

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 51  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
Commissioners' Proceedings for November 23, 2011

The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Robert E. Koch, Chairman; Rick Miller, Chair Pro Tem; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:03 am.

**AUDITOR**

Chief Accountant Thomas Westerman met with the Board.

Public Hearing: To take testimony for and against increasing the revenue and expenditure bottom lines of the 2011 Franklin County Unemployment Fund #502-000-001 by \$25,000, for a total appropriation of \$58,155

Present in audience: Bob Gear and Tri-City Herald Reporter Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Koch asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the increase. There was no response. Hearing was closed to public comment.

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Mr. Chairman, I move for approval of the supplemental appropriation to the unemployment fund as presented. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-382 was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING: To take testimony for and against the proposed Commissioner redistricting plan**

Public Hearing convened at 9:06 am. Present: Commissioners Koch, Miller and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Bob Gear, Bob Metzger, Ed Bush, Rick Rochleau and Kristi Pihl.

Mr. Koch asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. They did not.

The Commissioners reviewed draft maps.

Some legal requirements were noted on the record including that Federal law requires updating the plan and having a plan in place within 10 months of census data being received. Conflicting state law doesn't allow the Commissioners to redistrict more than once every four years (which would be December 2012).

Mr. Peck asked if we prepare a plan this year, do we have an option to adjust it before adoption of the plan next year?

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Mr. Koch said the plan would not split any precincts, add or delete or marry any of them. He said we are just trying to get a consistency with population and trying to keep it clean and not use any other political boundaries to make a decision. It is just a plan for other districts to work from. In December 2012 when we are eligible to set commissioners district boundaries, if we find at that time there needs to be a tweak for some reason, it still can be done. Mr. Koch talked briefly about the potential growth between Districts 2 and 3.

Mr. Miller said it could be done after December 2012 as well, maybe in March, May, or June 2013.

Mr. Peck noted that his proposed changes to the draft plan were very similar to Mr. Koch's but included a couple additional recommended changes. Nevertheless he is willing to accept Mr. Koch's version.

Mr. Peck said just so we're clear, one, we are preparing a plan so we can comply with the law that requires us to have a plan; two, that the plan that is being prepared is not necessarily binding, that this board still has the authority prior to doing redistricting to make further changes if we find that appropriate (Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller both nodded in agreement); and three, we currently are outside the state's 10% differential (deviation) between districts. He said having said that and having that all on the record, I can live with what you have drawn there. I am referring to the map posted in the commissioners room. Mr. Koch and Mr. Miller agreed.

The hearing was closed.

**DISPATCH (9:19 am)**

Dispatch Director Ed Bush met with the Board. Present in audience: Rick Rochleau, Pasco Fire Chief Bob Gear, Pasco Police Chief Bob Metzger and Kristi Pihl.

Regionalization Study

Mr. Bush asked for approval for Franklin County to participate in a study done by the state that will consider consolidating 9-1-1 services. He briefly explained concerns that need to be considered in the study including determining true costs to user groups. The City of Richland would be the lead agency. Chief Gear spoke in favor. The Board asked that all agencies that may be affected are identified and notified.

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Mr. Peck said starting on January 1, 2012, he will be the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) representative to E911 at least for eastern Washington.

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: Move for approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Washington State Military Department, Benton County and Franklin County as presented by Mr. Bush. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-383 was approved.

**COUNTY CLERK**

County Clerk Mike Killian and Administrative Assistant Cherryl Jones met with the Board. Present in audience: Rich Rochleau and Kristi Pihl.

Inter Budget Transfer to cover jury fees and witness fees

Mr. Killian requested an inter budget transfer. Mr. Bowen said the 2011 Contingency line item had funds earmarked for these fees if it was needed. Mr. Killian said the Clerk's budget does not have the additional funds available.

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move to approve transfer of \$10,300 from the 2011 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700, line item 519.90.00.0001 (Contingency), to the 2011 Current Expense Clerk's Budget 001-000-160. Second by Mr. Peck. Mr. Peck asked if the additional funds will be used up. Mr. Killian hopes not but it is a possibility. Mr. Peck asked if this goes back to the general Current Expense fund if it is not used. Mr. Killian said yes. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2011-384 was approved.

Mr. Killian responded to Mr. Peck's questions about trends in budget costs.

2012 Budget

Mr. Killian talked with the Board about his 2012 budget proposal. Robin Stanco and Tom Westerman joined the audience. The Board approved the request for two employees to be included in the draft 2012 budget as long as the revenue line is equal to or exceeds the expenditures. Mr. Killian acknowledged that he would need to lay off one or both of these new employees if the revenue from their debt collection activities did not cover all of their salary and benefit costs.

