

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

**Present:** Chairman Shon Small  
Commissioner James Beaver  
Commissioner Jerome Delvin  
County Administrator David Sparks (via/videoconference)  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Loretta Smith Kely (via/videoconference); County Engineer Matt Rasmussen; Assistant County Engineer Robert Blain; Clerk Josie Delvin; Jerrod MacPherson, Planning Manager; Treasurer Ken Spencer; Kirk Engle, Facilities Manager.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of January 29, 2019 were approved.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “m”. Commissioner Delvin seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following

**Animal Control**

- a. First Contract Amendment w/S. Morris Co. for Pet Cremation Services

**Commissioners**

- b. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000

**Facilities**

- c. Award of Contract to Advanced Commercial Flooring for Superior Court Flooring Replacement

**Human Resources**

- d. Establishing a Classification Description for Human Resources Assistant Manager
- e. Establishing a Salary Grade for Human Resources Assistant Manager
- f. Authorization of 2019-2021 Agreement between Benton-Franklin Juvenile Court Guild

**Office of Public Defense**

- g. Amended District Court Coaching and Mentorship Public Defense Agreement w/Eric Scott
- h. Amended District Court Public Defense Agreement w/Eric Scott
- i. Amended Public Defense Agreement w/Raymond Hui
- j. Amended Public Defense Agreement w/Scott Nacarrato

k. Agreement for Juvenile Court Public Defense Services w/Karyn Oldfield  
**Sheriff**

l. Contract with U.S. Department of Energy for Law Enforcement Services  
**Sustainable Development**

m. Authorization of Disbursement from the Historical Preservation Fund to East Kennewick  
Homes Survey Project

### **Though-Truck Restrictions – Finley County Roads**

Matt Rasmussen said the Road Department received complaints from residents in the Finley area regarding a significant number of trucks using County roads. After investigation, they discovered that trucks were using certain County roads to shortcut from one portion of SR 397 to another portion. SR 397 was constructed several years ago with the intent of reducing the number of trucks using County roads to get in and out of the Finley area. He said they were recommending the Board restrict the use of portions of roads to prohibit through-truck traffic.

He said they put up signs in anticipation of Board approval and would need to advertise for three days in the newspaper and then it would become official.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the resolution restricting truck traffic on portions of Finley Road, Bowles Road, Haney Road, Cochran Road & Nine Canyon Road as recommended by the County Engineer. Commissioner Delvin seconded.

### **Discussion**

Mr. Rasmussen said this was primarily a handful of large trucks that discovered if they shortcut through Finley it reduced their commute and the County constructed the truck route specifically for this purpose and paid several million dollars to make this happen.

Upon vote, the motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **Olympia**

Commissioner Delvin said he was in Olympia again last week and met with more legislators and the counties were getting a letter in support of the Juvenile Justice building from Districts 8, 9, and 16 to give to the four capital budget chairs.

#### **WSAC**

Commissioner Delvin said they were supporting multiple bills and he had a list he could share with the members.

## 1639 Bill

Chairman Small said the Sheriff had announced he was not going to enforce that bill and he supported the Sheriff in that action.

Commissioner Delvin said he supported that as well and was in favor of affirming the support but cautioned signing a formal resolution for liability reasons.

Commissioner Beaver said the Sheriff was an elected official and could make his own decisions and the Board could decide if it wanted to support that decision as a Board.

## Human Services

Chairman Small said the Counties' responsibility for Human Services had been reduced (the State had taken over mental health, GCBH's budget had been reduced to \$15 million, and Crisis was subcontracted out) and he was ready to dissolve its bi-county relationship with Franklin County at the end of June 2019.

Commissioner Delvin said with recent developments he was in favor of separating out the bi-county Human Services Department. He said the only items that seemed to be left were housing and personnel.

Commissioner Beaver said he was in favor and had been talking about this since he arrived at Benton County.

Mr. Sparks (via/videoconference), said the counties did not have a contract with Franklin County and so he would meet with Mr. Brown and figure out the steps necessary to complete this.

The Board gave direction to Mr. Sparks to take steps to dissolve the bi-county operation, establishing separate Benton County and Franklin County Human Services Departments, by the end of the Washington State fiscal year in June 2019.

## Facilities

Robert Blain introduced Kirk Engle, the new Facilities Manager.

## **Account Payables**

Check Date: 01/30/2019

Transfers #: 1301901-1301906

Total all funds: \$1,399,560.73

Warrant #: 187021-187049

Total all funds: \$108,451.86

Check Date: 02/01/2019

EFT's #: 556-563

Transfers #: 02011901-02011902

Total all funds: \$33,240.96

Warrant #: 187224-187283

Total all funds: \$200,417.13

Total amounts approved by fund can be reviewed in the Benton County Auditor's Office.

**Resolutions**

- 2019-112: First Contract Amendment w/S. Morris Co. for Pet Cremation Services
- 2019-113: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0305-101, Dept. 000
- 2019-114: Award of Contract to Advanced Commercial Flooring for Superior Court Flooring Replacement
- 2019-115: Establishing a Classification Description for Human Resources Assistant Manager
- 2019-116: Establishing a Salary Grade for Human Resources Assistant Manager
- 2019-117: 2019-2021 Agreement between Benton-Franklin Juvenile Court Guild
- 2019-118: Amended District Court Coaching and Mentorship Public Defense Agreement w/Eric Scott
- 2019-119: Amended District Court Public Defense Agreement w/Eric Scott
- 2019-120: Amended Public Defense Agreement w/Raymond Hui
- 2019-121: Amended Public Defense Agreement w/Scott Nacarrato
- 2019-122: Agreement for Juvenile Court Public Defense Services w/Karyn Oldfield
- 2019-123: Contract with U.S. Department of Energy for Law Enforcement Services
- 2019-124: Authorization of Disbursement from the Historical Preservation Fund to East Kennewick Homes Survey Project
- 2019-125: Restricting Truck Traffic on Portions of County Roads in Finley

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman