

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2020



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Main Topics Discussed

Hanford Communities & Hanford Advisory Board Briefings – Pam Larsen, & Bob Suyama

Pam Larsen, Executive Director of Hanford Communities, and Bob Suyama, Benton County's representative on Hanford Advisory Board, provided annual updates regarding the Hanford Communities and Hanford Advisory Board, and issues relating to the Hanford Site. **No Board direction or vote.**

Lease Agreement w/ Teamsters for Use of Matheson Pit at Benton County Fairgrounds – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

The proposed new lease agreement with the Washington Idaho Construction Teamsters-Employers Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund (Teamsters) will allow for continuation of an arrangement that has been in place at the Matheson Pit for a number of years. The Teamsters operate truck and other large vehicle training on the property, usually two-week sessions, two or three times per year. The Matheson Pit is the former quarry on the County property immediately adjacent (east) of the Fairgrounds. Other than a storage building also on site and an irrigation water source, the County does not use the property for any regular purposes. The Fairgrounds Event Coordinator developed the new agreement with the Teamsters, and the agreement has been approved to form by the Prosecutor's Office. The lessee shall pay the County \$1,000 per training session (up to three training sessions per year) for five years for use of the property. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the new lease agreement as presented. Motion carried.**

Public Works Department Organizational Chart – Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator

The current Public Works Administrator, who served as the County Engineer was recently promoted. The Public Works Administrator position will not be filled for the time being. In order to meet statutory requirements, the County must have a County Engineer. The necessary changes are reflected on the organizational chart presented. The Road Department has a current employee that has the qualifications and experience to fill the role of County Engineer. The Board must appoint the County Engineer by Resolution. In order to make the necessary changes two Resolutions are necessary. The first revises the current organizational chart, creating the County Engineer position and removing the Assistant County Engineer position. The second appoints the new County Engineer. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Organizational Chart for the Benton County Public Works Department as presented and to approve a Resolution appointing Douglas D'Hondt as the Benton County Engineer. Motions carried.**

Payment Authorization to Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company for the Security System Retrofit Project – Robert Blain, Public Works Manager

On December 6, 2016 the Board approved Resolution 2016-954 and executed a contract with Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, LLC for the Security System Retrofit project in the amount of \$2,671,800.00 plus WSST. Three change orders were approved for a total contract amount of \$2,78,768.41. The contract expired on August 31, 2018 with \$403,040.59 (14.7%) remaining on the contract, and the contractor continued to work to complete the project. On October 1, 2019 the Board authorized payment in the amount of \$235,656.68 for work completed after contract expiration. Southern Folger recently completed all originally contracted work, except training, including change orders and all required documentation. The Public Works Manager is requesting that the Board authorize a final payment in the amount of \$49,354.99 including WSST. **The Board moved and seconded to authorize payment to Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, LLC for the Security System Retrofit project in the amount of \$49,354.99 including WSST. Motion carried.**

Follow-Up Discussion on New Staffing Requests – Jerrod MacPherson, County Administrator

Per the Board's request at last week's meeting, staff returned to discuss new staffing requests from 2019-2020 from various departments. A total of 12 positions have been requested thus far for a total projected biennial budget impact of \$1.5 – 2 million. Of the 12 positions listed, 2 were identified as being budget-neutral with identified current and future revenue streams, 1 position is already included in the budget and is not a new position, and 9 positions were listed as having no current identified revenue source. **The Board gave direction to staff to bring the 2 budget-neutral positions and the already budgeted position under consent agenda as soon as possible to get positions funded, job descriptions and classifications established.**

Other Business: Letter of Support for Sheriff's Office Staff

Commissioner Delvin requested that staff prepare a letter of support for the Sheriff's Office staff that recently expressed a vote of no-confidence in Sheriff Hatcher. The other Commissioners expressed support of the idea.

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