

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting
Benton County Administration Building
Commissioners' Hearing Room
7122 W. Okanogan Place, 3rd Floor, #E303
Kennewick, WA
Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Robert Heard, IT Manager; Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator; Linda Ivey, Finance Manager; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Ken Spencer, Treasurer; Cody Shelton, IT Department.

Public Safety Sales Tax ~ External Agency Requests - 2023 – 2024 New Budget Request Presentations and Discussion

The following organizations made presentations to the Board:

- Boys & Girls Club – Andrea Locati, Director of Operations, Chandra Burns, Chief Operating Officer and Brian Ace, Executive Director (via/WebEx)
 - Serving youth with the goal of breaking the cycle of crime, poverty, and hopelessness
 - Kennewick Club House - \$550,000 (\$225,000 operational support per year)
 - Prosser Club House - \$250,000 (\$125,000 operational support per year)
- Benton Franklin Health District - Marie Hutson, Nurse Family Partnership Supervisor & Jeff Jones, Finance Manager
 - Nurse-Family Partnership – \$604,753 (Operational costs for public health nurses to deliver home-visitation services and provide support of maternal and early childhood health program for low-income, first-time moms and babies)

- Communities in Schools of Benton-Franklin – Lupe Mares, Executive Director
 - Site Coordinators – Wrap Around Services – \$700,000 (increase community and school district collaboration to identify, address and remove barriers for children and families in need - increase funding to add schools – from services in 6 schools to funding for all Benton County schools)

- Kiona Benton City School District - Wade Haun, Federal Programs Director & Augustin Tovar, Student Achievement Specialist
 - Crime Prevention Program - \$89,000 – (focus on young people ages 14-21, specifically to target those who have dropped out or are in danger of dropping out of school to prevent them from participating in gang and criminal activities)

- Partners for Early Learning - Phyllis Ferguson, President
 - Building Resilience Through Family Support - \$375,216 – (family support coaching to high-risk families with young children, ages birth-5 in high poverty areas; for up 36 families)

- Safe Harbor Support Center – Sara Harpster, Executive Director and Maria Hadley
 - My Friends Place - \$430,000 (Eastern Washington’s only homeless teen shelter for ages 13-17 – to provide operational costs)

- Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) - JoDee Garretson, Executive Director
 - Engagement Specialist - \$173,264 (Request to maintain the 1.0 FTE Engagement Specialist position that is housed 50% of time at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and 50% at SARC). The Engagement Specialist is able to assist in making police/CPS reports and provide services both while youth are housed at JJC and after they are released.

- United Way - Paul Klein, Director of Community Impact
 - Middle School Mentoring Program - \$235,000 (new program through AmeriCorps to provide mentoring in 7 middle schools – targeting chronic absenteeism)

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman