

# WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 15, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

## Public Hearing

### *Ordinance Amendment to Benton County Code (BCC) Title 15.18 Rural Water Supply Program (Supplemental Mitigation Certificate) – Greg Wendt, Community Development Director & Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager*

To comply with County Resolution 2019-276, the Futurewise Settlement Agreement, and the Department of Ecology, the County adopted County Ordinance 619 creating the Rural Water Supply Program on January 14, 2020. The Program requires new housing units (associated with building permits), relying on permit exempt wells, located in a certain portion of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 37, to fully mitigate the impacts of such wells. The County has acquired water rights which have been placed into trust with Washington State Department of Ecology. The Program consists of three (3) different mitigation packages which are available to applicants depending on whether an applicant is in or outside an irrigation district. A summary of each certificate package can be found the [County's website](#). The applicant is then required to install metering equipment which is required to be installed and approved before a certificate of occupancy is issued for the dwelling unit. Over the past year, the County has received requests from Mitigation Certificate Package B landowners who wish to upgrade to Package C in order to remain in compliance with the Program. Staff is proposing an amendment BCC 15.18 Rural Water Supply Program to add new language for a Supplemental Mitigation Certificate. Additionally, the County is clarifying BCC 15.18.030, reaffirming that the chapter applies to residential uses within that portion of unincorporated Benton County, as shown on the County's Mitigation Maps. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt ordinance amendment OA 2022-002 creating a Supplemental Mitigation Certificate option in BCC 15.18.080 and also reaffirm that the Chapter applies to residential uses as shown on the County's adopted Mitigation Maps in Exhibit A of Ordinance 619 / Resolution 2022-061. Motion carried.**

### *Community Development Department, Planning Division Fee Schedule – Greg Wendt, Community Development Director & Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager*

Periodically, the Planning Division of the Community Development Department evaluates and proposes updates to the general Planning Division Fee Schedule. The Fee Schedule applies to those land use applications submitted for processing and review to the Planning Division. Staff is proposing three (3) changes to the Fee Schedule (details of each change can be found in [the Board's Agenda Packet](#)): 1) Remove two (2) applications from the fee schedule relating to the Boundary Review Board; 2) Add a new fee for the Rural Water Supply Program; and 3) Increase to existing permit fees. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the resolution to approve changes to the Benton County Planning Division Fee Schedule, effective November 16, 2022. Motion carried.**

## Scheduled Business

### *Line-Item Transfer: Part-Time Court Commissioner Benefits – Judge Burrowes; Linda Ivey, Finance Manager; & Carlee Nave, HR Manager*

Superior Court requested a line-item transfer to allocate temporary funding for Part-Time Court Commissioner benefits (medical insurance and retirement), which is a position dedicated only to Benton County and ends with the Blake Decision funding. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the line-item transfer as presented. Motion carried.**

## Executive Session

### *County's Position in Labor Negotiations – Carlee Nave, HR Manager*

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