

## BENTON and FRANKLIN COUNTIES

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# AGENDA

BENTON and FRANKLIN COUNTIES  
Special Bi-County Meeting  
November 28, 2017

Benton County Justice Center  
Commissioners' Board Room  
7122 W. Okanogan Place, Bldg. A  
Kennewick, WA 99336

### **1:30 pm      Review of Agenda**

Discussion, along with direction and/or decision, regarding a potential capital project at the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center Facility, including:

- State of Washington Capital Funding Request:
  - Name selection for Washington State capital funding request
  - Review of option selection (based on June 9, 2015 assessment and recommendations by Dyron Murphy Architects, P.C.) along with revised estimated costs
  - Amount to request from State of Washington for capital funding
  - Strategy and timeline of State of Washington capital funding request
  - Allocation and invoicing of capital funding project-related 2018 lobbying costs (lobbying consultants from Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs will be available to answer questions)
- Benton and Franklin Counties:
  - Local funding sources
  - Local organization participation
  - Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice Center facility management and maintenance after completion of Capital Project

*Special board meeting being held at the Kennewick Justice Center due to agenda item being of a unique concern to area citizens and departments*

**MINUTES**

**BOARDS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Special Bi-County Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 1:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Commissioners Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7122 W. Okanogan Place, Bldg. A  
Kennewick, WA 99336

**Benton County**

Present: Chairman James Beaver  
Commissioner Shon Small  
Commissioner Jerome Delvin  
County Administrator David Sparks  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Benton County/Bi-County Employees Present: Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development; Kyle Sullivan, Human Services Manager; DPA Ryan Brown; Tammy McKeirnan, Human Services; Shyanne Faulconer, Community Programs/PR Coordinator; Fred Bowen, Public Services Administrator; Sheriff Jerry Hatcher; Superior Court Judge Alex Ekstrom; Jennifer Bowe, Juvenile.

**Franklin County**

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Brad Peck  
Commissioner Rick Miller  
County Administrator Keith Johnson

Absent: Chairman Bob Koch (Canvassing Board)

**Juvenile Justice Center Facility**

Commissioner Delvin asked if there was any objection to changing the order of the agenda to discuss Benton & Franklin Counties first. No objection was noted.

Commissioner Delvin said he would like decisions to be made today by both parties so they could move forward. He said he met with the local legislators yesterday for the annual meeting and they toured the Juvenile facility and Franklin County Administrator Keith Johnson was present.

He wanted to know if both Boards were on the same page for the project if they were going to move forward with a capital funding request to the State. If they received funding from the State, that would be used, but if not, the local funding would basically be a 70/30 split. Additionally, if

they moved forward, he wanted to settle future maintenance and management after completion of capital project.

Chairman Peck said Franklin County Board agreed the facility was badly out of date, agreed that safety and security was a priority, and agreed on mission effectiveness to support the statutory obligations of the required functions at the facility. However, the real question was funding (how much state and how much local) and Franklin County's fiscal capacity to support. He said their capacity was not known based on other obligations to renovate and restore the Franklin County Jail so their ability to commit funds up front to something was difficult. However, he would prefer a new building, if funds could be found to do that.

Commissioner Miller said he agreed with Chairman Peck and that he would prefer a new building versus renovating and that funding would depend.

Chairman Peck also said he would support reasonable funding for someone to do this on their behalf to see if the legislature was willing to fund this and felt it would be a worthwhile expenditure. Commissioner Miller agreed.

Commissioner Delvin said it appeared they had support from Senator Maureen Walsh, Rep. Terry Nealey, Rep. Bill Jenkins, Rep. Brad Klippert, Rep. Larry Haler, and Senator Sharon Brown and if they brought in the 9<sup>th</sup> District with Senator Mark Schoesler and Rep. Joe Schmick and Rep. Mary Dye they would have nine total legislators in support and lay the groundwork for that request.

The Boards discussed the following:

- State of Washington Capital Funding Request
  - Name – the Boards agreed on “At Risk Youth Services/Juvenile Justice Center” or something similar
  - Option Selection – the consensus was “Option 3”
    - Judge Ekstrom commented that the computer control system was from 1998 – with a finite life span and it was an anticipated cost on the building
  - Amount – The Boards discussed varying amounts and agreed to start with \$7 million for negotiating purposes
  - Strategy & Timeline – put in the request now (2018 was a realistic window)
    - Start educating - state mandated project, not a county function but a regional two county facility; Counties were willing to put in money

Commissioner Small asked how they would come up with funds in the meantime to deal with current issues (antiquated sally port, carpet, computer control system). Chairman Beaver commented that as soon as the two boards identified the goal, they could figure out how and each could bring its contribution. Commissioner Peck indicated they were not in a position or able to commit any funds.

- Allocation/Invoicing
  - Capital Funding Project
    - Franklin County indicated it was not ready to commit hard numbers

- Lobbyist Cost – for Juvenile agreement was approximately \$1,000/month – 70/30 split approximately
  - Franklin County indicated it did not anticipate a problem with that
- Benton and Franklin Counties
  - Local Funding Sources/Organization Participation – Between the two counties – agreed
  - After completion – Chairman Peck offered that it would probably be done by contract with a service provider to be split the same way the other juvenile program costs were currently split

Chairman Peck said the effort needed to be presented to the legislature to focus on three primary things: this is a regional population that is being served; safety and security; and mission effectiveness.

**MOTION:** Chairman Peck moved that both Boards commit to making a faithful effort to pursue capital funding from the state legislature for a replacement juvenile justice facility, recognizing local contributions likely will be needed with amounts uncertain and uncommitted until we know what the legislature can provide. Commissioner Miller seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to use the same language as Franklin County. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

**MOTION:** Chairman Peck moved that Franklin County (based on the discussion today) was willing to participate in a reasonable cost share for the professional communication services (known as lobbying activities in Olympia) on behalf of procuring these capital funds. Commissioner Miller seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Chairman, Benton County