

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 52
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceedings for October 16, 2013

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The Honorable Board of Franklin County Commissioners met on the above date. Present for the meeting were Rick Miller, Chairman; Robert E. Koch, Chair Pro Tem; and Brad Peck, Member; Fred Bowen, County Administrator; and Mary Withers, Clerk to the Board. Meeting convened at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney and Engineer Matthew Rasmussen met with the Board.

Bid Opening: CRP 601 Phase III

Bid opening convened at 9:01 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Public Works Director Matt Mahoney; Engineer Matthew Rasmussen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Roger Lenk, Brent Heinen, another man and Tri-City Herald Reporter Geoff Folsom.

Two bids were received:

GeoStabilization International	\$292,229.29
Copenhagen	\$365,000.00

Engineer's estimate: \$305,000.00

The bids will be reviewed.

CORONER

Coroner Dan Blasdel met with the Board. Present in audience: Roger Lenk, Brent Heinen, another man, Geoff Folsom, Rella Reiman and Ron Reiman.

Inter Budget Transfer of \$449.24 for travel reimbursement

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the creation of line item 43.0001 (travel allowance) in the 2013 Current Expense Coroner Budget #001-000-220; and inter budget transfer of \$449.24 from 2013 Current Expense Budget #001-000-700, line item 519.90.00.0001 (contingency) to

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Coroner Budget #001-000-220, line item 43.0001 (travel allowance); and approval of reimbursement of \$449.24 to Coroner Dan Blasdel for use of his personal automobile.

Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-368 was approved.

OFFICE BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the consent agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

1. Approval of Resolution 2013-369, Professional Services Contract between Franklin County and Anchor QEA, LLC, to perform the required 2013 Shoreline Master Program Update
2. Approval of Resolution 2013-370 authorizing the Presiding Judge of the Court to sign the Purchase Reimbursement Agreement between the Washington State Courts – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Franklin County District Court

Vouchers (9:13 am)

Motion – Mr. Peck moved for approval of vouchers totaling \$641,896.67. It has been signed by Mr. Burekhard and Connie Curiel. 3:0 vote in favor.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Payroll	59264-59353	173,995.66
Direct Deposit		351,892.98
		525,888.64
Benefits	59354-59358	91,821.93
	Total	\$617,710.57
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Payroll	88505-88511	\$2,489.79
Direct Deposit		6,909.71
		9,399.50
Benefits	88512-88515	1,592.05
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Payroll	88516-88526	\$5,751.22
Direct Deposit		5,253.34
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Benefits	88527-88530	2,189.99
	Total	\$13,194.55
	Grand Total All Payrolls	\$641,896.67

(Exhibit 1)

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Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of fund expenditures in the total amount of \$305,096.92 signed by Matt Beaton and Julie Jordan as being reviewed and approved.

Mr. Bowen has reviewed them and had no concerns. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Fund Expenditures	<u>Warrants</u>		Amount Issued
Current Expense	88531	88546	\$30,146.18
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Current Expense	88581	88594	\$28,017.82
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TRAC Operations Fund	88640	88663	\$79,813.86
Franklin County RV Facility	88664	88667	<u>\$2,606.07</u>
		Grand Total:	\$305,096.92

(Exhibit 2)

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney and Engineer Matthew Rasmussen met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intention to declare surplus and sell vehicles

Public Hearing convened at 9:15 am. Present: Commissioners Miller, Koch and Peck; County Administrator Fred Bowen; Public Works Director Matt Mahoney; Engineer Matthew Rasmussen; and Clerk to the Board Mary Withers. Present in audience: Roger Lenk, Brent Heinen, another man, Geoff Folsom, Rella Reiman and Ron Reiman.

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Mr. Miller asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak in favor or opposed.

There was no response.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move for approval of the resolution as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. Resolution 2013-371 was approved.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 2 (9:18 am)

Fire Protection District No. 2 Chairman Joe Roach met with the Board.

