

# WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2020



*This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).*

## Main Topics Discussed

### *Contract Amendment w/ Parker Corporate Services for Unarmed Security Services – Paul Schut, Risk Manager*

The County's unarmed security guard services contractor (Parker Corporate Services, Inc. – doing business as Pacific Security) has requested an adjustment to their service rates to account for increases to the prevailing wage for their employees. The contractor initially requested that the service rate to be increased to \$19.10 per hour. However, the County has a similar, more recent contract, for security services at the Juvenile Justice Center with a prevailing wage of \$18.76 per hour, which the Risk Manager offered to match. The contractor accepted this amount, and a contract amendment was prepared to address the increase. The contract term for these services is in effect through December 31, 2020. With the rate increase, it is estimated that the contract will end with approximately \$9,500 remaining, allowing for some flexibility for possible overtime and which does not require additional funds to cover the rate increase. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the First Contract Amendment to the Personal Services Contract between Benton County and Parker Corporate Services, Inc. for unarmed security guard services. Motion carried.**

### *Change Order No. 3 w/ Banlin Construction for the Public Services Building – Robert Blain, Public Works Manager*

Change Order No. 3 consists of adding additional wiring from the electrical room to the new gate controller, along with a new breaker for the 120-volt service. The total cost of Change Order No. 3 is \$1,024.09 plus WSST. On March 26, 2019 the Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-248 and executed a contract with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Public Services Building project in the amount of \$1,793,000 plus WSST. Change Order No. 1 was approved by Resolution 2019-587 on August 6, 2019 totaling \$7,408.28. Change Order No. 2 was approved by Resolution 2019-679 on September 10, 2019 totaling \$22,691.16. The new contract amount, after the increase from Change Order No. 3, is \$1,824,123.53 plus WSST. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Chairman to sign Change Order No. 3 with Banlin Construction, LLC for the Benton County Public Services Building project. Motion carried.**

### *Office of Public Defense Staffing – Eric Hsu, Public Defense Manager & Linda Ivey, Finance Manager*

The Office of Public Defense is requesting to increase one of its Executive Assistant positions from 0.5 to 1.0 FTE. This position was originally funded at a part-time level with the understanding to readdress the position at the end of 2019. The Office of Public Defense is experiencing an increase in its caseload and workload and will need this increase in staffing to meet mission-critical functions. Furthermore, this increased staffing will also allow for another Executive Assistant, who is bilingual, to provide more interpreting support to Staff Trial Attorney and therefore decrease reliance on much more expensive private interpreters. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Line Item Transfer to increase the Executive Assistant position from 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective February 1, 2020. Motion carried.**

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