

# WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 24, 2021



*This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).*

## Scheduled Business

### *Program Agreement for Detention Alternatives Initiative – Darryl Banks, Juvenile Justice Administrator*

The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) uses data driven decision making to review which youth are being detained in detention and which youth should be eligible for a lesser restrictive environment that does not compromise public safety and will ensure the youth will appear at future court hearings, improve court processes, identify and reduce racial disparities, evaluate conditions of confinement, and identify special detention cases for analysis of processes and practices. The Benton Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center has been a JDAI site since 2007. Eight strategies of JDAI will be addressed: collaboration and governance, utilizing data, detention admission policies, alternatives to detention, expediting case processing, reducing detention for warrants, reducing detention for probation violations, reducing racial disparities, conditions of confinement, and domestic violence youth. The project is grant-funded with a maximum payable amount to the Counties not to exceed \$49,000 for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The Board was in favor of the grant, but not the mandatory training that is listed in the contract. **The Board requested the Juvenile Justice Administrator bring the item back at a later meeting, after Judge Mitchell had the opportunity to discuss the Board's concerns with the other judges.**

### *Authorization to Pay River City Environmental for Grease Trap Cleaning – Jeff Jones, Facilities Manager*

As per Resolution 2021-257, Benton County entered into a contract with River City Environmental, Inc. for a one-time pumping & cleaning of the 20,000-gallon grease trap at the Benton County Justice Center. It was expected that it would only take a day to complete the job, but an additional day and very specialized equipment was needed to complete the job to a level of acceptance from the City of Kennewick. Due to the urgent need to get this addressed, the Facilities Manager authorized River City Environmental, Inc. to do what was needed to complete the job. After the work was completed, Benton County received the invoice for the work, and the total amount exceeded the contract amount by \$14,779.24. The Facilities Manager spoke with River City Environmental, Inc. and negotiated the price down to around \$9,253.50 over the original contract price. After a thorough review of the completed work and the final invoiced amount, the Facilities Manager recommends the Board of Benton County Commissioners authorize the additional payment. **The Board moved and seconded to authorize the additional payment to River City Environmental, Inc. for the grease trap pumping and cleaning at the Benton County Justice Center. Motion carried.**

### *Private Road Petition PR 2021-001 – Michelle Cooke, Assistant Planning Manager*

On June 28, 2021, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron and LeAnn Anderson submitted the attached Private Road Petition application requesting to rename 422 PR SE, a private access easement located off S Clodfelter Rd. Notice was sent to all affected agencies. Comments were received on the proposed private road name change from the Public Works Department, GIS Department, and Southeast Communications Center (SECOMM). The owners of the parcels affected by the access easement have signed the petition. Based on the comments from SECOMM, the Benton County GIS Department and the applicant, it is the recommendation of the Planning Division that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Private Road Petition PR 2021-001 to change the private road name of 422 PR SE to Bastian PR SE. **The Board moved and seconded to approve Private Road Petition PR 2021-001 to change the private road name of 422 PR SE to Bastian PR SE with the condition that Mr. & Mrs. Anderson have thirty (30) days to pay the required sign fee for the construction and placement of the private road sign(s) to the Benton County Public Works Department. If the fee is not paid within thirty (30) days of approval from the Benton County**

Commissioners, it will be declared null and void. Written proof that the fee has been paid must be provided to the Planning Department.

*Kennewick General Hospital Building Evaluation Findings – Robert Blain, Director of Operations & Capital Programs & Mike Corbin, Wave Design Group*

Benton County received a proposal to purchase the former Kennewick General Hospital building to potentially locate the future regional recovery center facility at that location. The Board gave direction to staff that they wanted a detailed evaluation of the condition of the physical building and its systems. On June 8, 2021, via resolution 2021-455, the Board authorized Wave Design Group to perform the detailed evaluation. Wave Design Group presented the findings of their evaluation and answered questions from the Board. The Board discussed next steps, as it was determined that the building was structurally sound. Chairman Delvin recommended the Board move forward with hiring an architectural firm to re-design and/or retrofit the existing building to make it usable for the intended use. The Board agreed.

## Other Business

*Healthcare Contractor for Juvenile Detention – Darryl Banks, Juvenile Justice Administrator*

The Benton Franklin Counties Juvenile Justice Center is currently contracting with the Benton Franklin Health District (BFHD) to provide health care services to incarcerated youth in the Juvenile Detention Facility. This contract expires August 31, 2021 and will not be continued. As such, Juvenile Justice has been exploring other options for health care services and is working with Ideal Option on a contract to begin September 1, 2021. This contract will need to be signed by both Benton and Franklin County Commissioners next Tuesday. The County Administrator recommended the contract have two separate signature pages so both County Boards can approve on the same date.

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