**SECURITY**

Courthouse Security Director Rick Rochleau met with the Board. Present in audience: Tom Westerman, Robin Stanco, Janet Taylor and Kristi Pihl.

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2012 Budget

Mr. Rochleau talked with the Board about his 2012 budget proposal.

**Recessed** at 10:29 am.

**Reconvened** at 10:36 am.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Fred Bowen and Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor met with the Board. Present in audience: Kristi Pihl.

**Executive Session** at 10:36 am based on RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) regarding contract negotiations expected to last up to 30 minutes. Ms. Pihl left the audience.

**Executive Session** continued at 11:08 am expected to last 30 minutes.

**Executive Session** continued at 11:38 am expected to last 30 minutes.

**Executive Session** continued at 12:08 pm expected to last 30 minutes.

**Open Session** at 12:40 pm.

**Recessed** at 12:40 pm.

**Reconvened** at 12:44 pm.

City of Pasco lease

Mr. Bowen asked the Board members to review a draft lease.

**OFFICE BUSINESS**

Vouchers

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move approval of vouchers for payroll for County Road and Motor Vehicle totaling \$124,128.72. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

County Road payroll warrants 58389 through 58417 for \$34,797.27; Direct Deposit for \$34,090.74; Benefits warrants 58418 through 58428 for \$38,882.40; for a total amount of \$107,770.41; and

Motor Vehicle payroll warrants 58429 through 58446 for \$4715.82; Direct Deposit for \$5208.15; and Benefits warrants 58447 through 58456 for \$6434.34; for a total amount of \$16,358.31;

Grand total is \$124,128.72. (Exhibit 1)

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**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of payment of Public Works expense reimbursement funds for \$548,039.06 for County Road, Motor Vehicle, Solid Waste and Probation Work Crew. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

County Road for \$467,917.28; Motor Vehicle for \$79,414.09; Solid Waste for \$475.68; and Probation Work Crew \$232.01; for a grand total of \$548,039.06. (Exhibit 2)

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of vouchers from Franklin County Auditor for Salary Clearing payroll, Emergency Management payroll and Irrigation payroll in the total amount of \$662,430.48. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

Salary Clearing payroll warrants 54789 through 54882 for \$175,520.44; Direct Deposit for \$311,178.04; and Benefits warrants 54883 through 54894 for \$145,207.81; for a total amount of \$631,906.29;

Emergency Management payroll warrants 58559 through 58567 for \$3593.93; Direct Deposit for \$6706.32; and Benefits warrants 58568 through 58577 for \$4724.54; for a total amount of \$15,024.79; and

Irrigation payroll warrants 58578 through 58593 for \$6355.44; Direct Deposit for \$3422.54; and Benefits warrants 58594 through 58601 for \$5721.42; for a total amount of \$15,499.40.

Grand total is \$662,430.48. (Exhibit 3)

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of fund expenditures certified and approved by the county auditor as listed in the total amount of \$454,599.80. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

<b><u>Fund Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>Warrants</u></b>		<b><u>Amount Issued</u></b>
Enhanced 911	58154		\$36.72
TRAC	58155	- 58178	\$36,267.63
Franklin County RV	58179	- 58182	\$4,529.01
Courthouse Facilitator Program	58183		\$950.00
Clerk LFO Collection Fund	58184	- 58185	\$507.00
Current Expense	58186	- 58228	\$205,524.87
Current Expense	58229	- 58247	\$6,207.30

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FC Public Facilities Const Fund	58457		\$10,830.00
TRAC	58458	- 58475	\$6,401.83
Franklin County RV	58476	- 58477	\$1,358.99
Current Expense	58478	- 58558	\$77,168.83
Current Expense	58602	- 58628	\$86,826.46
Current Expense	58629		\$34.00
Auditor O & M	58630	- 58631	\$292.87
Treasurer O & M	58632	- 58633	\$662.06
Jail Commissary	58634	- 58638	\$3,445.02
Veteran's Assistance	58639		\$250.00
Fr. Co. Unemployment Trust	58640		\$13,307.21

(Exhibit 4)

Payroll for County Road and Motor Vehicle

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of payroll for County Road and Motor Vehicle totaling \$97,102.61. Second by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

County Road payroll warrants 57755 through 57775 for \$33,192.74; Direct Deposit for \$38,841.15; and Benefits warrants 57776 through 57779 for \$12,190.76; for a total of \$84,224.65; and

Motor Vehicle payroll warrants 57780 through 57792 for \$4791.89; Direct Deposit for \$6170.24; and Benefits warrants 57793 through 57796 for \$1915.83; for a total amount of \$12,877.96;

Grand total is \$97,102.61.

