

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Amending the 2022-2027 Six-Year Road Program – Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer

Resolution 2021-609 approved the 2022-2027 Six-Year Road Program. Additional funding has been secured for a Countywide Safety Improvement Project. This Project must be amended to the 2022-2027 Six-Year Road Program with Construction scheduled for 2022. **The Board moved and seconded to amend the 2022-2027 Six-Year Road Program to include the Countywide Safety Improvements Project. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Moderate Risk Waste Facility Project Bid Withdrawal & New Contract Award – Robert Blain, Director of Operations & Capital Programs, & Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer

Per Resolution 2021-743 a call for bids was advertised for CB21-07 – Moderate Risk Waste Facility project. On November 19, 2021 three (3) bids were received and opened. Siefken & Sons Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$1,000,000.00 for the Base Bid and Alternate B – the removal of the equipment storage shed. Siefken & Sons was awarded the bid on December 7, 2021 per Resolution 2021-863. Since then, Siefken & Sons has found a bidding error that negatively affects them. The amount is too great for them to proceed with the project and have asked to have their bid withdrawn. The Deputy Prosecuting Attorney has reviewed and approved accepting Siefken & Sons request to have their bid withdrawn, relinquishing their bid bond and awarding to the second lowest bidder – Booth and Sons Construction, Inc. at \$1,059,700.00. The Chairman of the Board needs to sign the letter to Siefken & Sons accepting their bid withdrawal. A contract with Booth and Sons will be brought back to the Board at a later date. **The Board moved and seconded to accept Siefken & Sons Construction, Inc.'s request to have their bid withdrawn, relinquish their bid bond, and award the Moderate Risk Waste Facility Project to Booth and Sons Construction, Inc. for \$1,059,700.00, and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to Siefken & Sons Construction, Inc. accepting their request to withdraw their bid. Motion carried.**

Commissioners' Board Assignments Discussion – Commissioners

Commissioners discussed their organizational assignments for 2022. Changes being made are as follows:

- Chairman ~ Commissioner Small
- Chairman Pro Tem ~ Commissioner McKay
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee ~ Matt Mahoney as Alternate (Commissioner McKay as primary).

The Board moved and seconded to approve the Board assignments for 2022. Motion carried.

Other Business

Purchase of Rock Salt from EnviroTech Services, Inc. – Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer

Road salt for winter road maintenance can be purchased utilizing the Washington State Master Contract Usage Agreement-Contract No. 02714 from Salt Distributors, Inc. and EnviroTech Services, Inc. Salt Distributors prices are \$8.00 to \$12.00 per ton less than EnviroTech's prices, so the Public Works Department has a Purchase Agreement in place with Salt Distributors, Inc. to purchase road salt. The Road Maintenance Manager called Salt Distributors to place another order and was told the delivery date was 14-21 days out due to transportation issues. Normally the delivery date is 3-5 days out. With the winter weather that is forecasted, there is a need to have road salt delivered before the 14 days. A call was made to

EnviroTech and they can deliver the salt within 5 days. Therefore, a Purchase Agreement has been prepared, reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and signed by EnviroTech Services. The County Engineer recommends authorizing the purchase of road salt from EnviroTech Services, Inc. utilizing Washington State Contract No. 02714 from January 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 at or below the current State Contract rate, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 including WSST. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the purchase of road salt from EnviroTech Services, Inc. using the Washington State Master Contract Usage Agreement from January 1 through May 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Purchase Agreement. Motion carried.**

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement w/ Walla Walla County - Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer

There is a desire to be able to share equipment and services with other public agencies when the need arises. Chapter 39.34 RCW allows public agencies in Washington State to enter interlocal cooperative agreements for the joint use of services, personnel, materials, and equipment. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Walla Walla County for purchasing, sales, and providing equipment and services. Motion carried.**

Amended Roadmap to Recovery Reopening Guide - Adam Morasch, Risk Manager

Staff presented an update to the Benton County Roadmap to Recovery Reopening Guide, providing updates consistent with changes initiated by the CDC, specifically surrounding COVID-19 quarantine requirements and vaccination information. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the amended Benton County Roadmap to Recovery Reopening Guide as presented. Motion carried.**

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