

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 9, 2021



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Scheduled Business

Transfer of Funds for Training – Josie Delvin, Clerk

The Clerk is requesting a line item transfer (LIT) within the Public Safety Sales Tax to hire a person to be placed in training with an employee that will be taking advantage of the County's early retirement incentive program. This line item is to be used only in the 2021-2022 budget. Funds have already been approved in the budget, and this will have no fiscal impact. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the resolution as presented by the Clerk to create one training line item for the 2021-2022 budget cycle. Motion carried.**

Purchase of Three Vehicles from Columbia Ford for the Corrections Department – Mike McGhan, Fleet Superintendent & Scott Souza, Chief of Corrections

The Corrections Department operates five (5) vehicles that have reached the point where maintenance costs are beyond the value of the vehicle and are in need of replacement. Currently, the five (5) vehicles are not in the Equipment Rental and Revolving (ER&R) replacement program, however, per Resolution 2020-808, which adopted the new ER&R Fund Policy, all vehicles purchased will be managed and maintained by ER&R. Therefore, the new vehicles will be placed in the ER&R replacement program. The vehicles to be replaced are as follows.

1. #C07-13 a 2007 Chevrolet Van with 90,030 miles is to be replaced with a 2021 Ford Transit Full-Size Cargo Van at a cost of \$43,915.01 including Washington State Sales Tax (WSST)

The remaining four (4) vehicles are to be replaced with one (1) 2021 Ford Escape at a cost of \$27,321.14 including WSST and one (1) 2021 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$33,612.67 including WSST.

2. #C05-01 a 2005 Chevrolet Impala with 167,317 miles
3. #C05-02 a 2005 Chevrolet Impala with 72,808 miles
4. #C09-10 a 2009 Dodge Charger with 60,793 miles
5. #C12-11 a 2012 Dodge Charger with 80,079 miles

Columbia Ford, Longview, WA is the current state contract vehicle vendor and has all three vehicles available for purchase off Washington State Contract No. 05916. The County is a member of other Cooperative Purchasing groups, such as Sourcewell and HGAC. Staff has checked to see if a better price could be obtained utilizing another purchasing group, however these vehicles are not available on those contracts. A Purchase Agreement has been prepared, reviewed and approved by our Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and signed by Columbia Ford. The Fleet Superintendent recommends approval of the purchases as presented. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the purchase of three (3) vehicles for use by the Corrections Department from Columbia Ford, utilizing Washington State Contract No. 05916 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 including WSST. These vehicles will be purchased from the Capital Projects Fund and will be placed in the ER&R replacement program. Motion carried.**

2021 TRIDEC Services Contract – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

The Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) is Benton County's designated associate development organization (ADO) and, in that role, has had annual economic development services contracts with the County for many years. TRIDEC continues to provide the County with invaluable assistance and resources,

most recently seen during the implementation of the County's CARES Act Community Assistance Grant Program that provided millions of dollars of COVID-19 economic relief funds to the community. This contract is to be paid from the Rural County Capital Fund in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Staff recommends approval of the 2021 service contract as presented. **The Board moved and seconded for the County to enter into the standard service agreement with TRIDEC, and for the Chairman to be authorized to sign said agreement. Motion carried.**

Refinancing 2018 Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bond – Ken Spencer, Benton County Treasurer & Jim Nelson, Senior Vice President, D.A. Davidson

Benton County Treasurer Ken Spencer and Jim Nelson, Senior Vice President with D.A. Davidson and the Counties bond counsel, presented to the Board on the potential for the County to refinance one of its 2018 bonds to achieve a lower interest rate. Mr. Nelson indicated in his presentation that, if the County were to refinance now, it would result in a \$350,000 savings over the remaining life of the bond. The Board reviewed the options presented and gave direction to Mr. Spencer and D.A. Davidson to proceed with the refinance as soon as possible to take advantage of the lowest rate possible. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the refinance of the 2018 Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bond. Motion carried.**

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