Public Hearing: Petition for Withdrawal of territory from Fire Protection District No. 2

The certified copy of the petition has now been received by the Commissioners Office. Because the RCW requires that the certified copy of the petition from the fire district needs to be in the Commissioners office prior to the commissioners setting the public hearing, the Board decided to reset the hearing to November 6, 2013, at 9:00 am.

Mr. Roach said all of the board members of Fire Protection District No. 2 are in favor of the withdrawal of territory. The Board members told him he will not need to return for the November 6 hearing.

David Neff also commented in favor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Fred Bowen met with the Board. Present in audience: Roger Lenk, Brent Heinen, another man, Geoff Folsom, Rella Reiman and Ron Reiman.

Executive Session at 9:26 am pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) regarding contract negotiations expected to last 10 minutes. Those in the audience left the room.

Open Session at 9:39 am. Present in audience: Geoff Folsom and Paul Stoker.

Board of Health software

The Board discussed a request for approval to purchase software from the Benton-Franklin Counties Health District.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Shawn Sant and Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor met with the Board. Present in audience: Margo Hines, Geoff Folsom and Paul Stoker.

Executive Session at 9:45 am pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to litigation or potential litigation for up to 30 minutes. Mr. Folsom, Mr. Stoker and Ms. Hines left the audience.

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Open Session at 10:15 am.

Executive Session continued at 10:15 am expected to last 10 minutes.

Open Session at 10:28 am.

Recessed at 10:28 am.

Reconvened at 10:36 am.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

Deputy Prosecutor Janet Taylor and Conover Insurance representative Dave Guyll met with the Board. HR Director Rosie H. Rumsey was unavailable due to jury duty. Those present in the audience included: Assistant HR Director Lisa Schumacher, Shanna Calderon, Rania Burbach, Yesenia Torres, Connie Curiel, Sandy Schroeder, Connie Rhoads, Melissa Sierra, Geoff Folsom, Troy Woody, three women, Paul Stoker, Jim Potts, Anna Moffatt, Amy Schroeder, Julie Michel, Kevin Dougherty, Kristina Bahovich, Shawn Sant and Richard Lathim.

2014 Insurance Renewal

Ms. Taylor gave an update about the insurance renewal process.

Dave Guyll reviewed dental, vision, and life insurance proposals.

2014 Dental, vision and life insurance

The Board **gave approval** of the Insurance Committee recommendations for dental, vision and life insurance.

The Board **gave approval** to shift a 37 cent per employee per month savings from life insurance to dental insurance.

2014 Medical Insurance

Yesenia Torres, Connie Rhoads and Melissa Sierra spoke in favor of the Insurance Committee's recommendation for 2014 medical insurance. Anna Moffat and Amy Schroeder each read letters in support of the Insurance Committee's recommendation for 2014 medical insurance.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone would like to speak on the opposing side. There was no response.

The Board held extensive discussion.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of what has been given to us as Option B.

Motion Clarification – Mr. Koch: Option B with the existing Franklin County weighting.

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Second by Mr. Miller.

Additional motion wording - Mr. Koch: We do need to investigate this further. Because of shortness of time and lack of total legal oversight, I think our discussion needs to go on into the first of the year to weight this whole thing out entirely.

Kelly Schadler and Connie Curiel both spoke.

Rereading of motion by Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of what has been given to us as Option B with the existing Franklin County weighting. We do need to investigate this further. Because of shortness of time and lack of total legal oversight, I think our discussion needs to go on into the first of the year to weigh this whole thing out entirely.

Vote: 2:1 vote in favor. Ayes: Miller and Koch. Nay: Peck.

Mr. Peck noted for the record this is not a unanimous unquestioned decision.

TIME NOTE 11:05:30

OTHER BUSINESS (11:05 am)

Sheriff

Sheriff Richard Lathim met with the Board. Present in audience: Paul Stoker and Geoff Folsom.

