

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

*Meeting provided by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically*

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

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator; DPA Ryan Brown; IT Manager Robert Heard; Robert Blain, Director of Operations/Capital Assets; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Jennifer Bowe, Assistant Finance Manager; Scott Souza, Chief of Corrections; Lt. Josh Combs.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 2, 2020 were approved.

**Review Agenda**

Commissioner Small requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation and said he did not foresee any decisions being made.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Commissioners**

- a. Contract w/Valley Publishing Company dba Prosser Record Bulletin for Official County Newspaper

**Coroner**

- b. Removing Limit on Agreement w/Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office for Forensic Pathology Services; Amending Resolution 2019-809

**Facilities**

- c. Ratifying an Emergency Contract w/Meier Architecture & Engineering Inc for Design of the Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project

**Human Services**

- d. First Amended Agreement w/Responding to Autism Services for Employment Services
- e. First Amended Agreement w/MRJN Associates for Employment Services

- f. First Amended Agreement w/SL Start dba Compass Career Solutions for Employment Services
- g. First Amended Agreement w/ARC of Tri-Cities for Employment Services

**Juvenile**

- h. Amended Agreement No. 3 w/NCourt LLC for Online/Web-Based Payment Option

**Office of Public Defense**

- i. Subscription Renewal w/Linkedin Learning for On-Line Training
- j. Amended Superior Court Public Defense Contract w/Scott Rogers to Increase 2019 Caseload Cap

**Planning**

- k. Final Plat of Cottonwood Creek #3 – SUB 2020-005

**Sheriff**

- l. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 121

**Public Comment**

None.

**Agreement - WA State Dept. of Commerce for Coronavirus Relief Funding**

Mr. MacPherson presented the Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for Coronavirus Relief Funding. He said the Dept. of Commerce announced that local governments would receive a portion of nearly \$300 million in federal funds to address COVID-19 related costs and Benton County was awarded approximately \$11 million.

The Interagency Agreement was reviewed and approved as to form by the Prosecuting Attorney. He said the expenditures must be used for necessary actions taken to respond to the public health emergency and they identified three potential uses for the funds as follows:

- Health related expenses incurred by Benton-Franklin Health District, including contact tracing;
- Benton County related expenses that were incurred;
- Assisting the business community and non-profits with grants. They would be bringing a formal agreement with TRIDEC to assist with this process.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the Chairman of the Board to sign the Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce – Contract #20-6541C-003 for \$11,099,000 and further authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to sign subsequent A-19 Certifications. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

The Board agreed to allow public comment for someone that called in after the public comment section had closed.

Randy Slovic, Richland, expressed concern about requesting to move into Phase 2. She said the paper indicated there were more cases than ever before and patients were filling hospitals. She expressed concern about making the situation worse if Benton County were to open.

### **Other Business**

#### **Letter to Christian Churches of Tri-Cities**

Commissioner Delvin said he requested Ms. Palmus to prepare a letter in response to the area churches regarding their concerns about being able to move into the next phase of reopening.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to approve sending the letter to the area Christian Churches in response to their letter to the Board. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

#### **Grant Opportunity – Health Care Authority – Corrections**

Chief Scott Souza and Lt. Josh Combs presented a Resolution regarding a grant opportunity from the Health Care Authority for funding in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in transitioning inmates from the jail into a treatment facility upon release.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

#### **Certificate of Service – Rosie Sparks**

The Chairman read into the record the Certificate of Service for Rosie Sparks for her 39 years of service to Benton County.

**MOTION:** Chairman Beaver moved to approve the Certificate of Service as presented. Commissioner Delvin seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

### **Executive Session – Potential Litigation**

The Board postponed the executive session until a later date.

### **Accounts Payable**

Check Date: 05/29/2020

EFT's: 1280-1303

Transfers #: 05292001-05292006

Total all funds: \$467,985.54

Warrant #: 206896-206970

Total all funds: \$306,532.21

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

**Resolutions**

- 2020-379: Contract w/Valley Publishing Company dba Prosser Record Bulletin for Official County Newspaper
- 2020-380: Removing Limit on Agreement w/Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office for Forensic Pathology Services; Amending Resolution 2019-809
- 2020-381: Ratifying an Emergency Contract w/Meier Architecture & Engineering Inc for Design of the Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project
- 2020-382: First Amended Agreement w/Responding to Autism Services for Employment Services
- 2020-383: First Amended Agreement w/MRJN Associates for Employment Services
- 2020-384: First Amended Agreement w/SL Start dba Compass Career Solutions for Employment Services
- 2020-385: First Amended Agreement w/ARC of Tri-Cities for Employment Services
- 2020-386: Amended Agreement No. 3 w/NCourt LLC for Online/Web-Based Payment Option
- 2020-387: Subscription Renewal w/Linkedin Learning for On-Line Training
- 2020-388: Amended Superior Court Public Defense Contract w/Scott Rogers to Increase 2019 Caseload Cap
- 2020-389: Final Plat of Cottonwood Creek #3 – SUB 2020-005
- 2020-390: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 121
- 2020-391: Executing an Interagency Agreement Contract #20-6541C-003 Between Washington State Department of Commerce and Benton County for Coronavirus Relief Funding
- 2020-392: Authorizing the Submittal of Request for Information to Washington State Health Care Authority for the Same Day Visit and Transportation Program for Individuals Transitioning into the Community

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:17 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman