

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 5, 2019



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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Main Topics Discussed

Public Hearing: Horse Heaven Wind Farm Franchise – Matt Rasmussen, County Engineer

Benton County has received an application to establish a Franchise Order and Agreement for a utility system from Horse Heaven Wind Farm LLC. The Public Works Department recommends that the Commissioners approve the Franchise Order and Agreement, subject to the six (6) items listed in the report. **Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the Franchise Order and Agreement subject to the six items listed, Commissioner Delvin seconded. Motion passed.**

Public Hearing: Shaw Vineyards Inc. Franchise – Matt Rasmussen, County Engineer

Benton County has received an application to establish a Franchise Order and Agreement for an irrigation delivery system from Shaw Vineyards Inc. The Public Works Department recommends that the Commissioners approve the Franchise Order and Agreement, subject to the six (6) items listed in the report. **Commissioner Delvin moved to the Franchise Order and Agreement, subject to the six items listed, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.**

Public Hearing: Short Plat Vacation – Jerrod MacPherson, Planning Manager

On December 9, 2011 Short Plat 3339 was recorded under Auditor's file number 2011-034948, which created 4 single-family residential lots off Wilgus Road and Old Inland Empire Highway in Prosser. The short plat created a 10-foot irrigation easement on the eastern 10 feet of Lots 1 and 3. The applicant, Richard Dorsett, is requesting the vacation of the 10' irrigation easement located on the eastern 10 feet of Lots 1 and 3, of Short Plat 3339 in in Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 24 East, W.M. A new 10' irrigation easement, recorded under Auditor's file number 2019- 000812, has been established on the east 10 feet of the west 20 feet of Lots 1 and 3 of Short Plat 3339 which will replace the vacated irrigation easement if approved. Owners of property within 300 feet of the perimeter of Lots 1 and 3 of short plat 3339 have been notified of this proposed vacation. All concerned agencies including Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Benton PUD, Benton REA, Benton-Franklin Health District, Benton Fire District #3, Benton County Public Works, Building Department, and Fire Marshal have been notified of the proposed vacation and have no concerns. The Planning Department recommends approval of the proposed vacation. **Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the short plat vacation as proposed, Commissioner Delvin seconded. Motion passed.**

Agreement w/ Benton-Franklin Health District for Services to Youths in Detention – Darryl Banks, Juvenile Justice Administrator

Lourdes Occupation Health Center terminated the medical contract with Benton Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center. The Detention facility must have proper medical services for detained youth. The Benton Franklin Health District will provide appropriate medical services for detained youth until August 31, 2019 to bridge the gap in services until a new contractor can be hired, in the amount not to exceed \$96,565. During the interim, the Benton Franklin Juvenile Justice Center will be submitting a Request for Proposals from area medical providers to secure long term services. **Commissioner Delvin moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement as presented, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Plymouth Water District – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

On behalf of the Plymouth Water District, Benton County applied for and was offered a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$750,000 for use toward the drilling and equipping of a new community well in Plymouth. The existing well in Plymouth is in a state of failure due to multiple issues and is only usable for part of the year because of high nitrate contamination during the summer and fall. In the past, residents have resorted to using bottled water for domestic uses during times of high nitrate contamination. **Commissioner Delvin moved to accept the CDBG in the amount of \$750,000 for the drilling and equipping of Well #1 for the Plymouth Water District, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.**

Veteran’s Assistance Fund Waiver Requests (2) – Kyle Sullivan, Human Services Administrator

Per Benton County Veterans Assistance Fund Policies & Procedures, a waiver form can be presented to the Board of Commissioners for decision of waiving the benefit guidelines. The Service Officer has signed and approved the amount of additional assistance for each of these veterans, who are currently over the benefit limit for the program. Each request is to increase the funds available, one for food assistance and one for rental assistance. **Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the fund waiver request forms as presented, Commissioner Delvin seconded. Motion passed.**

Agreement w/ Benton PUD for Discounted Electrical Services for Veterans & Military Personnel – Kyle Sullivan, Human Services Administrator

This agreement with Benton Public Utility District (PUD) will allow the Benton & Franklin Counties Department of Human Services to screen low-income veterans and active military personnel for the PUD’s discounted electrical service. The PUD recommended that the Department of Human Services process the applications, as the Department already administers the veteran’s assistance programs and are familiar with military income information and documentation. In addition, the documentation provided by applicants for the PUD’s discount program can also be used to qualify for the Counties’ Veterans Assistance Funds, making the process more streamlined and easier for applicants. **Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Benton Public Utility District and Benton and Franklin Counties Department of Human Services and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board, Commissioner Delvin seconded. Motion passed.**

Other Business: Umatilla Tribes’ request to meet with Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Delvin

The Umatilla Tribe has requested that the Board of Commissioners meet with them to discuss the proposed United States Army Corps of Engineers land reconveyance along the Columbia River. It appears that Franklin County will be claiming reconveyed land that is outside the Pasco City Limits, and it has been proposed that Benton County do the same thing for the areas outside of City of Kennewick or City of Richland. The Board members expressed concerns about the proposed reconveyance, especially regarding potential acceptance of liability. Further discussion would be needed to determine the best approach to this issue.

Other Business: Extension of Inclement Weather Resolution

Commissioner Small moved to extend the Inclement Weather Resolution, previously passed on February until the end of business March 12, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.

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