

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting provided by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically

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

Absent: Commissioner Shon Small (Vacation)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator; IT Manager Robert Heard; and Robert Blain, Director of Operations/Capital Assets.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of July 21, 2020 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Assessor

- a. Coding Correction

Building

- b. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000

Corrections

- c. Meals Authorization for Outside Agency Evaluations During Promotional Testing

Facilities

- d. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 110

GIS

- e. Closing GIS Cash Drawer

Information Technology

- f. Ratifying Emergency Purchase of IT Equipment from CompuNet for the Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project
- g. Lease Agreement for Four IMC2500 Copiers From Ricoh for District Court

Juvenile

- h. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 173 to 172

Parks

- i. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 126

Public Works

- j. Purchase of Two-Way Dump Body and Sander from Northend Truck Equipment
- k. Purchase of Freightliner Truck Cab & Chassis From RWC International
- l. Purchase of Culver Pipe & Accessories From NW Construction Supply
- m. Purchase of Thermoplastic Markings From Traffic Safety Supply
- n. Agreement w/Sourcewell for Cooperative Purchasing Member Registration
- o. Award of Contract to V K Powell Construction for Courthouse Upgrades Project
- p. Acceptance of Work Performed by BCV for Crack Seal – BST Area 4

Treasurer

- q. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 124

Public Comment

None.

Prosser Economic Development Association

Deb Heintz, via/Skype introduced Neil Ripplinger, new executive director for Prosser Economic Development Association.

Trust Water Rights Review Briefing

Darryll Olsen, Benton County Water Conservancy Board and Mark Nielson, Benton Conversation District (via/teleconference), updated the Board regarding its comments on the Trust Water Rights Program review process being conducted by the Department of Ecology.

Mr. Olsen said they had some specific recommendations and a request to meet with the Eastern Washington County Commissioner Group and wanted to propose some legislation as a defensive action to what was being proposed by Ecology. Mr. Nielson said they needed to take this seriously and be concerned because with the current domestic well situation, limiting transfers downstream would be a killer for Benton County so they needed to protect their options to continue to have access to water.

Commissioner Delvin said creating the Water Conservancy Board had worked great to locally deal with water transfer rights. This proposal from the Dept. of Ecology would take away the right to use or sell the water rights and they needed to watch the legislation very carefully.

Mr. Olsen said they were requesting to have Benton County in their corner when they attempted to get the Eastern Washington Commissioners together and approach Olympia.

Commissioner Delvin said he was willing to attend that meeting once it was set up. Chairman Beaver agreed and said they had Benton County's support.

Change Order No. 3 with Banlin Construction – New Administration Building

Robert Blain presented the Change Order No. 3, with four proposed changes to the contract, for a total amount of \$198,812.40 and adding 14 days to the contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the Change Order No. 3 with Banlin Construction LLC, as presented. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

CARES Act Funding – Distribution to Cities

Matt Rasmussen presented a resolution authorizing a one-time distribution of CARES Act funding to cities in Benton County. He said one of the issues in the jail was a reduction in the number of outside contract prisoners in order to comply with social distancing and improve public safety, and the reduced offset revenue that would normally be received. They had not been able to reduce the number of officers in the jail, along with the reduction of prisoners, due to the social distancing requirements. As a result, the jail costs attributed to each City that participated in the jail has increased.

Mr. Rasmussen said Benton County was allowed to pass through funds to other agencies and this expense was a direct result of the pandemic. He said each city was eligible for an amount proportional to their calculated expenses pursuant to their respective contract, and they would run the calculations on a monthly basis, with a maximum amount to be approved.

Commissioner Delvin said he spoke to the Chief about contract prisoners and he was told the US Marshal had offered to provide contract prisoners if Benton County would take all their sick patients and provide the care needed. The County was not interested in that as they had been COVID-free and wanted to keep it that way.

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the Resolution authorizing a one-time distribution of CARES Act funding to cities in Benton County in relation to the Benton County jail operating costs due to COVID-19 related impacts. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Check Date: 07/17/2020

EFT's: 1348-1353
Transfers #: 07172001-07172011
Total all funds: \$705,664.54

Warrants #: 208066-208274
Total all funds: \$728,916.32

Check Date: 07/24/2020

EFT's: 1354-1357

Transfers #: 07242001-07242006

Total all funds: \$968,704.25

Warrants #: 208414-208529

Total all funds: \$1,903,153.33

Resolutions

- 2020-491: Assessor - Coding Correction
- 2020-492: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000
- 2020-493: Meals Authorization for Outside Agency Evaluations During Promotional Testing
- 2020-494: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 110
- 2020-495: Closing GIS Cash Drawer
- 2020-496: Ratifying Emergency Purchase of IT Equipment from CompuNet for the Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project
- 2020-497: Lease Agreement for Four IMC2500 Copiers From Ricoh for District Court
- 2020-498: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0115-101, Dept. 173 to 172
- 2020-499: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000101, Dept. 126
- 2020-500: Purchase of Two-Way Dump Body and Sander from Northend Truck Equipment
- 2020-501: Purchase of Freightliner Truck Cab & Chassis From RWC International
- 2020-502: Purchase of Culver Pipe & Accessories From NW Construction Supply
- 2020-503: Purchase of Thermoplastic Markings From Traffic Safety Supply
- 2020-504: Agreement w/Sourcewell for Cooperative Purchasing Member Registration
- 2020-505: Award of Contract to V K Powell Construction for Courthouse Upgrades Project
- 2020-506: Acceptance of Work Performed by BCV for Crack Seal – BST Area 4
- 2020-507: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 124
- 2020-508: Approving Contract Change Order No. 3 with Banlin Construction for New Administration Building Project
- 2020-509: Approving One-Time Distribution of CARES Act Funding to Cities in Benton County

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman