

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 22, 2020



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Franchise Renewal with City of Richland – Cristina Woods – Public Works

Benton County received an application to renew a Franchise Order and Agreement with the City of Richland for a water, sewer, stormwater, electrical, facilities and systems within Benton County right of way. The Public Works Department recommended approval of the application, subject to the six (6) conditions listed in the report to the Commissioners. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Franchise Order and Agreement with the City of Richland, subject to the six (6) conditions listed in the report to the Commissioners. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Scheduled Business

Position Request to Be Filled – Prosecuting Attorney’s Office – Andy Miller – Prosecuting Attorney

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office requested to fill the receptionist position (Legal Secretary II), which will be vacated on September 30, 2020. PA Miller indicated it was an extremely important position as it was the first point of contact for victims, witnesses, law enforcement, defense attorneys and members of the public, among other duties. **The Board moved and seconded to approve position 1794, Legal Secretary II, in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, to be posted and filled. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Federal Recognition Support of the Sto;lo First Nations Tribe of Kennewick – Adam Fyall – Sustainable Dev. Manager

Benton County was approached by Cynthia and Wayne Daily of Kennewick regarding an effort they have been working on for years. Ms. Daily is a member of the Sto;lo First Nations Tribe in Canada, and is seeking legal recognition of a branch of that tribe in the United States. It is not currently a recognized Native American nation, tribe, or band in the U.S. at the federal or state level. Mr. Fyall presented a Resolution in support of federal recognition of the Sto;lo First Nations Tribe of Kennewick. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Resolution in support of federal recognition of the Sto;lo First Nations Tribe of Kennewick as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried.**

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