

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 1:30 p.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA  
*Meeting provided by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically*

**Present:** Chairman James Beaver  
Commissioner Shon Small  
Commissioner Jerome Delvin  
County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator; IT Manager Robert Heard.

#### **Public Safety Sales Tax ~ External Agency Requests - 2021 – 2022 New Budget Request Presentations, Discussion and Possible Direction**

Matt Rasmussen summarized the process stating the Requests for Proposal were advertised on April 1 and due May 15. He said they proposed a release of up to \$4 million for the 2021-2022 budget and received approximately \$6.5 million in requests from external agencies and county departments. Additionally, they limited each request to no more than \$700,000.

He said they would form a selection committee and hoped to have one Commissioner on the committee. The final recommendations to the Board would be on July 14, 2020. The Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Small to the selection committee.

The following organizations made presentations to the Board:

- Benton-Franklin Health District – Marie Hutson and Jeff Jones
  - Nurse Family Partnership - \$674,289 (Operational costs for public health nurses to deliver support of maternal and early childhood health program for first time moms and babies)
- Boys & Girls Club – Brian Ace
  - Kennewick Clubhouse - \$500,000 (\$250,000 operational support per year)
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  - Prosser Clubhouse- \$200,000 (53% of the total cost of program implementation and operation)

- Chaplaincy Health Care – Teresa Avalos and Gary Castillo
  - Step Up Program - \$79,340 (focus is adolescent-family violence intervention program)
  
- Communities in Schools of Benton-Franklin – Tommy Heppler
  - In Schools & Beyond - \$626,947.44 (increase community and school district collaboration to identify, address and remove barriers for children and families in need - increase funding to add schools – from services in 6 schools to funding for 20 schools)
  
- Kiona-Benton City School District – Wade Haun
  - Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program – \$76,000 (focus on young people ages 14-21, specifically to target those who have dropped out or are in danger of dropping out of school to prevent them from participating in gang and criminal activities)
  
- Partners for Early Learning – Phyllis Ferguson
  - Building Resilience Through Family Support - \$292,544 (family support coaching to high risk families with young children, ages birth-5 in high poverty areas; would increase from 21 up to 35 families assisted)
  
- Safe Harbor Support Center – Sara Harpster
  - My Friends Place - \$400,000 (Eastern Washington’s only homeless teen shelter for ages 13-17 – to provide operational costs)
  
- Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) – JoDee Garretson
  - Human Trafficking Intervention & Prevention - \$294,012 (to maintain the Engagement Specialist position that is part-time at Juvenile Justice and to hire a Prevention Specialist whose focus is to reduce violence through prevention education in the school setting)

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman