

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 28, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Northwest Open Access Network Franchise Renewal – Cristina Woods, Engineering Technician III

Benton County received an application for a Franchise Order and Agreement for a fiber optic telecommunications and communications system and facilities from Northwest Open Access Network (NOANET), a State of Washington non-profit mutual corporation, to be located in county road rights-of-way. Staff recommends approval of the agreement as presented. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Franchise Order and Agreement with Northwest Open Access Network (NOANET), a State of Washington non-profit mutual corporation. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Benton City Revitalization Organization Presentation – Alex Weber, Chairman; Jeff Von Schmauder, Vice Chairman; & Sarah Funk, Secretary/Treasurer

Benton City Revitalization Organization (BCRO) representatives provided the Board with a short presentation regarding good things going on in Benton City and the surrounding community. BCRO receives economic development assistance funding from the County by way of the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) and provides a presentation to the Board at least twice per year to keep the Board updated. BCRO is the successor to the former (and now defunct) Benton City Economic Development Committee. **No Board direction or vote.**

Contract w/ Rogers Surveying for Subdivision of the Kennewick General Hospital (KGH) Building Property – Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator

The County is negotiating to purchase a portion of the land known as the old Kennewick General Hospital (KGH) Building, owned by Trios Health, located at 900 S. Auburn St., Kennewick, WA. Trios would retain ownership of the warehouse building requiring a subdivision of the land by a licensed surveyor. The County chose Rogers Surveying, Inc., a Professional Service Corporation from the MRSC consultant roster as the most qualified since they had recently completed a survey of the same parcel within the last six (6) months. Due to the time sensitive requirements of these negotiations, the County chose to only use the MRSC Roster. The Departmental Prosecuting Attorney from the Civil Division has reviewed and approved as to form said contract. **The Board moved and seconded to sign the Personal Services Contract with Rogers Surveying, Inc., a Professional Service Corporation, for subdivision of the land known as the old KGH Hospital Building, located at 900 S. Auburn St., Kennewick, WA in the amount of \$29,677.50 excluding Washington State Sales Tax. Motion carried.**

2023-2024 Public Safety Sales Tax Funding Recommendations – Linda Ivey, Finance Manager; Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator; & Matt Rasmussen, Deputy County Administrator

Staff provided the Board with an update on the status of the 2023-2024 Public Safety Sales Tax Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP was opened for all applicants on March 1 and closed on April 29, 2022, for funding in the 2023-2024 biennium. After the RFP closed, all applicants presented their requests to the Board in special meetings held May 24 and May 26, 2022. After said presentations, a committee comprised of one Commissioner, County Administrators, Finance Manager, and Communications Coordinator reviewed the applications in-depth and determined recommended funding amounts, to be presented to the Board for consideration (attached). **The Board moved and seconded to approve the funding recommendations as presented and gave staff direction to proceed with the budget process and/or contract process for the approved requests. Motion carried.**

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2023-2024 Public Safety Sales Tax Requests

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INTERNAL DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Department	Description	Request	Recommended
Clerk	Upgrade 3 positions from Grade 4 to Grade 6	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Coroner	Forensic Pathologist Position (Partial)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -
Office of Public Defense	Paid Rule Nine Internship Program (2 Positions)	\$ 73,680.00	\$ 73,680.00
Prosecuting Attorney	Victim Witness Coordinator, Counseling, Supplies/Training/Technology	\$ 344,879.00	\$ 36,176.00
Sheriff	Six (6) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Drones	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -
Sheriff	SWAT Vehicle Vault Boxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Sheriff	Crime Scene Evidence Vehicle (Revised)	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -
Sheriff / Corrections	Jail Detective Position	\$ 275,007.36	\$ 275,007.36
Sheriff (Revised)	Forensic Software Programs (Revised)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Sheriff	Training	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
Superior Court	3 FTE Bailiff Positions	\$ 271,128.65	\$ 180,752.00
Therapeutic Courts	Misdemeanor Drug Court	\$ 55,577.00	\$ 55,577.00
		\$1,671,272.01	\$ 654,692.36

EXTERNAL GANG & CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM REQUESTS

Organization	Description	Request	Recommended
Boys & Girls Club	Kennewick Clubhouse	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 525,000.00
Boys & Girls Club	Prosser Clubhouse	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Communities in Schools	Site Coordinators	\$ 700,000.00	\$ -
Kiona-Benton City School District	Crime Prevention Program	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
Benton Franklin Health District	Nurse Family Partnership	\$ 604,753.00	\$ 550,000.00
Partners for Early Learning	Building Resilience Through Family Support	\$ 375,216.00	\$ 375,216.00
Safe Harbor Support Center	My Friends Place	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 430,000.00
SARC	Engagement Specialist	\$ 173,264.00	\$ 173,264.00
United Way	Middle School Mentoring Program	\$ 235,000.00	\$ -
		\$3,407,233.00	\$ 2,392,480.00

TOTAL 2023-2024 \$5,078,505.01 \$ 3,047,172.36