Sheriff Lathim explained that the county now may choose to collect tax on prepaid cell phones pursuant to Legislative House Bill 1971. An amendment to Ordinance 007-2010 has been prepared. The Washington State Department of Revenue requires notification of the new tax collection 75 days prior to starting collection.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move that the chair provide the 75 days notice consistent with RCW 82.14B.060 in a form and fashion that is expeditious and do so today. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 3)

Public Comments: GWMA

Paul Stoker representing Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) met with the Board. Present in audience: Geoff Folsom and Jim Potts.

Mr. Stoker asked for Board approval of two grant agreements for City of Othello and City of Moses Lake projects. The Board members told him the contract review has not been completed by the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Koch said he does not feel the two projects are in the scope of GWMA work.

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Motion – Mr. Koch: I make a motion that we not support it from Franklin County and we can't support GWMA any further.

Mr. Stoker asked that you write an appropriate letter to other counties and GWMA.

Motion continued – Mr. Koch: That was going to be part of my motion, that the chair send a letter to the other counties and to the Office of Columbia River.

Mr. Stoker answered Mr. Miller's question, what would be the advantage to Franklin County to stay with these two projects?

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion – Mr. Peck: I move that Franklin County decline to participate in the projects in the Moses Lake and Othello area but continue to maintain our relationship with GWMA given that it doesn't presently cost us financially and that the relationship has proven beneficial in some ways in the past so that it might make sense to maintain that contact even though we're not active participants in current projects.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

The Board will consider the matter again at its next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comment (11:38 am)

Jim Potts, legislative lobbyist, met with the Board. Present in audience: Geoff Folsom.

Mr. Potts requested that the Board consider continuing his contract for 2014.

Motion – Mr. Koch: I would move for approval of appointing Jim Potts as our lobbyist for another year and put it on next week's consent. Mr. Peck stated he does not object to putting the contract on next week's agenda. He said he is not inclined to undertake signing an agreement that he hasn't seen yet. There may be other people who would like to be present for that discussion. He feels it is appropriate to wait until next week. Mr. Miller said I think that would be best.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Mr. Peck moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Koch. 3:0 vote in favor.

Adjourned at 11:47 am.

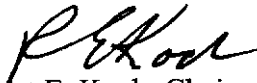
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There being no further business, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned until October 23, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rick Miller, Chairman



Robert E. Koch, Chairman Pro Tem



Brad Peck, Member

Attest:


Clerk to the Board

Approved and signed October 23, 2013.



FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Matt Beaton, Auditor

October 16, 2013

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Action: As of this date, October 16, 2013 *Beaton*
 move that the following warrants be approved for payment.

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The motion was seconded by *[Signature]* and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy *[Signature]* Payroll Prepared By *[Signature]*



FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Matt Beaton, Auditor

10/16/2013

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Action: As of this date, 10/16/2013 *Renee Rose*

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The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy

Julie Jordan
Vouchers Audited By Julie Jordan



Fred H. Bowen
County Administrator

FRANKLIN COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRAD PECK
DISTRICT 1

ROBERT E. KOCH
DISTRICT 2

RICK MILLER
DISTRICT 3

Rosie H. Rumsey
Human Resources Director

October 16, 2013

sent by email: AndyV@dor.wa.gov

Washington State
Department of Revenue

Olympia WA

sent by mail:
Department of Revenue
Attn: Andy Van Gerpen
Taxpayer Account Administration
6500 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater WA 98501

Re: Franklin County approval of tax based on House Bill 1971

Gentlemen:

On October 16, 2013, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners approved giving the Department of Revenue the 75 days notice consistent with RCW 82.14B.060 for the imposition, collection, and administration of an enhanced E-911 excise tax on each retail transaction/purchase of prepaid wireless telecommunication services in Franklin County with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Miller".

Rick Miller
Chairman, Franklin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Sheriff Richard Lathim
Dispatch Superintendent Ed Bush