

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for November 8, 2010

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date in a Special Board Meeting. Present for the meeting were Brad Peck, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Bob Koch, Member; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Fred Bowen, County Administrator, was absent on personal business. Meeting convened at 9:00 am.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

HR Director Rosie H. Rumsey met with the Board. Present in audience: Assistant HR Director Lisa Schumacher; Stephanie B. Green from USW Local 12-369, Len Shure from BOP Local Corrections, Sandy Schroeder from Franklin County Correctional Center, County Engineer Tim Fife, Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Verhulp, Rick Long from Franklin County Correctional Center, Connie Curiel from Franklin County Auditor's Office, Raenette Carle, Laura Stark, Jerrod MacPherson, Peter McEnderfer, Steve Marks, Adam Morasch and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

2011 Employee Benefits

Ms. Rumsey told the Board that Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) has decided to disband effective January 1, 2011. She explained differences between the Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) and WCIP. She told the Board about employee medical insurance options and answered questions.

The WCIP currently feels there are enough reserve funds to pay what is required. If not, all the counties and entities in the pool will be assessed. The open enrollment date for employees has been extended to December 1, 2010. Ms. Rumsey recommended that the Insurance Committee should be reinstated. If the county chooses to use Premera Insurance, the cost would be a 5.7% increase for 2011 in addition to the previously known increase of approximately 24%.

Ms. Rumsey told the Board about changes in the procedure to give notice to withdraw from WCIF.

The Board then spoke by telephone with Mike Shelton, Executive Director of WCIF/WCIP.

The Board continued the discussion about insurance after the phone call.

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Mr. Koch cautioned that whoever might be looking for insurance should be aware of what's available and how the costs have increased for counties and entities not using the WCIP in the last two or three years.

Mr. Peck listed some options. One is to use Premera in 2011 and also implement a search committee to review future options. A second option is to have the Insurance Committee attempt to find a more desirable or more acceptable plan for 2011 but that would have to be accomplished in the next two weeks, finalized by the end of November. A third option would be to use Premera, reinstate the Insurance Committee, obtain bids, and then if we find something we desire that is better, give 90 days' notice and pull out during the year.

In response to a question, Ms. Rumsey said a parity rule is in effect so Premera will not bid against themselves to provide cheaper insurance.

Mr. Peck asked who would participate on an insurance committee. Ms. Rumsey said it would include members from each union, elected officials, and non-bargaining employees.

Ms. Rumsey has ordered a claims history for Franklin County only. She will begin preparing a census for the Franklin County group. In the future, Premera will not give Franklin County its own separate claims history.

Mr. Peck asked, given rates in pools are going up exponentially, is there any kind of viable option for the county to pay employees a set amount and allow them to secure insurance any way they choose? Ms. Rumsey said that is an option. It would be a true cafeteria plan. The Insurance Committee could prepare a list of providers. Mr. Peck said he is not necessarily for or against that approach but that is an option.

Executive Session at 9:50 am expected to last 10 minutes based on RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) regarding collective bargaining agreements/grievance discussion. Ms. Rumsey and Ms. Schumacher remained in the meeting with the Commissioners.

Executive Session continued at 10:00 am expected to last up to 15 minutes. Those waiting outside were notified.

Open Session at 10:16 am.

Tim Fife, Laura Stark, Sandy Schroeder and Kristi Pihl joined the audience.

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OFFICE BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant Toni Fulton met with the Board. Present in audience: Tim Fife and Kristi Pihl.

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move for approval of the consent agenda for November 8, 2010, as presented. Second by Mr. Miller.

1. Approval and signature of letter to the Franklin County Auditor authorizing payroll release for November 30, 2010.
2. Approval and signature of letter to the Franklin County Auditor authorizing payroll release for December 15, 2010.
3. Approval of Resolution 2010-332, Revised Professional Services Agreement Contract Amendment #FCSC0911MLR001A with Matthew L. Rutt, Attorney, to provide indigent defense services in Franklin County Superior Court, effective October 15, 2010, through December 31, 2011, rescinding Resolution 2009-281.
4. Approval of Resolution 2010-333, Revised Professional Services Agreement Contract Amendment #FCSC0911KVK001A with Karla V. Kane, Attorney, to provide indigent defense services in Franklin County Superior Court, effective October 15, 2010, through December 31, 2011, rescinding Resolution 2009-280.
5. Approval of release of lien on Short Plat 1993-18 (Exhibit 1).
6. Approval to purchase four (4) replacement doors at the Connell Shop from Richardson's Garage Doors for \$8606.30 (Exhibit 2).
7. Approval to purchase 2011 Ford F150 4x4 pickup from Legacy Ford at a cost of \$24,834.03, including sales tax, to replace vehicle number ET-6912 which has 267,000 miles (Exhibit 3).
8. Approval of Resolution 2010-334, Interlocal Agreement relating to Law Enforcement Service between Franklin County and the Port of Pasco effective January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2015.

3:0 vote in favor.

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Vouchers/Warrants

Motion – Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to approve vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as of the date of November 8, 2010, in fund expenditures listed in the total amount of \$31,913.92. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Current Expense warrants 41420 through 41439 for \$30,168.99; Enhanced 911 warrant 41440 for \$325.37; and Veteran's Assistance warrants 41441 through 41443 for \$1,419.56.

(Exhibit 4)

MINUTES

Motion – Mr. Koch: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Commissioners Proceedings for October 13, 20, 27, and November 3, be approved and signed as completed. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

Rivers to Ridges Open Spaces Network (RROSN)

Mr. Peck represents the county on the RROSN advisory board. The RROSN's goal is to maintain open spaces for recreation purposes. Mr. Peck is unwilling to adopt any of their plans as official county policy. Mr. Koch agreed, stating they do not govern us. They function as an advisory group, not a governance group.

Adjourned at 10:32 am.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 17, 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 17, 2010.