

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 10, 2019



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Commissioner Delvin was absent from this meeting.

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Main Topics Discussed

Request to Adopt Legislation and Use Tax Diversion from the State for Affordable & Supportive Housing – Kyle Sullivan, Human Services Administrator

In the 2019 Legislative Session, the Washington State Legislature approved and the Governor signed [Substitute House Bill 1406 \(Chapter 338, Laws of 2019\)](#), which authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing. Since Benton County has a population less than 400,000, rental assistance is another eligible expense. The tax is credited against state sales taxes collected within Benton County and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use tax in the County but will be diverting existing funds, and will represent an additional source of funding to address housing needs. **The Board of Commissioners moved and seconded to adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the sales and use tax authorized by SHB 1406. Motion carried.**

Request to Purchase Armored Vehicle for the Benton County / Tri-Cities Regional Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) Team – Commander Law & Commander Caughey

The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is the administrating agency for the multi-jurisdictional team known as the Benton County/Tri-Cities Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, which responds to serious criminal incidents. The SWAT team is activated approximately 54 times per year for high-risk law enforcement events and 62 times already in 2019, and armored vehicles are a component of keeping the team and the public safe during such events. In 2004, the BCSO obtained a 1982 Dodge armored vehicle from the United States Government Law Enforcement Support Office's (LESO) 1033 program. This vehicle has become incapable of performing the function intended, as maintenance and other mechanical issues have rendered it unreliable. The BCSO is seeking authorization to move forward with the procurement process to replace the armored vehicle with a new vehicle at an estimated purchase price not to exceed \$400,000 including Washington State Sales Tax (WSST) and upfitting costs, with the intent to purchase the vehicle from the Public Safety Sales Tax. **The Board of Commissioners moved and seconded to authorize the Benton County Sheriff's Office to proceed with procurement of a new armored vehicle at an estimated cost not to exceed \$400,000 plus WSST and upfitting costs, to be paid from the Public Safety Sales Tax. Motion carried.**

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Change Order No. 2 w/ Banlin Construction for Public Services Building – Robert Blain, Public Works Manager

On March 26, 2019 the Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-248 to execute a contract with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Public Services Building project in the amount of \$1,793,000 plus Washington State Sales Tax (WSST). On August 6, 2019 the Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-587 for Change Order No. 1 for an additional \$7,408.28. Change Order No. 2 is necessary as additional unforeseen items have arisen that require changes in work to complete the project, in the additional amount of \$22,691.16 plus WSST, for fire hydrants, access control, HVAC, irrigation, and more. This change order will increase the total project cost to \$1,823,099.44 plus WSST. **The Board of Commissioners moved and seconded to approve Change Order No. 2 with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Public Services Building project in an additional amount of \$22,691.16 plus WSST, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,823,099.44 plus WSST. Motion carried.**

Other Business: Purchase and Sale Agreement for Water Rights – Ryan Brown, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Brown presented a resolution which would authorize Jerrod MacPherson, Planning Manager, to sign the closing documents relating to the purchase and sale of surface water rights within the Yakima Basin, as discussed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2019. This agreement with LeeLynn Inc. and Wiley Mt. Inc., once executed, will result in the acquisition of 50 acre-feet of surface water rights at a total cost of \$325,000. **The Board of Commissioners moved and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing Jerrod MacPherson to sign the closing documents on behalf of the County to close the purchase of water rights reflected in the Purchase and Sale Agreement and [Resolution 2019-586](#). Motion carried.**

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