

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting

Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting provided in-person, by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically via/WebEx

Present: Chairman Shon Small
Commissioner Will McKay
County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Absent: Commissioner Jerome Delvin (ECA Conference)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Robert Heard, IT Manager; Karlee Ainsworth, Assistant HR Manager; Brian Malley, Transportation Planning Manager; Robert Blain, Operations & Capital Programs; Matt Mahoney, Public Works Operations Manager; Clerk Josie Delvin; Treasurer Ken Spencer; Finance Manager Linda Ivey; Auditor Brenda Chilton; Amanda Hatfield, Elections.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 26, 2022 were approved.

Agenda Review

The following was added to the agenda:

- Recovery Center Update – Matt Rasmussen

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner McKay moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “i”. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Auditor

- a. Surplus & Disposition of Personal Property
- b. Changing Precinct Boundaries in Conjunction w/Redistricting

Commissioners

- c. Appointment of Cheryl Farabee to the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

Juvenile

- d. Contract w/Calvert Technical Services for As Needed Security System Maintenance & Repair
- e. Contract w/Kristi Hunziker for Assessment & Treatment Services to Time Adjudicated Sex Offenders

Public Works

- f. Award of Bituminous Surface Treatment Area 6 & Edge Repair to American Rock Products
- g. Granting Franchise to Wholesail Networks for Telecommunications Network System & Facilities in County Road Rights of Way
- h. Equipment Rental Agreement w/WA State Department of Transportation

Purchasing

- i. Accepting Work Performed by V K Powell Construction, LLC for Courthouse Upgrades Project

Public Comment

None.

Public Hearing - Amending Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Matt Mahoney and Brian Malley presented the amendment to the 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Since the adoption and previous amendment of the program, there was a call for projects for federal funding through the Congressional Directed Spending FY23.

The proposed amendment included the addition of two projects:

- Jacobs Road Community Connector Path
- Badger Corridor Mobility Study

These were planned projects at this time, and to be eligible for this funding, they needed to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

As there was no one present to testify, public testimony was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner McKay moved to approve the amendment to the 2022-2027 Six Year transportation improvement program to include the Jacobs Roads Community Connector Path and the Badger Corridor Mobility Study. Chairman Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried.

Public Safety Tax Request for Proposal Update

Matt Rasmussen updated the Board on the Public Safety Tax RFP process and said they received the following requests:

- Internal Department Requests – \$1,650,780.36 – (\$400,000 total available budget)
- External Requests - \$3,407,233.00 – (\$2.4 million total available budget with \$700,000 maximum per request). Most were current contracts seeking renewal with one new request from United Way

He said the next step would be presentations to the Board and the committee would take the written and verbal presentations under review and make recommendations to the Board. They were looking at the dates of May 26 and 27 and would start in the morning and finish up in the afternoon. The Board agreed to move forward.

Other Business

Lifepoint – Recovery Center Update

Mr. Rasmussen said they were really down to one main issue (the long-term inpatient mental health care). He said Lifepoint wanted to limit them to a 3-day stay, which presented a challenge in operating the recovery center the way they wanted to. However, there were other advantages to using that facility that allowed Benton County to do other things in the building that were not currently available in this area, including housing, detox, and juvenile services. He said even with the restrictions (and they would look at how to deal with that 3-day restriction), there was still a lot of good in the recovery center, and he recommended moving forward with the purchase of the property.

Ryan Brown, via/WebEx, mentioned that Lifepoint was fine with the Juvenile inpatient mental health care, since Lifepoint did not have current services for juveniles, so they were not requesting a 72-hour limit. However, the attorney said they received another offer on the property and wanted to know if Benton County was willing to move forward with these terms.

The Board agreed with moving forward.

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 9:28 a.m.

Executive Session – Evaluate Qualifications of Candidate for Public Employment

The Board went into executive session at 9:28 a.m. for up to 20 minutes with Robert Blain and Karlee Ainsworth to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for public employment. Also present were Jerrod MacPherson, Matt Rasmussen, and Cami McKenzie.

The Board came out at 9:44 a.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

Accounts Payable

Check Date: 04/29/2022

Warrants #: 231274-231407
Total all funds: \$832,844.17

EFT's #: 2248-2270
Transfers #: 04292201-04292206
Total all funds: \$2,072,440.35

Warrants #: 231408
Total all funds: \$9,731.58

Resolutions

- 2022-299: Surplus & Disposition of Personal Property
- 2022-300: Changing Precinct Boundaries in Conjunction w/Redistricting
- 2022-301: Appt. of Cheryl Farabee to the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board
- 2022-302: Contract w/Calvert Technical Services for As Needed Security System Maintenance & Repair
- 2022-303: Contract w/Kristi Hunziker for Assessment & Treatment Services to Time Adjudicated Sex Offenders
- 2022-304: Award of Bituminous Surface Treatment Area 6 & Edge Repair to American Rock Products
- 2022-305: Granting Franchise to Wholesail Networks for Telecommunications Network System & Facilities in County Road Rights of Way
- 2022-306: Equipment Rental Agreement w/WA State Department of Transportation
- 2022-307: Accepting Work Performed by V K Powell Construction, LLC for Courthouse Upgrades Project
- 2022-308: Amending the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program to Include the Jacobs Road Community Connector Path and the Badger Corridor Mobility Study

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman