

# WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 2019



*This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2019.*

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## Main Topics Discussed

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

The Planning Department received a request for the vacation of the 20-foot access easement and 50-foot cul-de-sac extending into the southwest corner of Lot 2, of Short Plat 2130 in the unincorporated Benton County, west of Benton City. In 2018, approval was granted for lot consolidation which combined Lots 1 and 2 into one 5.6-acre parcel. Because the lots have been consolidated and there is no longer a need for the access easement, the applicant is requesting vacation of the easement and cul-de-sac turnaround on Lots 1 and 2. Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the short plat vacation as requested, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.

### *2019 Federal Financial Assistance Grant Program for Recreation Boating Safety Program – Lt. Clarke*

The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) submitted a grant application for the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission 2019 Federal Financial Assistance Grant for the Recreational Boating Safety Program. BCSO received a Letter of Award dated March 1, 2019 stating that a grant was being awarded to BCSO in the amount of \$14,743.26. The award of this grant requires Benton County to sign the attached documents first and a fully executed copy will be returned to the County to keep for its records. Commissioner Delvin moved to approve signing the grant award as recommended by the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Commissioner Beaver seconded. Motion passed.

### *Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager*

Benton County Staff has prepared two draft letters for Board of Commissioners' review. One requests reconveyance of all Corps of Engineers-owned land, contingent upon City of Richland and City of Kennewick doing the same thing. The second letter would request reconveyance of only a few properties. Staff presented an overview of the various Corps-owned properties that could potentially be reconveyed to Benton County should it wish to request said reconveyance. Staff recommends reconveying lands related only to a 21-acre parcel east of Kennewick (at the intersection of Verbena St and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave), Two Rivers Park, and Wallula Gap, so long as no levees, flood management infrastructure, pumps, or management/inspection responsibility is taken. The Board directed staff follow up with TRIDEC and the State Department of Fish & Wildlife to ascertain potential State interest in properties within the County that the County may not want final ownership of, mainly Toothaker Habitat Management Unit and Hover Park, and to redraft a letter to express interest in reconveying the 21-acre parcel east of Kennewick, Two Rivers Park, and Wallula Gap.

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