

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
Wednesday, May 25, 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; Cody Shelton, IT; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator; Linda Ivey, Finance Manager; Auditor Brenda Chilton via/WebEx; Assessor Bill Spencer.

State Lobbyist End of Session Workshop - Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs

John Weiss and Annika Vaughn gave a Powerpoint presentation and reported on the 2022 Legislative Session and briefly discussed the following:

- Overview
 - Short session – 60 days
 - Supplemental budget
 - Transportation revenue package
 - Redistricting maps
 - Democrats in majority for both House and Senate
 - 1051 bills considered and 309 passed legislature
 - Local/Capital/Transportation budgets
 - Local investments – GMA planning; grants to individuals in right of ways; landlord eviction assistance; and marijuana revenues increase
- Benton County Priorities
 - Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center – strongly supported request
 - Policy Priorities - .09 Rural County Money – to renew – confirmed it was in effect until 2032

- Meetings outside of county seat flexibility
 - Ex parte filing fees
 - Abolish torrens
- Additional Legislative Issues
 - Clarify police reform bills
 - Body camera grant program
 - OPMA
 - Local control
 - State shared revenue
- Additional Legal Issues
- Next Steps
 - Outreach to County Legislative Members
 - Monitor implementation
 - Establish 2023 priorities
- New redistricting maps take effect before November 2022 General Election
- Legislature meets for a pre-session November 30, 2022 to December 3, 2022
- 2023 Session begins January 9, 2023

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman