

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 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
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy Administrator Loretta Smith Kelty; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Assistant County Engineer Robert Blain; DPA Ryan Brown; District Court Administrator Jacki Lahtinen; Jerrod MacPherson, Planning Manager; Clark Posey, Assistant Planning Manager; Treasurer Ken Spencer; Bob Woody, IT; Deputy Auditor Taylor Raschko; OPD Manager Eric Hsu.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 12, 2019 were approved.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Beaver moved to approve the consent agenda items "a" through "s". Commissioner Delvin seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Commissioners

- a. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement w/Franklin County for Consultant Costs for At Risk Youth Services

Facilities

- b. Contract w/Advanced Commercial Flooring for Superior Court Flooring Replacement Project
- c. Purchase of Supplies From Keller Supply Company for 2019
- d. Purchase of Supplies From Crown Paper Janitorial Supply for 2019

Information Technology Juvenile

- e. Solution Support Services Agreement w/Ciber, Inc. for Support of "Crimes" Software
- f. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 171
- g. Contract w/Cozzetto Coin-Op, LLC for Two Dryers

Office of Public Defense

- h. Terminating District Court Public Defense Contract w/S Rodgers
- i. District Court Public Defense Contract w/M Cano; Rescinding Resolution 2018-889

- j. Authorizing Public Defense Manager to Sign Expenditure Vouchers Up to \$15,000;
- k. Amending Superior Court OPD Contract w/C Harkins Reflecting Firm Name Change

Public Safety

- l. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 115
- m. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 115
- n. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 117
- o. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Depts. 122 & 121
- p. Agreement w/Columbia Basin Veterans Center for Coordinated Community Response to Veteran Offenders

Public Works

- q. Certification of Road Fund Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement, Fish Passage Barrier Removal & Annual Certification for 2018

Sheriff

- r. Salary Request Statements (2)
- s. Increase of Petty Cash Drawer; Amending Resolution 2019-061

Office of Public Defense Staffing

Eric Hsu proposed the Board allow him to convert one of his contract positions to a staff position. He said they were in a situation where they were having a difficult time recruiting contract defenders. With the increased caseload, turnover, and responsibility, it made more sense to have staff defenders and with the recent vacated contract position, it was an ideal time to do that. He emphasized that it was easier to recruit staff versus contract attorneys.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Hsu move forward with the proposal as presented.

Other Business

Legislative Session

Commissioner Delvin discussed HB 1105 that would prevent counties from collecting penalties on unpaid property taxes and would be a \$500,000 to \$600,000 loss of revenue to Benton County per year. He said that WSAC would be fighting hard on this issue.

Additionally, there was a bill (Involuntary Treatment Act) that would require the County to pay for mental health treatment for Juveniles if the parents requested it and could not afford to pay for it.

Follow up – Commissioner Delvin said he just received information that the sponsors would take out the county responsibility.

I-1639 Resolution

Chairman Small said the resolution was forwarded to Mr. Brown for his review and both Mr. Brown and Mr. Miller did not have any legal issues with the resolution. He said he was not in

favor of moving forward with the proposed ordinance and the Board had been vocal about supporting the Sheriff on this issue. The Board agreed with moving forward with the resolution.

Mental Health - Detox

Chairman Small said he would be reviewing this issue to see about putting together detox services and/or a proposal since there was not a detox center locally any longer.

Area Farmers

Mr. Sparks said that he and Matt Rasmussen met with the local farmers yesterday in follow up to their concerns. He said they seemed to be pleased with the direction the County Road Department had been going the last year. Additionally, as an alternative to creating a citizens' road committee, they agreed to send notice to the farmers and seek input on their concerns before presenting the One-Year Road Program and Six-Year Road Program to the Board.

Mr. Sparks said he believed the farmers left the meeting satisfied with the results.

Commissioner Beaver said he would be absent for the March 26 meeting.

Account Payables

Check Date: 03/13/2019

P-Cards: #0319
Total all funds: \$235,538.09

Check Date: 03/15/2019

EFT's: 609-623
Transfers #: 03151901-03151906
Total all funds: \$320,409.18

Warrant #: 188527-188715
Total all funds: \$1,288,156.15

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

Resolutions

- 2019-221: Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement w/Franklin County for Consultant Costs for At Risk Youth Services Capital Project
- 2019-222: Contract w/Advanced Commercial Flooring for Superior Court Flooring Replacement Project
- 2019-223: Purchase of Supplies From Keller Supply Company for 2019
- 2019-224: Purchase of Supplies From Crown Paper Janitorial Supply for 2019

- 2019-225: Solution Support Services Agreement w/Ciber, Inc. for Support of “Crimes” Software
- 2019-226: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 171
- 2019-227: Contract w/Cozzetto Coin-Op, LLC for Two Dryers
- 2019-228: Terminating District Court Public Defense Contract w/S Rodgers
- 2019-229: District Court Public Defense Contract w/M Cano; Rescinding Res. 2018-889
- 2019-230: Authorizing Public Defense Manager to Sign Expenditure Vouchers Up to \$15,000
- 2019-231: Amending Superior Court OPD Contract w/C Harkins Reflecting Firm Name Change
- 2019-232: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 115
- 2019-233: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 115
- 2019-234: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 117
- 2019-235: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Depts. 122 & 121
- 2019-236: Agreement w/Columbia Basin Veterans Center for Coordinated Community Response to Veteran Offenders
- 2019-237: Certification of Road Fund Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement, Fish Passage Barrier Removal & Annual Certification for 2018
- 2019-238: Increase of Petty Cash Drawer; Amending Resolution 2019-061

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:18 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman