

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting  
Benton County Administration Building  
Commissioners' Hearing Room  
7122 W. Okanogan Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, #E303  
Kennewick, WA  
Tuesday, September 27, 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:** Robert Heard, IT Manager Linda Ivey, Finance Manager; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Coroner William Leach; Superior Court Judge Joe Burrowes; Tiffany Runge, Superior Court Administrator; Michael Vander Sys, OPD; DPA Ryan Lukson; Julie Long, Assistant Chief Deputy; Chief Robert Guerrero; District Court Judge James Bell; Communications Coordinator Shyanne Palmus; Construction Manager Riley Ollero; Greg Wendt, Community Development Director; Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager; District Court Judge James Bell; Danica Hope, Procurement; Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Lt. Matt Clarke, Sheriff's Office; Tiffany Runge, Superior Court Administrator; Superior Court Judge Joe Burrowes; Michael Vander Sys, OPD Manager; DPA Ryan Lukson; Terry Bloor, Chief Criminal Deputy, and Maggie Valencia, Victim/Witness Program Director; Amanda Watts, Probation Counselor Coordination; Lt. Erik Magnuson, Sheriff's Office.

#### Public Safety Sales Tax - 2023/2024 – Round 2 – New Budget Requests & Rollover Presentations and Discussion

Shyanne Palmus provided a summary of the process and budget requests for Round 2. She reminded the Board that today was only for new or revised requests and did not include any rollover requests. No decisions would be made today but was to provide the departments an opportunity to present their requests. She said there were 34 internal requests, with 23 new and the remaining were rollover requests and no new external requests. They allotted \$4 million in Round 2 and received \$7 million in requests.

The following departments made presentations to the Board:

- Capital Projects/Corrections/Sheriff - Riley Ollero and Robert Blain
  - Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility/Law Enforcement Range - \$700,000
  - Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility/Training Center - \$700,000 – preliminary design was 1,600 square feet
  
- Coroner – William Leach
  - Forensic Pathologist and supporting staff - \$834,00 (rollover/revised) – would be allowed to contract out these services to other counties. If PST went away, the General Fund would have to support part of it. Additionally, the building could currently handle the work load but would need to expand at some point
  
- District Court – Judge James Bell and Amanda Watts
  - Bailiff Services - \$100,800 – if PST did not pass, they wanted to try and find the money in their current budget
  
- Office of Public Defense - Michael Vander Sys, OPD Manager
  - Public Defense Services \$840,406 – for increased Murder and Vehicular Homicide Statistics – 19 filings as of last week for 2022 (2021 – 4) (2020 – 8). He said the State reimbursed the counties for prosecuting, but not defense services, except for some mental health
  
- Planning – Michelle Cooke
  - Code Enforcement Officer - \$120,809.00

The Board briefly recessed, reconvening at 2:33 a.m.

- Prosecuting Attorney - Julie Long, Terry Bloor, and Maggie Valencia
  - Victim/Witness Coordinator Position - \$192,703.00 – Rollover
  - Support Counseling - \$40,000.00 – Rollover
  - Supplies - \$15,000.00 – Rollover
  - Training - \$11,000.00 – Rollover
  - Recruitment Bonuses - \$50,000.00 – Rollover
  - DPA - \$315,858.00 – New
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  - Legal Secretary V - \$142,350.00 – New
  - Additional Redaction Software - \$11,844.00 – New
  - 3 Laptops/Monitors/Docking Stations - \$12,000.00 – New
  - 2 Laptops - \$799.98 – New
  
- Sheriff's Office – Lt. Mathew Clarke and Lt. Erik Magnuson
  - Accreditation Manager - \$195,927.86 – New (Lt. Magnuson expressed the desire of the Sheriff that this be approved, if nothing else, as it was the most important)
  - Blue Team and IA/Pro programs - \$23,600.00 - New
  - Computer Forensics Lab - \$200,000.00 – New
  - Flock Automated License Plate Readers - \$80,250.00 – New

- Mobile Police Radio Replacement - \$135,000.00 - New
- PIT Bumpers for Vehicles - \$17,000.00 - New
- Lexus-Nexus Online Reporting Software - \$54,000.00 - New
- Bomb Squad X-Ray System - \$32,035.00 - New
- Training - \$100,000.00 – Rollover (revised)
- 6 UAV Drones - \$26,000.00 - Rollover
- SWAT Vehicle Vault Boxes - \$25,000.00 - Rollover
- Crime Scene Evidence Vehicle - \$325,000.00 - Rollover

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- Superior Court - Judge Joe Burrowes and Tiffany Runge
  - Adult Drug Court Case Manager - \$112,609.00 – New
  - Adult Drug Court Electronic Home Monitoring Devices - \$17,858.00 - New
  - Adult Drug Court Urinalysis Testing Supplies - \$8,572.00 - New
  - Minor Guardianship Case Manager - \$96,305.64 - New
  - Bailiff - \$90,376.65 - Rollover

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:06 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman