

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 24, 2019



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Main Topics Discussed

Public Hearing: Subdivision Vacation – Jerrod MacPherson, Planning Manager

The Planning Department received a request to vacate a 10-foot drainage easement running in a north/south direction through Lot 2 of the Country Meadow Heights subdivision. The final plat of this subdivision was recorded on May 13, 2009 and created 25 single-family residential lots near Country Meadow Lane in unincorporated Benton County. The subdivision created a 10-foot drainage easement that dissects Lots 1, 2, and 26. It is the recommendation of the Planning Department to approve the request as conditioned. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the vacation of the 10-foot drainage easement on Lot 2 of Country Meadow Heights and that the approval be conditioned as recommended by the Planning Department, and that that all required documents be recorded within one year of the date of approval by the Board of Commissioners or said approval will be null and void. Motion carried.**

Request to Waive Conflict of Interest by Outside Legal Counsel – Ryan Brown, Chief Civil Prosecutor

The Prosecutor's Office (Ryan Brown) received a letter from Foster Pepper, PLLC about their decision to merge with another law firm. This merger could create potential conflicts of interest for the attorneys at Foster Pepper should the other firm's attorneys take on a client adverse to the County. As such, Foster Pepper has requested that the County approve a blanket waiver of any future conflicts that may arise. The Board of Commissioners indicated that they would rather address future issues on a case-by-case basis rather than approving a blanket waiver of conflicts of interest. **The Board gave direction to Mr. Brown to decline the request from Foster Pepper, PLLC to approve the requested waiver of conflicts of interest.**

Change Order No. 1 w/ Banlin Construction for Justice Center Plumbing & Water Intrusion Project – Robert Blain, Public Works Manager

On June 4, 2019 the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-470 and executed a contract with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Justice Center Plumbing and Water Intrusion project in the amount of \$2,469,154.90 plus WSST. Four modifications are included: 1) Removing the temporary office trailers and all associated with them and the Sheriff's staff will remain in their office space during construction – this will cost an additional \$138,397.60 and 21 days added to the contract; 2) Addition of fixtures in the jail mezzanine areas, costing \$23,177.74 for fixtures and installation labor; 3) Additional labor and material associated with the installation of electrical circuits to support the new water management system for \$7,389.31; and 4) Installing corner shower fixtures in the Sheriff's office showers for \$19,405.58. The total cost of Change Order No. 1 is an additional \$188,370.23 plus WSST plus an additional 21 days of contract time. The new contract amount shall not exceed \$2,657,525.13 plus WSST. **The Board moved and seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 1 with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Justice Center Plumbing and Water Intrusion Project. Motion carried.**

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Contract Amendment w/ Health Care Authority for Opioid Treatment Networks within the Jail - Lieutenant Combs & Ruth Franz, Sheriff's Office CFO

On January 29, 2019 the Board of Commissioners accepted a grant from Washington State Health Care Authority for a maximum amount of \$463,000 for the purpose of implementing an Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) in the Benton County Jail with a contract termination date of September 29, 2019. Both parties wish to amend the Contract to add funds, extend the contract term, and add deliverables. The parties wish to extend the contract term to September 29, 2020 and the maximum contract amount to be amended to not exceed \$1,064,764. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Contract Amendment as presented with Washington State Health Care Authority. Motion carried.**

Contract Amendment w/ Ideal Option for Opioid Treatment Networks within the Jail - Lieutenant Combs & Ruth Franz, Sheriff's Office CFO

On January 29, 2019 the Board of Commissioners approved the Professional Services Agreement between Benton County and Ideal Option, PLLC whereby Ideal Option has agreed to provide service and staff to do all things necessary to develop an Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) capable of providing Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) services, with a termination date of September 28, 2019. Both parties wish to amend the contract to extend the contract term to October 31, 2019 to allow additional time to negotiate new terms and conditions for the agreement going forward, with another amendment anticipated. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Contract Amendment as presented with Ideal Option, PLLC. Motion carried.**

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