

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Franchise Agreement Renewal w/ Company Seventy-Nine – Cristina Woods, Engineering Technician III

The Public Works Department has received an application for a Franchise Order and Agreement from Company Seventy-Nine for water utility lines and facilities to be placed in County road rights-of-way. Per RCWs 36.55.040 and 36.55.050, a public hearing must be held to allow public comment to the proposed agreement before final determination of the Board. Staff recommends approval of the agreement. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Franchise Order and Agreement with Company Seventy-Nine. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Subscription Agreement w/ PowerDMS, Inc. – Undersheriff Law & Detective Woody, Sheriff's Office

PowerDMS, Inc. is the only cloud-based software-as-a-service (SaaS) platform that combines document and training management, accreditation management, and electronically alert users whenever a change may impact compliance. This software is utilized statewide by multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Washington State Patrol and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy among others, and is the exclusive software option for compliance with the accreditation standard for Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The initial cost of the software would be \$12,740.68 plus Washington State Sales Tax (WSST), with an annual renewal cost. The Sheriff's Office plans to utilize this software to assist with policy management and accreditation. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the resolution to authorize the Benton County Sheriff to sign the Service Order and Subscription Agreement with PowerDMS, Inc. Motion carried.**

Request to Add Floating Holiday in Superior Court for Juneteenth – Lexi Wingfield, HR Manager

A Joint Resolution in 2014 (Benton County Resolution 2014-351 and Franklin County Resolution 2014-204) adopted compensation and benefit levels for Superior Court Commissioners. The Resolution entitled them to eleven (11) paid holidays and one (1) floating holiday. With the addition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday in 2022, there was an oversight to add the holiday to this group. During June payroll, the day was originally keyed as a holiday, but the Superior Court Commissioners do not have that holiday and therefore, the day was changed to their floating holiday. It is recommended to make them whole and give them an additional 2022 floating holiday to take at their discretion. Additionally, we have updated the previous Resolutions adopting the compensation and benefits, including updating the sick leave provision to follow the current state sick leave law and having the holidays now follow the non-bargaining holiday policy and procedure so no update will be needed in the future for consistency. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the joint resolution to add an additional floating holiday to the Superior Court Commissioners 2022 calendar year and to approve the joint resolution updating the Superior Court Commissioners' compensation and benefit levels, effective January 1, 2023. Motions carried.**

Other Business

Primary Election Delegation Authority – Brenda Chilton, Auditor

The Auditor's Office will be certifying the 2022 Primary Election today, August 16, 2022. One of the races (Commissioner District 2) may require a recount. If that occurs, a member of the Board must serve on the Canvassing Board for any recount that occurs. **The Board moved and seconded to have Commissioner Small serve on the Benton County Canvassing Board for any recount that may occur for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Motion carried.**

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