(Exhibit 5)

**Motion** – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of vouchers totaling \$162,442.28.

<u>Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Warrants</u>		<u>Amount Issued</u>
Current Expense	57867	- 57898	\$25,687.75
Auditor O & M	57899		\$4,027.08
Veteran's Assistance	57900	- 57901	\$698.26
Current Expense	57902	- 57941	\$71,886.77

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Current Expense	57942	-	57947	\$1,559.43
Election Equipment Revolving	57948			\$121.94
Crime Victims/Witness Assist	57949	-	57950	\$2,937.07
DUI Recovery Fund	57951			\$30.00
Enhanced 911	57952	-	57954	\$1,356.46
Landfill Closure Trust Fund	57955			\$3,414.00
Ending Homelessness Fund	57956			\$28,272.49
Franklin County Public Facilities	57957			\$7,442.06
TRAC	57958	-	57983	\$13,677.07
Franklin County RV	57984	-	57985	\$1,331.90

(Exhibit 6)

Consent Agenda

**Motion** - Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda with discussion. Second by Mr. Miller. The Board discussed the amount of contract review done by the Prosecutor's Office.

**Amendment to motion** - Mr. Peck: I will amend my motion to include removing item 6.

Second to amendment by Mr. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor of approval of consent agenda, removing item 6.

1. Approval of Resolution 2011-385, re-appointing of Thomas Callahan to the Mid-Columbia Library Board of Trustees for a term expiring December 31, 2018
2. Approval of Resolution 2011-386, authorizing Facilities Department to dispose of surplus property
3. Approval of Resolution 2011-387, Agreement #11/12-DD-ECS-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and EnTrust Community Services
4. Approval of Resolution 2011-388, Professional Service Agreement #PSA-2011/12-SHELTER PLUS CARE-CFCS-00 between Catholic Family and Child Service of the Tri-Cities and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services for the reimbursement of expenses of eligible participants in the Shelter Plus Care Program
5. Approval of Resolution 2011-389, Agreement #11/12-DD-CI-00 to provide developmental disabilities services between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Columbia Industries

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(Clerk's Note: Item 6 was removed from the consent agenda.)

6. Approval of Resolution 2011-\_\_\_\_\_, Agreement #2011/2013-HEN-BFCAC to provide housing and essential needs services between Benton and Franklin Community Action Committee and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services
7. Approval of Resolution 2011-390, Agreement #PSA-2011/12-SHELTER PLUS CARE-LCC-00 between Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at Pasco, dba Lourdes Health Network, and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services
8. Approval of Resolution 2011-391, Agreement #11/12-DD-SA-00 between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Service Alternatives, Inc.
9. Approval of Resolution 2011-392, Agreement #11/12-DD-CDC-00 between Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and Children's Developmental Center
10. Approval of Resolution 2011-393, re-appointing Thomas Atwood to the Substance Abuse Administrative Board for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2014, to represent Benton and Franklin Counties
11. Approval of letter to Assessor Steve Marks authorizing levy of Mental Health Fund tax for 2012 of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) per thousand dollars of assessed value (Exhibit 7)
12. Approval of letter to Assessor Steve Marks authorizing levy shift of \$265,000 from the County Road Department to the County Current Expense levy for 2012 (Exhibit 8)
13. Approval of letter to Assessor Steve Marks authorizing levy of \$55,000 for 2012 for Veteran's Assistance Fund property tax levy (Exhibit 9)
14. Approval of Resolution 2011-394, Facility Maintenance Management Program subscription contract between Franklin County and FacilityDude.com
15. Approval of Resolution 2011-395, Utility Bill and Energy Analysis Program subscription contract between Franklin County and FacilityDude.com
16. Approval of Resolution 2011-396, claim for damages by Roberto Elizondo for \$598.46
17. Approval of Resolution 2011-397, Inter Budget Transfer of \$75,000 from 2011 Current Expense Non-Departmental Budget #001-000-700 to the Public Defense Budget #001-000-180 for Miscellaneous Professional Services



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18. Approval of Resolution 2011-398, Professional Services Agreement  
FCSC1112RMS001X for indigent defense services in Franklin County District Court

Minutes

**Motion** – Mr. Miller: I move for approval of minutes for October 26, November 2 and November 9, 2011. Second by Mr. Peck. 3:0 vote in favor.

**Adjourned** at 1:05 pm.

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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until November 30, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Robert E. Koch, Chairman

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Rick Miller, Chairman Pro Tem

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Brad Peck, Member

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed December 7, 2011.