

WEEKLY REVIEW



BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 14, 2021

This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Scheduled Business

Line-Item Transfer: Road Department Administrative Assistant – Shela Berry, Chief Financial Officer

On November 30, 2021 the Board approved Resolution 2021-856 authorizing the Assistant Operations Manager position be replaced by an Administrative Assistant position. The attached Line-Item Transfer was not included in the original request and is necessary to move funds. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the line-item transfer authorizing funds to be moved from the Assistant Operations Manager, non-bargaining grade 19, to the Administrative Assistant, non-bargaining grade 15. Motion carried.**

2022 One-Year Road Program – Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer

[WAC 136-16-010](#) requires that the County Engineer annually submit to the Board a one-year outlook for the County Road fund which includes expenditures for maintenance, administration, capital projects, and equipment purchases. The County Engineer prepared the report and presented it to the Board for review and approval. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the one-year road program. Motion carried.**

Sponsorship Agreement w/ Visit Tri-Cities for the Travel Bloggers Exchange (TBEX) North America Conference – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

Visit Tri-Cities is leading the organization of the Travel Bloggers Exchange North America (TBEX) conference, to be held in Tri-Cities in April 2022. Staff has worked with Visit Tri-Cities on a package that would put the County at a \$50,000 sponsorship level. This conference is a network of travel and lifestyle writers/bloggers and other industry professionals and is the oldest and premier conference of its type. The conference was initially scheduled to come to Tri-Cities in 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, first to fall 2021 and now to spring 2022. Over 300 travel and media professionals from around the world will be in the area, with significant direct economic impact for local hotels, restaurants, and other hospitality agencies. Host communities have reported that media coverage from hosting TBEX has resulted in 5-20 years of press impact. A full breakdown of sponsorship investment was provided, with expenditure to be paid from the Sustainable Development Fund. **The Board moved and seconded to approve Benton County's sponsorship of the TBEX North America event at the \$50,000 level and for the County Administrator to sign the Sponsorship Agreement with Visit Tri-Cities. Motion carried.**

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