

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 13, 2021



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Budget Supplement Requests – Linda Ivey, Finance Manager

The Board has before it six (6) budget adjustments to the 2021-2022 Budget, as follows:

1. Human Services Fund No. 0108-101, Dept. 551, in the amount of \$20,946,582 to fund four (4) grants for programs due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019.
2. Current Expense Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 139, CARES/CRRSAA, in the amount of \$20,000,000 to fund the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
3. REET Technology Fund No. 0129-101, in the amount of \$300,000, to fund software enhancements for the Assessor's and Treasurer's Offices in conjunction with assessments, tax information, and collections.
4. Protective Inspection Services, Fund No. 0149-101, Dept. 000, in the amount of \$213,418, to fund a Building Inspector I position as well as a new vehicle and training for inspectors.
5. Current Expense Fund No. 0000-101, Dept. 111, District Court, in the amount of \$49,203 to fund security and bailiff services through the WA Administrative Office of the Courts CARES Act Award.
6. Current Expense Fund No 0000-115, Dept. 115, Non- Departmental, in the amount of \$6,215,000 to fund ongoing and upcoming County projects.

Detailed information about each of these budget supplement requests can be found on the County website <https://www.co.benton.wa.us/files/documents/BudgetAdjustmentRequestsSummariesPDnews6245217032521-055531Pmb.pdf>.

The Board moved and seconded to approve the requests for budget adjustment for: 1) Human Services Fund, number 0108-101, Dept 551 as presented; 2) Current Expense, fund number 0000-101, Department 139, CARES/CRRSAA, as presented; 3) REET Technology Fund, number 0129-101 as presented; 4) Protective Inspection Fund, number 0149-101, Department 000 as presented; 5) Current Expense, fund number 0000-101, Department 111, District Court as presented; and 6) Current Expense, fund number 0000-101, Department 115, Non-Departmental as presented. Motions carried.

Scheduled Business

Purchase of One (1) Trailer-Mounted Radar – Commander Law & Deputy Tungsвик, Sheriff's Office

The Purchasing Department, in collaboration with the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), solicited a total of 81 vendors for the purchase of one (1) Portable Radar Trailer, with four (4) quotes received:

1. National Barricade & Sign Co., Spokane Valley, WA - \$10,450.00 (not including WSST)
2. All Traffic Solutions, Herndon, VA - \$10,490.00 (including shipping but not WSST)
3. Traffic Safety Supply, Portland, OR - \$9,095.00 (not including WSST)
4. InterMountain Sign & Safety, Rathdrum, ID - \$10,375.00 (including shipping but not WSST)

Representatives of BCSO reviewed the proposals and though National Barricade & Sign Co. does not appear to have the lowest proposal, BCSO believes the features and quality of the equipment quoted is in the best interest of the county based on the following: the trailer has a slim design for deployment on narrow county road shoulders; the trailer has a bright, vivid, and large display for speed readouts and is easy to manage and change; the Hanford Site currently utilizes the same model and highly recommends it; it comes with a 5 year warranty, which is 2 years longer than any of the other proposals; and the company is located in Spokane Valley, WA, which is close for any maintenance or warranty work. Staff recommends approval of the purchase, approved to be paid out of Public Safety Sales Tax, Department 121, Capital Outlay/Vehicles during the 2021-2022 budget process. **The Board moved and seconded to award the purchase of one (1) Wanco Portable Trailer Mounted Compact Radar to National Barricade & Sign Co., Spokane Valley, WA for reasons as presented for an amount not to exceed \$10,450.00 plus WSST. Motion carried.**

Contract w/ Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for Federal Lobbying Services – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

Staff presented, for the Board’s consideration, a new contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs (GTH) for federal lobbying services (Washington, DC) for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year. The County currently maintains a State-level (Washington State Legislature and State agencies) lobbying contract with GTH, coordinating with a small team based in Olympia. This team lobbies for the interests of the County as well as provides regular legislative affairs updates, facilitates meetings with legislators and key state staff, advises on matters of policy, and more. GTH also has a separate federal division, which operates in Washington, DC, for conducting similar work on a federal level. With the return of “earmarks” to federal budgeting and a renewed commitment to infrastructure, County staff believes it would be beneficial for the County to enter into a contract with GTH for federal services for the remainder of 2021 to assist with funding support for large-scale projects, such as the Two Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center, the Benton-Franklin Juvenile Justice At-Risk Youth Services Center, and various infrastructure improvement projects. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the consulting agreement between Benton County and Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for Federal Governmental Affairs Consultant Services as presented. Motion carried.**

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