

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 29, 2020



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Scheduled Business

Ratify Emergency Contract w/Chervenell Construction Co. – Robert Blain, Operations & Capital Programs

There is a need to implement a remote hearing solution and Courtroom technology upgrade for both Superior Court & District Court as a result of COVID-19. The Board previously ratified a contract with Meier Architecture & Engineering for the design of the new system. Under the guidelines of the emergency order, Mr. Blain negotiated a contract with Chervenell Construction for construction of the Courtroom technology upgrade and it was executed by the County Administrator. This project is being paid for using CARES Relief Funds (\$3,575,752.00), WA State AOC Funds (\$556,175.00) and Trial Court Improvement funds (\$466,713.00). The Board moved and seconded to ratify the emergency contract with Chervenell Construction Company for the construction of the Courtroom Technology Upgrade as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FEMA Community Assistance Visit, Corrective Action Plan, Contract w/Safe Built LLC – Greg Wendt, Planning Manager

Benton County Planning and Building Departments jointly administer the Benton County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. These departments met with representatives from FEMA to discuss the 2020 Community Assistance Visit for Benton County, which focused on review of the Ordinance, the County permitting process, and County recordkeeping process for floodplain development activities. The last Community Assistance Visit was conducted in 2009. FEMA has identified properties that may be missing permits, documentation, engineering or violations requiring remediation and is requesting Benton County develop a Corrective Action Plan to resolve these deficiencies and violations. Some of the deficiencies and violations are complex, and as such, the Planning Department is requesting assistance with those properties that will require a more complex remediation process by entering into a professional services contract. Mr. Wendt presented a letter to FEMA and Resolution and Corrective Action Plan for Board approval to comply with the requirements of FEMA and resolve the issues. Additionally, he requested the Board authorize the Planning Department to pursue a professional services contract with Safe Built LLC. The Board moved and seconded to approve the Resolution allowing the Planning Department to finalize and submit the Corrective Action Plan to FEMA prior to the October 6, 2020 deadline and authorize the Planning Manager to sign the Response Letter to FEMA on the Board's behalf. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Board moved and seconded to authorize the Planning Department to pursue a Professional Services Contract with Safe Built LLC to assist with the implementation of the County's Corrective Action Plan for those properties that may require a more complex remediation process, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Position Request to Be Filled – Temporary Help Truancy Counselor - Juvenile Dept. – Darryl Banks, Administrator

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. The Juvenile Department requested to fill the Temporary Truancy Counselor position (which will work closely with school personnel to monitor attendance and provide case management services to youth on a truancy petition). The Board moved and seconded to approve position 1911 – Temporary Help Truancy Counselor to be posted and filled. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Position Request to Be Filled – Relief Detention Officer - Juvenile Dept. – Darryl Banks, Administrator

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. The Juvenile Department requested the Relief Detention Officer position remain open for posting and fill as necessary (to keep enough relief officers in the available pool of relief staff). **The Board moved and seconded to maintain an open posting for the Relief Detention Officer position and fill such positions as necessary. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

CARES Act Amendment to Agreement w/WA State Dept. of Commerce – Jerrod MacPherson, County Administrator

Washington State Department of Commerce wanted to provide Benton County with an additional \$4,036,000.00 in funding and extend the end date to November 30, 2020. The PA's office requested modifications to the Amendment, but The Department of Commerce was unable to modify the original contract documents or Amendment as requested. Therefore, the PA's office did not approve the Amendment as to form. Mr. MacPherson requested the Board approve the Amendment as presented. **The Board moved and seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment "A" to the contract in the amount of \$4,036,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$15,135,000.00 as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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