

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting provided by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically

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

Absent: Commissioner Shon Small (Excused)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Robert Heard, IT Manager; Robert Blain, Operations/Capital Programs; Greg Wendt, Planning Manager; Michael McGhan, Public Works; DPA Ryan Brown.

Approval of Minutes

The Budget Workshop Minutes of October 21, 2020 and October 22, 2020 were approved.

The Minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

- a. Declaring Tax Title Property Surplus
- b. Quit Claim Deed on Surplus Tax Title Property
- c. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 107

Facilities

- d. Change Order No. 1 w/Chervenell Construction for the Courtroom Audio Visual Upgrade

Fairgrounds

- e. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0124-101, Dept. 000

Information Technology

- f. Purchase of Cisco Meraki MR56 Access Points From CompuNet, Inc.

Juvenile

- g. Contract w/SARC for Youth Assessments
- h. Contract w/Tri-Cities Monitoring for Armed Security Guard & Tracking Services

Office of Public Defense

- i. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136

Public Safety

- j. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 136
- k. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 112

Public Works

- l. Approval of Construction Plans & Setting Speed Limit for Grace Estates Subdivision
- m. Closing Road Department Cash Drawer

Sheriff

- n. Memorandum of Understanding w/WA Traffic Safety Commission for Overtime Funding
- o. Contract w/Saul Castillo for Interpreter Services

Public Comment

None.

Revised Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund

Robert Blain and Michael McGhan presented the revised policy for the ER&R Fund and highlighted the following changes:

- All vehicles purchased will fall under the authority of the Commissioners’ office and be managed by the Fleet Superintendent and maintained/repared by ER&R shops
- Increasing replacement mileage from 100,000 to 150,000 miles; and from 10 years to 15 years
- Requiring a memorandum of understanding for departments that want to rent space on the grounds for vehicles or equipment

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the Resolution adopting the Revised Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) Policy, and rescinding Resolution 2019-927 effective January 1, 2021 as presented. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Master Trust Water Right Agreement with WA State Dept. of Ecology

Greg Wendt and Ryan Brown presented the Master Trust Water Right Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology. Mr. Wendt said the final step of the settlement with Futurewise was to enter into an agreement with Ecology to govern the management of separate water rights acquired by Benton County and ensure the water rights will be held in trust with the Department of Ecology.

Mr. Brown said the main purpose of the trust program was to eliminate the “use it or lose it” criteria regarding water rights.

Mr. Wendt added that the rural water supply program was going well, and 51 mitigation certificates were issued since they started the process and six meters were in the ground. They will complete a year-end review on the data collected from the meters and submit that to Department of Ecology in 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the Master Trust Water Right Agreement between Benton County and the Washington State Department of Ecology for Yakima Basin Groundwater and Surface Water mitigation of Rural Domestic Uses and authorize the Chairman to sign as presented. Commissioner Beaver seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Check Date: 10/30/2020

EFT's #: 1478-1503
Transfers #: 10302001-10302004
Total all funds: \$180,791.96

Warrants #: 211262-211432
Total all funds: \$1,636,970.74

Resolutions

- 2020-794: Declaring Tax Title Property Surplus
- 2020-795: Quit Claim Deed on Surplus Tax Title Property
- 2020-796: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 107
- 2020-797: Change Order No. 1 w/Chervenell Construction for the Courtroom Audio Visual Upgrade
- 2020-798: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0124-101, Dept. 000
- 2020-799: Purchase of Cisco Meraki MR56 Access Points From CompuNet, Inc.
- 2020-800: Contract w/SARC for Youth Assessments
- 2020-801: Contract w/Tri-Cities Monitoring for Armed Security Guard & Tracking Services
- 2020-802: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 136
- 2020-803: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 136
- 2020-804: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0148-101, Dept. 112
- 2020-805: Approval of Construction Plans & Setting Speed Limit for Grace Estates Subdivision
- 2020-805A: Closing Road Department Cash Drawer
- 2020-806: Memorandum of Understanding w/WA Traffic Safety Commission for Overtime Funding
- 2020-807: Contract w/Saul Castillo for Interpreter Services
- 2020-808: Approval of Revised Equipment Rental & Resolving Policy (ER&R)
- 2020-809: Approval of Master Trust Water Agreement with WA State Dept. of Ecology

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman