Kelly Martin, Human Services Interim Director Ed Thornbrugh, Mike Schwisow and Kristi Pihl.

Probation Work/Litter Crew Update

Ms. McKenzie gave an update about the Community Litter Cleanup Program (CLCP) using a Power Point presentation on the screen. The state is cutting funding to the program. Currently all of the funds for the 2010-2011 period will be received in 2010 with no funding available in 2011. She is working with District Court and the Probation Department to determine possible ways to save the program.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the Interagency Agreement between State of Washington, Department of Ecology, and Franklin County Solid Waste for

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grant funding in the amount of \$32,898 for Franklin County's Community Litter Cleanup Program from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. This is Resolution 2010-139.

Grant Programs

Mr. Fife recommended submitting the East Foster Wells project for Federal Title II funding. The Board asked him to prepare materials to apply when it becomes available.

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The final agreement for construction funding is expected in the next couple of weeks. It is possible the funding will cover re-working of a bridge. The Rural Arterial Program (RAP) is another possible source of funds.

Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund

HAEIFC has a new funding program to try to stimulate jobs. Mr. Peck asked Mr. Fife to think about funding the litter cleanup since it would preserve a job and it improves the appearance of our roadways, which is a tourism issue.

**OFFICE BUSINESS** (9:54 am)

Present in audience: Ed Thornbrugh, Kristi Pihl and Mike Schwisow.

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the consent agenda for May 12, 2010, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2010-140, joint bi-county Amendment #09/11-MH-NONPIHP-LCS-01 between the Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Lutheran Community Services NW for mental health services.
2. Approval of Resolution 2010-141, joint bi-county Professional Services Agreement #PSA-2010-PPD-00 between Pasco Police Department and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services.
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-142, Memorandum of Agreement, Addendum to Resolution Number 2009-100 collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Franklin County Commissioners and the Franklin County Sheriff, and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (USW), for itself and on behalf of its Local 12-369, on behalf of the Sheriff's Clerical and Dispatch employees.

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**COLUMBIA BASIN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE (CBDL) (9:55 am)**

Mike Schwisow met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristie Pihl.

Briefing and Update on Odessa Study

Regarding the Bureau of Reclamation projects, Mr. Schwisow said the first water came in 1952 and the last of the current developed portions (Mattawa project) came in the 1980s. From 1983 until 2003, a moratorium of further development was placed on the project. Recently the Columbia River Initiative looked at making more water resources available in central Washington. The Bureau of Reclamation lifted the moratorium. The League began a series of activities designed to restart work on the project. The focus was on the declining aquifer in the Odessa area. Mr. Schwisow gave an update of the progress towards bringing more irrigation water into the project.

**OFFICE BUSINESS (10:24 am)**

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Minutes

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of Commissioners Proceedings for May 5, 2010. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman I would move for approval of Salary Clearing Payroll in the amount of \$544,112.38, and on the cover sheet we have Emergency Management and Irrigation payroll. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 50906 through 50996 for \$160,212.36; warrants 50997 through 51002 for \$66,284.59; and Direct Deposit for \$317,615.43; for a total amount of \$544,112.38;

Emergency Management warrants 33081 through 33087 for \$3137.76; warrants 33088 through 33091 for \$1335.58; and Direct Deposit for \$7032.49; for a total amount of \$11,505.83; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 33092 through 33107 for \$9434.70; and warrants 33108 through 33111 for \$1484.51; for a total amount of \$10,919.21. (Exhibit 2)

Vouchers/Warrants

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would like to approve the vouchers for the date of May 12, 2010, in the amounts listed in the total amount of \$96,923.51. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

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Current Expense warrants 32785 through 32857 for \$14,800.32; Current Expense warrants 32858 through 32864 for \$8425.94; Auditor O&M warrants 32865 through 32868 for \$16,706.55; Courthouse Facilitator Program warrant 32869 for \$570.00; Clerk LFO Collection Fund warrant 32870 for \$25.98; Boating Safety Fund warrants 32871 through 32873 for \$695.12; DUI Recovery Fund warrant 32874 for \$105.05; Jail Commissary warrants 32875 through 32880 for \$5470.38; DARE Fund Sheriff warrant 32881 for \$43.10; Auditor O&M warrant 32882 for \$185.00; Enhanced 911 warrants 32883 through 32890 for \$3687.84; Law Library warrants 32891 through 32893 for \$1165.70; Veteran's Assistance (adjusted for void) warrants 32894 through 32896 for \$951.02; and TRAC warrants 32897 through 32937 for \$44,092.51; for a total amount of \$96,923.51. (Exhibit 3)

**OTHER BUSINESS** (10:33 am)

Legislative Steering Committee

Mr. Koch asked for approval to reapply to continue his service as a representative on the Legislative Steering Committee at Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC). It is an annual appointment. Mr. Peck has also applied. All three Board members gave approval.

Benton County letter

The Board has reviewed a letter from Benton County dated May 10, stamped received May 11. The Board **gave approval** for Mr. Peck to send a letter of reply.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** (10:29 am)

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board.

**Executive Session** at 10:50 am expected to last up to 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate qualifications of applicants for employment or review performance of public employee. Ms. Pihl left the meeting.

**Open Session** at 11:07 am.

**Adjourned** at 11:08 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until May 19, 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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Robert E. Koch, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed June 23, 2010.