

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 18, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Scheduled Business

Traffic Control & Revision on E 15th Avenue – Matt Mahoney, Public Works Manager & Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator

Per RCW 46.61.570 (ii) local authorities may establish no parking zones to prohibit parking with the use of official signs. In order to protect the life, health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the inhabitants of Benton County, the Board can place certain restrictions on traffic. Public Works is requesting to establish a no parking zone on E 15th Avenue (Kennewick) based on traffic patterns, sight distance, inability for maintenance staff to access county right of way to perform duties, and non-authorized vehicles being left unattended. The fiscal impact will be \$359.88, which is budgeted in the current 2021-2022 Road Fund. Public Works is recommending approval of the no parking zone on the south side of E 15th Avenue from S Cedar Street to S Gum Street. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the no parking zones on E 15th Avenue as presented. Motion carried.**

Interagency Agreement w/ WA Traffic Safety Commission – Commander Clarke, Sheriff's Office

The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received an Interagency Agreement between Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) outlining grant funding for traffic safety grant project 2023-HVE-4695-Region 14 Target Zero Task Force, to conduct straight time or overtime high-visibility enforcement traffic safety emphasis with the goal of reducing traffic crashes. Said patrol emphasis shall be conducted on specific dates from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, as further outlined in the attached Interagency Agreement, with an overall Region 14 Funding of \$82,000 amongst Region 14 agencies (Franklin County, West Richland, Richland, Pasco, Kennewick, Prosser, Benton County, Connell), with BCSO's estimated budgeted grant funding totaling \$11,000 as summarized below:

- DUI – \$4,000
- Distracted Driver – 2,500
- Seat Belt – \$2,500
- Speed – \$2,000

WTSC is requesting Benton County to sign the document first. They will return a fully executed copy back to us for our records. This grant and its expenditures were budgeted, and no budget adjustment is necessary. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Interagency Agreement between Benton County Sheriff's Office and Washington Traffic Safety Commission and authorized the Benton County Sheriff to sign said agreement. Motion carried.**

Other Business

Authorizing Purchase of Vehicles in ER&R Utilizing WA State Contract No. 05916 – Mike McGhan, Fleet Manager

The Fleet Manager has identified the need to purchase six (6) vehicles in 2023. Washington State Contract No. 05916 allows for the purchase of vehicles. Due to the current market conditions and the limited availability of the order bank schedule, which is unpredictable and constantly changing, the Fleet Manager is requesting advance authorization to order needed vehicles when the order bank opens. A Purchase Agreement will need to be prepared and executed by the Fleet Manager once the vehicles have been ordered. All Vehicles ordered utilizing this Resolution will be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners at a later date. The Board authorizes the Fleet Manager, with approval from the County Administrator or his designee, to sign the purchase agreement. Any vehicles purchased needing to be upfitted by Day Wireless will be done so under a separate Resolution. In accordance with the Benton County Road Department Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) Policy and Procedures, all vehicles purchased will be managed and maintained by ER&R. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the purchase of six (6) vehicles from the Washington State Contract No. 05916, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 excluding WSST, and authorize the Fleet Manager to sign the Purchase Agreement. Motion carried.**

Executive Sessions

Review Performance of a Public Employee – Chief Guerrero, Corrections

An applicant for a Corrections Officer position has been employed with Benton County in the Public Works Department since 2012. Chief Guerrero has requested placement at Step C, in recognition of the applicant's tenure with the County as well as positive feedback received during the background process. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the salary request form as presented for John Cox. Motion carried.**

Qualifications of a Candidate for Public Employment – Commander Clarke, Sheriff's Office

A lateral candidate for the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has an extensive amount of experience, and Commander Clarke has requested placement at Deputy Sheriff 2. The candidate has over 14 years of full-time law enforcement experience with Kennewick Police, Richland Police, BCSO, and Port of Pasco Police. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the salary request form as presented for Deputy Sheriff Ryan Hull. Motion carried.**

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